

The Great British Citizenship PUB QUIZ



You may think you know everything about being British, but would the government agree? Could you pass the British citizenship test?

The British citizenship test is a rite of passage for anyone wanting to live in the UK and is taken by over 100,000 people each year. The test is designed to test the applicant's knowledge of life in the UK. Despite all applicants needing to have lived in the UK for at least five years, the pass rate is low – one in three candidates fail the test.

This nationwide pub quiz is being carried out to encourage debate and awareness about the test. We are also interested to find out how many native Brits are able to pass.

Instructions

The Quizmaster reads out each of the following questions and multiple choice options.

Players put their answers into the appropriate boxes on the answer sheet

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The questions

1. What year did women in the UK gain the right to divorce their husband?

- a. 1945
- b. 1810
- c. 1901
- d. 1857

2. On average, boys leave school with better qualifications than girls. Is this statement true or false?

- a. True
- b. False

3. What proportion of the UK population have used illegal drugs at one time or another?

- a. One quarter
- b. One third
- c. One half
- d. Two thirds

4. According to the 2001 Census, what percentage of people stated their religion as Muslim?

- a. 21%
- b. 1%
- c. 3%
- d. 15%

5. What percentage of the UK population say they attend religious services?

- a. Around 40%
- b. Around 30%
- c. Around 20%
- d. Around 10%

6. When is the national day for England?

- a. 23 April
- b. 30 November
- c. 1 March
- d. 17 March

7. What do people wear on Remembrance Day in memory of those who have died at war?

- a. Poppies
- b. Black clothing
- c. Military clothing
- d. Red ribbons

8. What is a quango?

- a. The name of the British citizenship ceremony
- b. A non-departmental public body
- c. Another name for the Lord Chancellor
- d. A local police officer

9. What is the name of the official record of proceedings in Parliament?

- a. Parliament News
- b. Hansard
- c. Westminster Hour
- d. The Recorder

10. What is the current voting age?

- a. 21 years old
- b. 20 years old
- c. 16 years old
- d. 18 years old

11. What is the purpose of the Council of Europe?

- a. To debate proposals, decisions and expenditure of the European Commission
- b. To create a single market for members of the council
- c. To develop conventions which focus on human rights, democracy, education, the environment, health and culture
- d. To create new European regulations and directives

12. Which of these statements is correct?

- a. Prime Minister's Questions take place every fortnight all year round
- b. Prime Minister's Questions take place every week when Parliament is sitting

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13. What type of constitution does the UK have?

- a. An unwritten constitution
- b. An amended constitution
- c. A written constitution
- d. A legal constitution

14. Where do local authorities get most of their funding from?

- a. Government taxation
- b. Local Council Tax
- c. Lottery grants
- d. Issuing parking tickets

15. What age must you be to be allowed into betting shops or gambling clubs?

- a. 15 years old
- b. 16 years old
- c. 17 years old
- d. 18 years old

16. Which of the following people do NOT qualify for free prescriptions in England?

- a. A 22-year-old university student
- b. A 15-year-old school boy
- c. A 45-year-old man receiving Income Support
- d. A 35-year-old mother with a baby under 12 months old

17. Which of these statements is correct?

- a. In an emergency you can attend a hospital, but only if you have a letter from your GP
- b. In an emergency you should go to the Accident and Emergency department of your nearest hospital

18. What does the film classification PG mean?

- a. Suitable for everyone but some parts of the film might be unsuitable for children
- b. No one under 18 is allowed to see or rent the film
- c. Children under 15 are not allowed to see or rent the film
- d. Suitable for anyone aged four years or over

19. Which phone numbers should be called in an emergency for police, fire and ambulance services? Select two options from below

- a. 111
- b. 112
- c. 911
- d. 999

20. How many days must UK schools be open for each year?

- a. 190 days a year
- b. 210 days a year
- c. 230 days a year
- d. 250 days a year

21. How many weeks of paid holiday each year are employees over 16 normally entitled to?

- a. Four weeks
- b. Five weeks
- c. Three weeks
- d. Two weeks

22. What is the maximum number of hours that a child under 16 can work in any school week?

- a. 12 hours
- b. 14 hours
- c. 16 hours
- d. 18 hours

23. All women workers are entitled to Maternity Pay. Is this statement true or false?

- a. True
- b. False

24. Where can you apply for a National Insurance number? Select two options from below

- a. Any Jobcentre Plus branch
- b. Your local council or town hall
- c. By writing to the Home Office
- d. Your local social security office

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The answers

1. D – Women gained the right to divorce their husbands in 1857
2. B – False. On average, girls leave school with better qualifications than boys
3. B – According to Home Office statistics, a third of the UK population have used illegal drugs
4. C – The 2001 Census reported that 3% of the UK population stated their religion as Muslim
5. D – Only 10% of the UK population say they attend religious services
6. A – St George's day is on 23 April
7. A – People wear poppies in the weeks leading up to Remembrance Day
8. B – A quango is another name for a non-departmental public body
9. B – Hansard is the official record of proceedings in Parliament
10. D – The current voting age is 18 years old
11. C – The Council of Europe develops conventions which focus on human rights, democracy, education, the environment, health and culture
12. B – Prime Minister's Questions take place every week when Parliament is sitting
13. A – The UK has an unwritten constitution
14. A – Local authorities get most of their funding from Government taxation
15. D – You must be at least 18 years old to be allowed into a betting shop or gambling club
16. A – A 22-year-old university student would not qualify for free prescriptions in England
17. B – In an emergency you should go to the Accident and Emergency department of your nearest hospital
18. A – PG classified films are suitable for everyone but some parts of the film might be unsuitable for children
19. B & D – 112 and 999 are the two UK emergency numbers
20. A – Schools in the UK must be open 190 days a year
21. A – Employees are normally entitled to four weeks paid holiday each year
22. A – Children under 16 are only allowed to work 12 hours in any school week
23. B – Women workers are not automatically entitled to Maternity Pay however they are entitled to Maternity Leave
24. A & D – You can apply for a National Insurance number at any Jobcentre Plus branch or your local social security office

Players swap around their answer sheets with another person to mark. Quizmaster reads out the correct answers.

Each question is worth one point. Multiple answer questions must be 100% correct. No half points are awarded.

Players that score 18 points or more have passed the test and would be considered by the Government to have sufficient knowledge about the United Kingdom to become a British citizen.

Players that score 17 points or less have failed the test and would need to take the test again.

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Answer Sheet

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This test is based on the official materials produced by the Home Office and
is typical of the questions that would-be citizens need to answer.
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Name		Final Score	
I am: British/Non-British (please delete)			

Write what you think the correct answer is in the box below

1		2		3		4	
5		6		7		8	
9		10		11		12	
13		14		15		16	
17		18		19	&	20	
21		22		23		24	&

Scoring

1 point for each correct answer.

No half points.

Both options must be correct for multi-answer questions.

18 point pass mark.

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Summary of Results

Pub name

Town

Quiz master's name

Quiz master's email address

How many people took the test?

How many British people passed (final score of 18 or more)?

How many non-British people passed (final score of 18 or more)?

What was the lowest score?

Any comments on the quiz?

We'd love to hear how your quiz went ...

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