15 March — 9 April 2027

Advanced Quiz Questions

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b) Kazakhstan
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b) Latin
c) Arabic
d) Persian

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a) Sri Lanka
b) India
c) Indonesia
d) Vietnam

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5. Which country’s traditional dish khachapuri is a cheese-filled bread, sometimes served topped with egg?

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b) Armenia
c) Turkey
d) Azerbaijan

6. In which country is it considered good luck to eat 12 grapes at midnight on New Year’s Eve?

a) Answer: Spain — one grape for each stroke of midnight, representing good luck for the 12 months ahead.

7. Which African country was formerly known as Abyssinia?

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d) Somalia

8. What is the only country in the world whose name in English ends with the letter H?

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a) Hungary
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10. Which country has a town called Santa Claus, where Christmas-themed attractions operate year-round?

11. True or False: Antarctica has an official time zone.

12. Approximately how many saunas are there in Finland?

a) 500,000
b) 1 million
c) 3 million
d) 10 million

13. True or False: A banana will float in water.

14. Which country has the largest Muslim population in the world?

a) Saudi Arabia
b) Pakistan
c) Indonesia
d) Egypt

15. Which country’s flag features a dragon?

a) Bhutan
b) Mongolia
c) Nepal
d) Cambodia

16. Which city is home to the world’s oldest continuously operating university, founded in 859?

a) Cairo
b) Fez
c) Istanbul
d) Tunis

17. Which country is home to Lake Bled?

a) Slovenia
b) Slovakia
c) Croatia
d) Austria

18. The canned meat SPAM was first introduced in 1937. What is its name commonly said to be short for?

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c) Sweden
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1. The ancient city of Samarkand, once an important stop on the Silk Road, is in which modern-day country?

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Answer: a) Uzbekistan. Samarkand is one of Central Asia's oldest cities and was a major trading hub on the Silk Road, connecting China, the Middle East and Europe.

2. The word "algebra" comes from which language?

a) Greek
b) Latin
c) Arabic
d) Persian

Answer: c) Arabic. The word "algebra" comes from the Arabic al-jabr, a term used in the title of a 9th-century mathematical text by scholar Muhammad al-Khwarizmi.

3. Which country is the world's largest producer of cinnamon?

a) Sri Lanka
b) India
c) Indonesia
d) Vietnam

Answer: c) Indonesia - is the world's largest producer of cinnamon, with much of it grown on the island of Sumatra.

4. At the annual Cooper's Hill Cheese-Rolling competition, participants race down a dangerously steep hill chasing a wheel of cheese. In which country does this unusual tradition take place?

Answer: England. At Cooper's Hill in Gloucestershire, competitors hurl themselves down an incredibly steep hill chasing a wheel of Double Gloucester cheese. Unsurprisingly, staying upright is optional.

5. Which country's traditional dish khachapuri is a cheese-filled bread, sometimes served topped with egg?

a) Georgia
b) Armenia
c) Turkey
d) Azerbaijan

Answer: a) Georgia. Khachapuri is a traditional Georgian cheese-filled bread, with some versions topped with egg and butter.

6. In which country is it considered good luck to eat 12 grapes at midnight on New Year's Eve?

Answer: Spain — one grape for each stroke of midnight, representing good luck for the 12 months ahead.

7. Which African country was formerly known as Abyssinia?

a) Eritrea
b) Ethiopia
c) Sudan
d) Somalia

Answer: b) Ethiopia - was historically known as Abyssinia, a name commonly used outside the country for centuries.

8. What is the only country in the world whose name in English ends with the letter H?

Answer: Bangladesh - It's the only country in the world whose English name ends in the letter "h". A deceptively tricky one!

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d) Serbia

Answer: a) Hungary

10. Which country has a town called Santa Claus, where Christmas-themed attractions operate year-round?

Answer: United States (Indiana). Yes, Santa Claus is a real town! It celebrates Christmas all year round and even receives thousands of letters addressed to Santa each year.

11. True or False: Antarctica has an official time zone.

Answer: False. Antarctica has no official time zone. Research stations generally use the time zone of their home country or the place they receive supplies from.

12. Approximately how many saunas are there in Finland?

a) 500,000
b) 1 million
c) 3 million
d) 10 million

Answer: c) around 3 million. Finland has roughly one sauna for every two people. With a population of around 5.6 million, the Finns clearly take their sauna time seriously!

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Answer: True — bananas are less dense than water, so they float.

14. Which country has the largest Muslim population in the world?

a) Saudi Arabia
b) Pakistan
c) Egypt
d) Indonesia

Answer: d) Indonesia - has the world's largest Muslim population, with more than 240 million Muslims — more than any country in the Middle East.

15. Which country's flag features a dragon?

a) Bhutan
b) Mongolia
c) Nepal
d) Cambodia

Answer: a) Bhutan — Bhutan's flag features the Druk, or Thunder Dragon, holding jewels in its claws.

16. Which city is home to the world's oldest continuously operating university, founded in 859?

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Answer: b) Fez, Morocco - Founded in 859, the University of al-Qarawiyyin is recognised as the world's oldest continuously operating university and remains an important centre of learning today.

17. Which country is home to Lake Bled?

a) Slovenia
b) Slovakia
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Answer: a) Slovenia. Lake Bled is famous for its beautiful alpine setting and tiny island topped by a church, reached by traditional wooden boats

18. The canned meat SPAM was first introduced in 1937. What is its name commonly said to be short for?

Answer: spiced ham. Whether it makes an appearance at your A Taste of Harmony lunch is entirely up to you!

19. Which country has the most islands in the world?

a) Indonesia
b) Philippines
c) Sweden
d) Canada

Answer: c) Sweden. Surprisingly, Sweden has more islands than any other country in the world, with more than 260,000. Most are uninhabited — but that's still a lot of islands!

20. Oreos are vegan. True or False?

Answer: True! Standard Oreos contain no animal-derived ingredients. So yes, they're vegan... unless you dunk them in a glass of cow's milk.