California State Trivia

Choose one answer per question. Circle A, B, C, or D.

1. Which animal walks across the California state flag?
   A. A grizzly bear
   B. A mountain lion
   C. A California condor
   D. A gray wolf

2. Which flower represents California as its official state flower?
   A. Mariposa lily
   B. Coast sunflower
   C. California golden poppy
   D. California wild rose

3. Which pair is designated as California’s official state colors?
   A. Red and white
   B. Blue and gold
   C. Blue and silver
   D. Green and gold

4. Which mountain range contains Yosemite National Park?
   A. Transverse Ranges
   B. Cascade Range
   C. San Gabriel Mountains
   D. Sierra Nevada

5. Which California headland has a lighthouse that first shone in 1870 to warn ships near the approach to San Francisco Bay?
   A. Battery Point
   B. Point Reyes
   C. Point Pinos
   D. Point Sur

6. Which island’s immigration station opened in 1910 and processed people arriving from China and many other countries?
   A. Angel Island
   B. Alcatraz Island
   C. Treasure Island
   D. Yerba Buena Island

7. Anacapa, San Miguel, and Santa Rosa are three of the five islands in which California national park?

A. Lassen Volcanic National Park
B. Redwood National Park
C. Pinnacles National Park
D. Channel Islands National Park

8. Which Death Valley salt flat contains the lowest elevation in North America?

A. Mesquite Flat Sand Dunes
B. Devils Golf Course
C. Badwater Basin
D. Racetrack Playa

9. California preserves the buildings and furnishings of which Gold Rush ghost town north of Mono Lake?

A. Bodie
B. Coloma
C. Old Sacramento
D. San Juan Bautista

10. Which tree forms the old-growth forest that Muir Woods National Monument was established to protect?

A. Joshua tree
B. Giant sequoia
C. Bristlecone pine
D. Coast redwood

11. At Point Reyes, movement across which fault carried part of the landscape northwest on the Pacific Plate?

A. Cascadia Subduction Zone
B. Garlock Fault
C. San Andreas Fault
D. Wasatch Fault

12. Chinese workers helped build the Summit Tunnel near Donner Pass as part of which transportation project?

A. The Panama Canal
B. The first transcontinental railroad
C. The Pacific Coast Highway
D. The California Aqueduct

13. At Sutter’s Mill in modern-day Coloma, the 1848 discovery that drew widespread attention occurred on which river fork?

A. East Fork of the Carson River
B. North Fork of the San Joaquin River
C. Middle Fork of the Feather River
D. South Fork of the American River

14. Why are there 31 stars on the California Great Seal?

A. California was the 31st state admitted to the Union
B. California began with 31 counties
C. The state constitution had 31 original articles
D. The seal was adopted on the 31st day of the year

15. On California’s Great Seal, what does the Greek motto Eureka mean?

A. Through difficulties to the stars
B. Ever upward
C. I have found it
D. By perseverance