100 Easy General Knowledge Questions

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

1. A weather display says 22 °C. What is it reporting?
   A. Temperature B. Wind speed
   C. Rainfall amount D. Hours of daylight

2. A map’s north arrow points toward the top of the page. On which side of the page is east?
   A. The top edge B. The left side
   C. The right side D. The bottom edge

3. A painting shows a baker sitting for a likeness. What kind of artwork is it?
   A. A landscape B. A portrait
   C. A still life D. A street map

4. A jar contains two U.S. half-dollar coins. What is their combined face value?
   A. Two dollars B. Twenty-five cents
   C. Fifty cents D. One dollar

5. A dragonfly is an insect. How many legs does an adult dragonfly have?
   A. Four B. Six
   C. Eight D. Ten

6. What is the main source of the light you see when you look at the bright part of the Moon?
   A. Sunlight reflecting off the Moon B. Heat glowing from the Moon’s surface
   C. Light made inside lunar rocks D. Streetlights shining upward from Earth

7. You bought a U.S. First-Class Mail Forever stamp last year. The postage rate has gone up. What happens if you use that unused stamp on a standard one-ounce domestic letter?
   A. It is now valid only for postcards. B. It covers only half the postage.
   C. It expired when the rate went up. D. It still covers the postage.

8. A trail map has small shapes printed beside named places. Where should you look to find what each shape stands for?
   A. The north arrow B. The map’s publication date
   C. The map legend D. The distance scale

9. Which combination typically produces the outdoor rainbow you see after a rain shower?

A. Sunlight and water droplets B. Wind and dry sand
C. Snow and a thermometer D. Cloud shadows and rocks

10. A ribbon is exactly one meter long. Which label shows that same length in centimeters?

A. 0.1 cm B. 10 cm
C. 1,000 cm D. 100 cm

11. On an everyday weather forecast, 0 °C is the freezing point of pure water at ordinary air pressure. Which reading is below that point?

A. 10 °C B. Positive 2 °C
C. Negative 2 °C D. 32 °C

12. A pitcher holds one liter. You pour in 250 milliliters, then another 750 milliliters. How much space is left if the pitcher started empty?

A. 250 milliliters B. None. The pitcher is full.
C. 500 milliliters D. 750 milliliters

13. A table tennis game played by international rules is tied at 10–10. The same player wins the next two points. What is the winning score?

A. 13–10 B. 11–10
C. 11–11 D. 12–10

14. You want to watch a full Moon come up near the horizon. At a typical midlatitude location, when should you look?

A. Around sunset B. Around sunrise
C. Around local noon D. Around local midnight

15. A map legend says 2 centimeters represent 1 kilometer. The straight line between a picnic area and a visitor center measures 6 centimeters on the map. How far apart are those places along that straight line?

A. 6 kilometers B. 2 kilometers
C. 3 kilometers D. 12 kilometers

16. Which artist painted the Mona Lisa?

A. Leonardo da Vinci B. Raphael
C. Michelangelo D. Sandro Botticelli

17. A park guide calls a broad, shelf-shaped growth on a decaying tree a dryad’s saddle. What kind of organism forms that growth?

A. A fern B. A moss
C. A fungus D. An insect

18. What gives sushi its defining base even when the topping contains no fish?

A. Cold wheat noodles B. Vinegar-seasoned rice
C. Salted cucumber D. Pressed tofu

19. Whose 1967 recording of 'Respect' was added to the U.S. National Recording Registry?

A. Gladys Knight B. Diana Ross
C. Etta James D. Aretha Franklin

20. A golfer completes a par-four hole in three strokes. What is that score called?

A. Eagle B. Birdie
C. Bogey D. Albatross

21. The title character in Paddington loves marmalade and comes from Peru. What kind of animal is he?

A. A bear B. An otter
C. A badger D. A raccoon

22. What starship does Captain James T. Kirk command in Star Trek: The Original Series?

A. U.S.S. Defiant B. U.S.S. Voyager
C. U.S.S. Enterprise D. U.S.S. Discovery

23. For which Egyptian ruler was the Great Pyramid of Giza built?

A. Khafre B. Khufu
C. Menkaure D. Djoser

24. Two pure tones travel through the same room. One sounds higher in pitch. Which wave property must be greater for the higher-pitched tone?

A. Wavelength B. Frequency
C. Travel speed D. Amplitude

25. An Australia quiz lists four cities. Which one is the country's capital?

A. Brisbane B. Sydney
C. Melbourne D. Canberra

26. Which ocean borders California on the west?

A. Pacific Ocean B. Atlantic Ocean
C. Arctic Ocean D. Indian Ocean

27. Which named ocean region does NOAA identify as surrounding Antarctica?

A. Indian Ocean B. Arctic Ocean
C. Southern Ocean D. Atlantic Ocean

28. Which number rounds to 470 to the nearest ten?

A. 462 B. 468
C. 475.9 D. 476

29. A letter might reach you with me unbroken. At the coast you might watch me swim. What am I?

A. Float B. Stamp
C. Shell D. Seal

30. A historian wants a label for the caravan paths and sea routes that carried goods and ideas between Asia, Africa, and Europe. Which name fits that network?

A. The Amber Road B. The Grand Canal
C. The Royal Road D. The Silk Roads

31. What is a single binary digit, such as 0 or 1, called?

A. A bit B. A byte
C. A pixel D. A character

32. Which country’s national flag has a green cedar in the center of a white band between two horizontal red bands?

A. Peru B. Austria
C. Lebanon D. Canada

33. Which month gains an extra date in a Gregorian leap year?

A. March B. January
C. February D. December

34. As the tide goes out, small hollows in a rocky shore remain filled with seawater. What are these hollows called?

A. Sandbars B. Tide pools
C. Salt marshes D. Estuaries

35. Which leafy ingredient gives classic pesto alla Genovese its signature flavor?

A. Parsley B. Basil
C. Mint D. Sage

36. Which Caribbean country is the birthplace of reggae?

A. Trinidad and Tobago B. Barbados
C. Haiti D. Jamaica

37. At full strength, how many players can a soccer team have on the field, goalkeeper included?

A. 11 B. 9
C. 10 D. 12

38. What surprise does night guard Larry discover after sunset in the first Night at the Museum?

A. The lights reveal a second museum underground. B. The building shrinks.
C. The exhibits come to life. D. The entrance moves to a different street.

39. Which Florida city does ABC’s series retrospective identify as home to Dorothy, Blanche, Rose, and Sophia on The Golden Girls?

A. Daytona Beach B. Miami Beach
C. Palm Beach D. Sarasota

40. At the ancient city of Petra, what kind of rock forms the reddish cliffs into which many monuments were carved?

A. Basalt B. Granite
C. Marble D. Sandstone

41. The bowl of a solid metal spoon sits in warm water. Later the handle above the water warms too. What process carries thermal energy along the metal?

A. Conduction B. Convection
C. Evaporation D. Condensation

42. A map of France shows four city labels. Which one should have the national capital symbol?

A. Paris B. Lyon
C. Marseille D. Nice

43. Which state is a chain of islands in the central Pacific Ocean?

A. Florida B. Alaska
C. Hawaii D. Rhode Island

44. A sheltered coastal waterway receives fresh river water and salty ocean water. What is this kind of waterway called?

A. A tidal flat B. An estuary
C. A continental shelf D. A reef crest

45. How many complete packs of 8 cards can you fill with 72 cards?

A. 11 B. 8
C. 10 D. 9

46. You can tighten me with a wrench. Use me as a verb and I describe a rabbit rushing away. What am I?

A. Clamp B. Bolt
C. Spring D. Latch

47. Which volcano erupted in 79 CE and buried the Roman town of Pompeii?

A. Stromboli B. Mount Etna
C. Mount Vesuvius D. Mount Olympus

48. Which device sends letters or symbols to a computer when you press its keys?

A. Speaker B. Projector
C. Keyboard D. Monitor

49. Which country uses a green flag with a large yellow diamond around a blue disk containing stars?

A. Bolivia B. Brazil
C. Colombia D. Uruguay

50. Which quantity would a meteorologist read from a barometer?

A. Wind speed B. Air pressure
C. Relative humidity D. Rainfall total

51. In a sheltered freshwater pond, broad round leaves float on the surface. Their long stalks lead to a plant rooted in the pond bottom. Which plant fits the description?

A. Duckweed B. Cattail
C. Milkweed D. Water lily

52. What creates the flaky layers inside a classic butter croissant?

A. Thin layers of dough separated by butter B. Whipped egg whites folded into the dough
C. Coarse sugar mixed into the dough D. A filling spread between baked sheets

53. How many strings are on a standard acoustic guitar?

A. Six B. Four
C. Five D. Eight

54. How many points does one successful NBA free throw score?

A. Three B. Two
C. One D. Four

55. In the film Babe, what kind of animal learns to do a sheepdog’s job?

A. A duck B. A pig
C. A goat D. A horse

56. Which educational television series debuted in 1969 following the creation of the Children’s Television Workshop?

A. The Electric Company B. Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood
C. Reading Rainbow D. Sesame Street

57. Under the Khmer king Suryavarman II, Angkor Wat was originally dedicated to which Hindu deity?

A. Shiva B. Vishnu
C. Brahma D. Indra

58. Two bar magnets have their north ends facing each other with a small gap between them. What force does each magnet exert on the other?

A. A repelling force B. An attracting force
C. No force across the gap D. A force only on the heavier magnet

59. A travel board routes players through Italy’s national capital. Which city does the board need?

A. Naples B. Milan
C. Rome D. Turin

60. Which country separates Alaska from the contiguous United States on a road trip?

A. Mexico B. Canada
C. Russia D. Greenland

61. Reef-building corals consist of tiny organisms called polyps. What kind of organisms are the polyps?

A. Algae B. Plants
C. Fungi D. Animals

62. Which number is greater than 3.07 but less than 3.2?

A. 3.007 B. 3.15
C. 3.7 D. 3.25

63. I slip into your novel when you put it down. Tomorrow I'll point to the page where you stopped. What am I?

A. Bookmark B. Book jacket
C. Title page D. Library card

64. Which modern country contains the Inca site of Machu Picchu?

A. Bolivia B. Peru
C. Ecuador D. Mexico

65. Which description best fits an algorithm for completing a task?

A. A list of goals with the steps left unspecified
B. A precise series of steps that can be followed
C. A collection of unexpected program results
D. A picture of the computer running the task

66. A national flag has a green Y whose arms begin at the two corners beside the pole and join toward the opposite edge. Which country adopted it?

A. Namibia B. Kenya
C. Ghana D. South Africa

67. Which system represents letters with groups of short and long signals commonly called dots and dashes?

A. The phonetic alphabet B. Braille
C. Semaphore D. Morse code

68. What feature of a cactus shows why it is called a succulent?

A. Its spines are modified leaves. B. Its thick, fleshy stems hold water.
C. Its flowers can develop into fruit. D. Its roots can spread near the soil surface.

69. Which legume gives classic hummus its base?

A. Chickpeas B. Black beans
C. Green peas D. Red lentils

70. Which instrument family includes timpani, the large bowl-shaped drums?

A. Woodwind B. Brass
C. Percussion D. Strings

71. In a regular half-inning, how many outs must the fielding team record before the sides switch?

A. Two B. Three
C. Four D. Six

72. When Elle Woods goes to Harvard in Legally Blonde, what subject does she study?

A. Architecture B. Medicine
C. Journalism D. Law

73. During which war is the original M*A*S*H television series set?

A. The Korean War B. The Vietnam War
C. The Gulf War D. World War II

74. The Statue of Liberty was given to the United States by the people of which country?

A. France B. Italy
C. Spain D. The Netherlands

75. Which tiny extensions on many plant roots absorb water from the soil?

A. Flower stalks B. Petals
C. Root hairs D. Leaf buds

76. Which city is the national capital of Spain?

A. Barcelona B. Madrid
C. Valencia D. Seville

77. Which of the Great Lakes lies entirely within the United States?

A. Lake Ontario B. Lake Superior
C. Lake Erie D. Lake Michigan

78. What is the collective term for organisms that drift with currents because they cannot swim strongly enough to resist them?

A. Nekton B. Plankton
C. Benthos D. Reef builders

79. A scoreboard reads 4,086. What value does the digit 8 have?

A. 80 B. 8
C. 800 D. 8,000

80. On a door you can take hold of me. On a message board, I’m the name people know you by. What am I?

A. Profile B. Hinge
C. Handle D. Key

81. Which charter did England's King John issue in 1215 after a dispute with his barons?

A. The Petition of Right B. Domesday Book
C. The English Bill of Rights D. Magna Carta

82. A game needs to store its current score and update it when points are earned. What can hold that changing value?

A. A program's title B. A comment
C. A fixed numeric literal D. A variable

83. Which country's national flag is a red square with a centered white cross whose arms stop before the edges?

A. Denmark B. Switzerland
C. Norway D. Georgia

84. The Odyssey is traditionally attributed to which ancient Greek poet?

A. Homer B. Sappho
C. Hesiod D. Pindar

85. A trailside tree has white bark that curls back in thin, papery strips. Which tree fits that clue?

A. Paper birch B. Black walnut
C. Eastern hemlock D. Red maple

86. What do maple syrup producers collect directly from maple trees?

A. Seeds B. Pollen
C. Sap D. Bark

87. A score has the dynamic marking f. How does the composer want that passage played?

A. Softly B. Loudly
C. More slowly D. With short notes

88. What is the usual score call when both players have 40 in a standard advantage-scoring game?

A. Love-all B. Break point
C. Advantage D. Deuce

89. What unusual ability does Matilda discover in the 1996 movie Matilda?

A. She can move objects without touching them. B. She can make herself invisible.
C. She can speak to animals. D. She can step into photographs.

90. Who played Lucy Ricardo on the original sitcom I Love Lucy?

A. Lucille Ball B. Vivian Vance
C. Ann Sothern D. Eve Arden

91. What kind of building was the Colosseum built to be in ancient Rome?

A. An aqueduct B. A temple
C. An amphitheater D. A covered market

92. A lamp above and to the left of an opaque toy is the only light near it. In which direction does the toy’s shadow stretch along the table?

A. To the left of the toy B. To the right of the toy
C. Up toward the lamp D. Equally in every direction

93. Which city would complete a map label reading ‘Norway — capital’?

A. Bergen B. Oslo
C. Trondheim D. Stavanger

94. Which river flows south past St. Louis and Memphis and reaches the sea through southern Louisiana?

A. Mississippi River B. Missouri River
C. Ohio River D. Arkansas River

95. What gives ordinary seawater its salty taste?

A. Dissolved salts B. Dissolved oxygen
C. Suspended sand D. Heat stored near the surface

96. A team earns 28 points in one round and 37 in the next. What is its total?

A. 64 B. 55
C. 65 D. 75

97. Beside a river I might be muddy. On Main Street I might look after your savings. What am I?

A. Bridge B. Bank
C. Safe D. Counter

98. A curator describes a city in present-day Mali with a historic center of learning at Sankoré and three notable mosques. Which city fits those clues?

A. Timbuktu B. Kano
C. Fez D. Kairouan

99. How many different patterns can be made from exactly two bits?

A. Two B. Four
C. Three D. Eight

100. A national flag has a single red disk centered on a white field. Which country uses that design?

A. Japan B. Bangladesh
C. Palau D. Tunisia