New York State Trivia

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

1. Which fruit is an official New York state symbol?
   A. Apple
   B. Pear
   C. Peach
   D. Blueberry

2. Which word on the New York State seal is the motto commonly translated as “ever upward”?
   A. Forward
   B. Eureka
   C. Excelsior
   D. Liberty

3. Which tree represents New York State and is also used to produce maple syrup?
   A. Silver birch
   B. Sugar maple
   C. Eastern white pine
   D. American elm

4. Which body of water lies directly south of Long Island?
   A. Lake Champlain
   B. Lake Ontario
   C. Long Island Sound
   D. Atlantic Ocean

5. Which Great Lake empties directly into the Niagara River upstream of Niagara Falls?
   A. Lake Ontario
   B. Lake Erie
   C. Lake Huron
   D. Lake Superior

6. A map shows a point at the eastern tip of Long Island facing the Atlantic. Which label belongs there?
   A. Montauk Point
   B. Rouses Point
   C. Bemus Point
   D. Stony Point

7. Which Adirondack summit is the highest point in New York State?
   A. Slide Mountain
   B. Algonquin Peak
   C. Whiteface Mountain
   D. Mount Marcy

8. Which city at Lake Erie was the western endpoint of the original Erie Canal?
   A. Oswego
   B. Albany
   C. Buffalo
   D. Schenectady

9. Watkins Glen State Park is near the south end of which Finger Lake?
   A. Seneca Lake
   B. Cayuga Lake
   C. Keuka Lake
   D. Skaneateles Lake

10. Which pair names New York’s two major mountain regions on the west side of the Hudson Valley and in the north of the state?
   A. Alleghenies and Blue Ridge
   B. Catskills and Green Mountains
   C. Adirondacks and White Mountains
   D. Catskills and Adirondacks

11. Which river crosses the deep gorge in Letchworth State Park and drops over its three major waterfalls?
   A. Hudson River
   B. Mohawk River
   C. Genesee River
   D. Delaware River

12. Which city hosted the first New York State Senate meeting in 1777 at the home now known as Senate House?
   A. Albany
   B. Kingston
   C. Saratoga Springs
   D. Poughkeepsie

13. Which lake forms the eastern boundary of New York’s Essex County along Vermont?

A. Lake Ontario
B. Lake George
C. Lake Placid
D. Lake Champlain

14. New York’s official state fossil belongs to which group of extinct arthropods often called sea scorpions?

A. Eurypterids
B. Trilobites
C. Ammonites
D. Crinoids

15. Lake Tear of the Clouds lies in the High Peaks area. Its water belongs to which major river watershed?

A. Genesee River
B. St. Lawrence River
C. Hudson River
D. Delaware River