Philippine General Knowledge Quiz

Use this key to check answers and read the explanations.

1. Which Philippine region includes the provinces of Leyte and Samar?
   - A. Eastern Visayas
   - B. Central Luzon
   - C. Western Visayas
   - D. Northern Mindanao

   Correct answer: A. Eastern Visayas
   The Philippine Statistics Authority lists Leyte and Samar in Region VIII, Eastern Visayas.

2. Which language does Article XIV, Section 6 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution name as the national language?
   - A. Spanish
   - B. English
   - C. Filipino
   - D. Cebuano

   Correct answer: C. Filipino
   Section 6 names Filipino as the national language. Section 7 separately addresses official languages for communication and instruction.

3. Who painted Spoliarium, the large canvas displayed at the National Museum of Fine Arts in Manila?
   - A. Félix Resurrección Hidalgo
   - B. Juan Luna
   - C. Fernando Amorsolo
   - D. Carlos “Botong” Francisco

   Correct answer: B. Juan Luna
   The National Museum credits Juan Luna y Novicio and displays the painting in its Spoliarium Hall.

4. Which date did the Philippine Republic Act No. 4166 of 1964 proclaim as Independence Day?
   - A. December 30
   - B. July 4
   - C. August 21
   - D. June 12

   Correct answer: D. June 12
   The act proclaimed June 12 as Independence Day and designated July 4 as Philippine Republic Day.

5. On which Philippine island can you find the Chocolate Hills?

A. Cebu
B. Bohol
C. Luzon
D. Panay

Correct answer: B. Bohol
The rounded limestone hills lie near the center of the Bohol Island UNESCO Global Geopark.

6. What transaction does the Laguna Copperplate Inscription, dated to 900 CE, record?

A. The clearance of a debt
B. The lease of a field
C. The purchase of a boat
D. The payment of a port toll

Correct answer: A. The clearance of a debt
The inscription records that a debt was cleared. The amount owed was expressed in gold.

7. Which instrument in UCLA’s Philippine collection consists of a row of small gongs that can carry a melody?

A. Dabakan
B. Bandurria
C. Agung
D. Kulintang

Correct answer: D. Kulintang
The kulintang has a horizontal row of small gongs. Larger hanging gongs and drums can accompany its melody in an ensemble.

8. Which map label correctly places Tubbataha Reefs Natural Park and identifies one of its protected features?

A. Sulu Sea and limestone caves
B. Celebes Sea and coral atolls
C. Sulu Sea and coral atolls
D. Philippine Sea and river deltas

Correct answer: C. Sulu Sea and coral atolls
UNESCO places Tubbataha in the Sulu Sea. The park protects three atolls as well as deep-water habitats.

9. Which dance in the Bayanihan Philippine Dance Company’s Smithsonian Folkways collection features dancers stepping between two bamboo poles?

A. Tinikling
B. Cariñosa
C. Pandanggo sa Ilaw
D. Itik-Itik

Correct answer: A. Tinikling
The album describes Tinikling dancers timing their steps to the music as they move between two bamboo poles.

10. A historical map marks the place where the Malolos Congress convened on September 15, 1898. Which building should it mark?

A. Miagao Church
B. San Agustin Church in Intramuros
C. Paoay Church
D. Barasoain Church

Correct answer: D. Barasoain Church
The provincial record places the opening of the Malolos Congress at Barasoain Church in Malolos, Bulacan.

11. A fictional exhibit label calls the 1593 Doctrina Christiana a Spanish-only book in Latin script. Which revised label matches the Library of Congress description?

A. Tagalog and Cebuano, printed using Baybayin script only
B. Spanish and Tagalog, printed using Latin script only
C. Spanish and Tagalog, printed using Latin and Baybayin scripts
D. Spanish and Malay, printed using Latin and Jawi scripts

Correct answer: C. Spanish and Tagalog, printed using Latin and Baybayin scripts
The book includes Spanish and Tagalog. The Library of Congress identifies both Latin and Baybayin scripts in its copy.

12. Which pair of catalog entries matches the original publication of both José Rizal novels?

A. Noli Me Tangere in Ghent in 1887 and El Filibusterismo in Berlin in 1891
B. Noli Me Tangere in Berlin in 1887 and El Filibusterismo in Ghent in 1891
C. Noli Me Tangere in Berlin in 1891 and El Filibusterismo in Ghent in 1887
D. El Filibusterismo in Berlin in 1887 and Noli Me Tangere in Ghent in 1891

Correct answer: B. Noli Me Tangere in Berlin in 1887 and El Filibusterismo in Ghent in 1891
The Museo ni Rizal identifies Noli Me Tangere as Rizal’s first novel, published in Berlin in 1887. His second, El Filibusterismo, was published in Ghent in 1891.

13. An exhibit needs to pair the two clusters in the municipality of Banaue that UNESCO lists within the Rice Terraces of the Philippine Cordilleras. Which pair belongs together?

A. Nagacadan and central Mayoyao
B. Batad and Nagacadan
C. Bangaan and Hungduan
D. Batad and Bangaan

Correct answer: D. Batad and Bangaan
The World Heritage listing places Batad and Bangaan in Banaue. Nagacadan, Hungduan, and central Mayoyao are the other three clusters in the property.

14. A fictional timeline claims that the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas opened under that name in 1949. Which edit matches the bank’s official chronology?

A. The Central Bank opened in 1949. The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas replaced it in 1993.
B. The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas opened in 1949. The Central Bank replaced it in 1993.
C. The Central Bank and the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas both opened in 1949.
D. The Central Bank and the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas both opened in 1993.

Correct answer: A. The Central Bank opened in 1949. The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas replaced it in 1993.
The Central Bank of the Philippines formally opened in 1949. A 1993 law established the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas as its successor.

15. A fictional museum label describes the Butuan balangay hulls as single hollowed logs. What detail from the Philippines’ UNESCO tentative listing calls for a revision?

A. The hulls used woven reeds sealed with a layer of pitch.
B. The hulls used bundles of bamboo tied together with cord.
C. The hulls used separate planks joined along their edges with pegs.
D. The hulls used animal hides stretched over a frame.

Correct answer: C. The hulls used separate planks joined along their edges with pegs.
The tentative listing describes planks joined edge to edge with pegs. This construction used separate wooden pieces to make each hull.