Philippine General Knowledge Quiz

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

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

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

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

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

5. On which Philippine island can you find the Chocolate Hills?
   A. Cebu
   B. Bohol
   C. Luzon
   D. Panay

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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.