Soccer Trivia

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

1. A shot reaches the goal with no infringement by the scoring team. What must happen for the referee to award a goal?
   A. The entire ball passes over the goal line within the goal opening.
   B. Part of the ball passes over the line within the goal opening.
   C. The entire ball passes over the line anywhere along the end of the field.
   D. The ball touches the inside of a post and bounces away without crossing the line.

2. The first men’s FIFA World Cup final took place in Montevideo in 1930. Which country won it?
   A. Brazil
   B. Argentina
   C. Uruguay
   D. Italy

3. Which country staged the first FIFA Women’s World Cup in 1991?
   A. Sweden
   B. China
   C. United States
   D. Germany

4. A defender gets the last touch before the ball fully crosses their team’s goal line outside the posts. There is no foul. How does play restart?
   A. The referee drops the ball.
   B. The defending team takes a goal kick.
   C. The opposing team takes a throw-in.
   D. The opposing team takes a corner kick.

5. Which Summer Olympics held the first Olympic women’s soccer tournament?
   A. Barcelona 1992
   B. Atlanta 1996
   C. Sydney 2000
   D. Athens 2004

6. In a fictional match between White and Blue, White touches the ball last before it fully crosses the touchline, or sideline, near midfield. What is the correct restart?

A. Blue takes a throw-in.
B. White takes a throw-in.
C. Blue takes a corner kick.
D. The referee drops the ball for White.

7. England and Germany were tied after regulation in the 2022 UEFA Women’s EURO final. Which England player scored the extra-time winner?

A. Lauren Hemp
B. Ella Toone
C. Beth Mead
D. Chloe Kelly

8. The 2012 men’s Africa Cup of Nations ended with a final in Libreville, Gabon. Which national team lifted the trophy there?

A. Mali
B. Ghana
C. Zambia
D. Côte d’Ivoire

9. Which country won its first men’s Copa América in 2015 after facing Argentina in the final?

A. Chile
B. Colombia
C. Peru
D. Uruguay

10. The 2002 men’s FIFA World Cup was the first edition hosted jointly. Which two countries shared it?

A. Japan and Saudi Arabia
B. Japan and China
C. China and South Korea
D. Japan and South Korea

11. In each of two fictional plays, an attacker is in an offside position when a teammate plays the ball. In Play A, the attacker receives it directly from a goal kick. In Play B, the attacker plays an ordinary pass from the teammate in open play. In which play does touching the ball result in an offside offense?

A. Both plays
B. Play A only
C. Play B only
D. Neither play

12. An archive abbreviates the 2011 FIFA Women's World Cup final as "Japan 2–2 USA (3–1 on penalties)." Which entry correctly expands the result?

A. The match ended 2–2 after extra time. The United States won the shootout 3–1.
B. The match ended 2–2 after extra time. Japan won the shootout 3–1.
C. The match ended 3–1 to Japan after extra time. The shootout ended 2–2.
D. The match ended 5–3 to Japan after the shootout goals were added.

13. The 1984 women's European championship final took two matches. Sweden won the first 1–0 and England won the second 1–0. Which summary gives the combined score and the eventual winner?

A. The combined score was 1–0 to England. England won outright.
B. The combined score was 1–1. England won the penalty shootout.
C. The combined score was 2–0 to Sweden. Sweden won outright.
D. The combined score was 1–1. Sweden won the penalty shootout.

14. New Zealand drew all three of its group matches at the 2010 men's World Cup. A fictional comparison team has a win, a draw, and a loss. With three points for a win, one for a draw, and zero for a loss, what are their totals?

A. New Zealand 3, comparison team 4
B. New Zealand 3, comparison team 3
C. New Zealand 4, comparison team 3
D. New Zealand 6, comparison team 4

15. In two fictional plays, the referee correctly signals and each kick is taken properly. In Play A, a direct free kick goes straight into the opponents' goal. In Play B, an indirect free kick does the same. No other player touches either ball. What are the rulings?

A. Goal kick in Play A. Goal in Play B.
B. Goal in both plays.
C. Goal in Play A. Goal kick in Play B.
D. Goal kick in both plays.