Summer Olympics Trivia

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

1. Which city hosted the first modern Olympic Games in 1896?
   A. Athens
   B. Paris
   C. London
   D. Rome

2. Which U.S. athlete won four track and field gold medals at Berlin 1936?
   A. Jim Thorpe
   B. Carl Lewis
   C. Jesse Owens
   D. Bob Beamon

3. Which sport added its first women’s Olympic medal events at London 2012?
   A. Judo
   B. Boxing
   C. Wrestling
   D. Rugby sevens

4. Cathy Freeman lit the cauldron at Sydney 2000 and later won a race in the same stadium. In which event did she take gold?
   A. The 4 × 400-meter relay
   B. The 200 meters
   C. The 800 meters
   D. The 400 meters

5. Which of these sports made its Olympic debut at Paris 2024?
   A. Skateboarding
   B. Breaking
   C. Sport climbing
   D. Surfing

6. Charlotte Cooper became the first woman to win an individual Olympic title. In which sport did she win it at Paris 1900?
   A. Tennis
   B. Sailing
   C. Golf
   D. Croquet

7. Connie Carpenter-Phinney and Rebecca Twigg finished first and second in a close race at Los Angeles 1984. Which cycling event was it?

A. The women’s track sprint
B. The women’s individual pursuit
C. The women’s points race
D. The women’s road race

8. Adam van Koeverden won gold and bronze for Canada in Athens in 2004, both in single-kayak sprint races. Which pairing matches his results?

A. 500 meters silver and 1,000 meters bronze
B. 500 meters bronze and 1,000 meters gold
C. 500 meters gold and 1,000 meters bronze
D. 500 meters gold and 1,000 meters silver

9. A label for the Antwerp 1920 opening ceremony names Belgium’s Victor Boin and the five-ring flag. What happened for the first time at the Games?

A. The Olympic flag flew, and Boin took the athletes’ oath.
B. The Olympic flag flew, and Boin lit the stadium cauldron.
C. The athletes’ oath was taken, and Boin carried the torch into the stadium.
D. The first torch relay ended, and Boin led its final leg.

10. Anton Geesink defeated Japan’s Akio Kaminaga in the open judo final at Tokyo 1964. Which country did Geesink represent?

A. Canada
B. France
C. Australia
D. The Netherlands

11. Usain Bolt ran 9.69 seconds at Beijing 2008, 9.58 at the 2009 World Championships, and 9.63 at London 2012. How did his time change from the first race to the second, then from the second to the third?

A. 0.06 seconds faster, then 0.05 slower
B. 0.11 seconds faster, then 0.05 faster
C. 0.11 seconds faster, then 0.05 slower
D. 0.11 seconds slower, then 0.05 faster

12. In 1988, Steffi Graf beat Gabriela Sabatini 6–3, 3–6, 6–1 at the U.S. Open and 6–3, 6–3 in the Seoul Olympic final. Each set score lists Graf first. At which final did Sabatini win fewer games, and by how many?

A. Seoul, by 1 game
B. Seoul, by 4 games
C. The U.S. Open, by 4 games
D. The U.S. Open, by 3 games

13. A museum draft says Athens 1896 and St. Louis 1904 both handed first-place finishers gold medals as part of the standard three-medal system. Which revision reflects the original awards?

A. Athens and St. Louis both gave winners silver medals under the same system.
B. Athens gave winners bronze medals. The gold, silver, and bronze system began at St. Louis.
C. Athens gave winners gold medals. St. Louis changed the winners' medal to silver.
D. Athens gave winners silver medals. The gold, silver, and bronze system began at St. Louis.

14. In the Rio 2016 women's rugby sevens knockout rounds, Australia beat Spain 24–0, Canada 17–5, and New Zealand 24–17. Across those three games, how many points did Australia score and allow?

A. 65 scored and 22 allowed
B. 65 scored and 17 allowed
C. 41 scored and 5 allowed
D. 43 scored and 22 allowed

15. In the Tokyo 2020 women's 4 × 100-meter freestyle relay, Australia finished in 3:29.69, Canada in 3:32.78, and the United States in 3:32.81. Which two medalists were closest in time, and what was their gap?

A. Australia and Canada, 0.09 seconds
B. Canada and the United States, 0.30 seconds
C. Canada and the United States, 0.03 seconds
D. Australia and the United States, 0.12 seconds