

English General Knowledge

1. What was the Byzantine Empire?
 - A. Middle Eastern Empire that replaced the Eastern Roman Empire
 - B. An Empire that preceded Ancient Egypt
 - C. An empire that covered the entirety of North Africa from 500-200B.C.
 - D. The continuation of the Roman Empire in its eastern provinces.

2. Which of the following best describes the Great Repeal Bill?
 - A. An Act passed in 1689 that brought the Bill of Rights into effect
 - B. A bill that will withdraw Scotland from the United Kingdom
 - C. A bill organising the departure of UK from the EU
 - D. An Act of Parliament voted in 1941 triggering the withdrawal of British troops from Dunkirk, France

3. Which of the following did not vote in favour of Brexit?
 - A. England
 - B. Northern Ireland
 - C. Scotland
 - D. Wales

4. When did the United Kingdom hand over Hong Kong to Mainland China?
 - A. 1989
 - B. 1991
 - C. 1997
 - D. 2001

5. What is the meaning of "like water off a duck's back"?
 - A. To lose traction and slip
 - B. to be unaffected by an event or by derogatory comments
 - C. When water turns into small droplets and does not mix
 - D. When something flies very fast in low altitude

6. Who is the prosecutor investigating the alleged collusion between Russia and Donald Trump's campaign team?
 - A. Bill de Blasio
 - B. Robert Mueller
 - C. Jeff Sessions
 - D. Cyrus Vance Jr.

7. What is Cambridge Analytica?

- A. A tech company and consultancy firm that sells private data for targeted advertising
- B. A new method to calculate GDP growth in emerging economies used by the OECD and developed by Cambridge University
- C. A political organisation that fights to protect data and net neutrality
- D. A team of political scientists from Harvard University (Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA) that provides statistical analysis of voting patterns in state and federal elections in the USA

8. What is the population of the USA (as of 2017 census)?

- A. 268 million
- B. 171 million
- C. 500 million
- D. 325 million

9. Who is Rosa Parks?

- A. The first African American woman in space
- B. A leading figure of the African-American empowerment movement of mid-century America
- C. The first woman of colour to receive a bus drivers license
- D. Victim of police violence whose death triggered the L.A. Race riots.

10. Australia is a member of which of the following organisations?

- A. OECD
- B. G7
- C. G20
- D. ASEAN

11. In the summer of 2017, you would have seen "Grenfell" in the news. The news stories were about:

- A. An improperly maintained tower burning down
- B. A school closing due to Brexit
- C. The codename of a conspiracy to cover up civilian casualties in Iraq
- D. The name of a British minister stepping down due to child molestation accusations

12. Which of the following institutions no longer have jurisdiction in the UK after Brexit

- A. Council of Europe
- B. European Court of Human Rights
- C. European Court of Justice
- D. International Court of Justice

13. What are the direct effects of the implementation of trade tariffs in the US?

- A. American products become more expensive abroad
- B. Foreign products become more expensive in America
- C. Diplomatic relations sour, raising the chance of retaliatory measure abroad
- D. It increases American reliance on international trade

14. In early 2018, Donald Trump met with Vladimir Putin. Who were the other americans in the room?

- A. An Interpreter
- B. A representative of the White House PR department
- C. Members of the secret service to protect president Trump
- D. The first lady

15. Which of the following is not one of Shakespeare's plays?

- A. Macbeth
- B. Julius Caesar
- C. King Lear
- D. The Importance of Being Earnest

16. Something that is "serendipitous" is:

- A. Enjoyable and relaxing
- B. Lucky
- C. Exciting
- D. Annoying

17. In the United Kingdom, the Head of State is:

- A. The monarch
- B. The Prime Minister
- C. The Speaker of the House of Lords
- D. The Head of the government

18. How many stars are there on the flag of the United States of America?

- A. 60
- B. 50
- C. 45
- D. 52

19. The Schengen agreement is synonymous with free movement in Europe. It was signed in Schengen which is in which of the following countries?

- A. France
- B. Germany
- C. Luxembourg
- D. Belgium

20. According to a recent UN press release, there is substantial proof that approximately one million Uighurs are imprisoned in which country?

- A. China
- B. Russia
- C. Turkey
- D. India