

100 General Knowledge Trivia Questions

History, science, geography, pop culture and sport. Easy to hard, with a full answer key.

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Round 4 — Movies & TV

31. Who directed the movie 'Jaws'?

32. Which actor played Iron Man in the Marvel Cinematic Universe?

33. What is the highest-grossing film of all time (unadjusted for inflation) as of 2024?

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35. Which sitcom is set in a coffee shop called Central Perk?

36. Who played the title role in the 'Harry Potter' film series?

37. Which studio produces the 'Toy Story' films?

38. What is the name of the fictional African country in 'Black Panther'?

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60. Which dystopian novel by Aldous Huxley was published in 1932?

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Answer Key

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5. Who was the British Prime Minister for most of World War II? - Winston Churchill.
6. Which ancient civilization built the pyramids at Giza? - The ancient Egyptians.
7. What was the name of the ship that sank in 1912 after hitting an iceberg? - The Titanic.
8. Which country was formerly known as Persia? - Iran.
9. Who was assassinated in Dallas, Texas in 1963? - President John F. Kennedy.
10. The Magna Carta was signed in which country? - England (1215).

Round 2 — Science

11. What is the chemical symbol for gold? - Au.
12. How many planets are in our solar system? - Eight.
13. What gas do plants absorb from the atmosphere? - Carbon dioxide.
14. Who developed the theory of general relativity? - Albert Einstein.
15. What is the powerhouse of the cell? - The mitochondria.
16. What is the boiling point of water in Celsius? - 100°C.
17. Which organ produces insulin in the human body? - The pancreas.
18. What is the hardest natural substance on Earth? - Diamond.
19. What force keeps planets in orbit around the sun? - Gravity.
20. What is the most abundant gas in Earth's atmosphere? - Nitrogen.

Round 3 — Geography

21. What is the largest country in the world by land area? - Russia.
22. Which river is the longest in the world? - The Nile (by most measurements).
23. What is the capital of Australia? - Canberra.
24. Which mountain is the tallest in the world? - Mount Everest.
25. How many continents are there? - Seven.
26. Which desert is the largest hot desert in the world? - The Sahara.
27. What is the smallest country in the world? - Vatican City.

28. Which two countries share the longest international border? - The United States and Canada.
29. What is the capital of Canada? - Ottawa.
30. Which sea is the saltiest large body of water on Earth? - The Dead Sea.

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31. Who directed the movie 'Jaws'? - Steven Spielberg.
32. Which actor played Iron Man in the Marvel Cinematic Universe? - Robert Downey Jr.
33. What is the highest-grossing film of all time (unadjusted for inflation) as of 2024? - Avatar (2009).
34. In 'The Wizard of Oz,' what color are Dorothy's shoes in the film? - Ruby red.
35. Which sitcom is set in a coffee shop called Central Perk? - Friends.
36. Who played the title role in the 'Harry Potter' film series? - Daniel Radcliffe.
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39. Which HBO series is based on George R.R. Martin's novels? - Game of Thrones.
40. Who won the Academy Award for Best Actor in 2023 for 'The Whale'? - Brendan Fraser.

Round 5 — Sports

41. How many players are on a standard soccer team on the field at once? - Eleven.
42. Which country has won the most FIFA World Cups? - Brazil — five titles.
43. In which sport would you perform a slam dunk? - Basketball.
44. How often are the Summer Olympic Games held? - Every four years.
45. Which tennis Grand Slam is played on clay courts? - The French Open (Roland Garros).
46. What is the term for a score of zero in tennis? - Love.
47. Which country invented the sport of golf? - Scotland.
48. How many rings are on the Olympic flag? - Five.
49. In American football, how many points is a touchdown worth? - Six points.
50. Which boxer was known as 'The Greatest' and originally named Cassius Clay? - Muhammad Ali.

Round 6 — Literature

51. Who wrote 'Romeo and Juliet'? - William Shakespeare.
52. Which novel begins with the line 'Call me Ishmael'? - Moby-Dick, by Herman Melville.
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54. What is the name of the hobbit in 'The Lord of the Rings' who carries the One Ring? - Frodo Baggins.
55. Who wrote '1984' and 'Animal Farm'? - George Orwell.
56. Which Jane Austen novel features Elizabeth Bennet and Mr. Darcy? - Pride and Prejudice.
57. Who is the author of 'The Great Gatsby'? - F. Scott Fitzgerald.
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68. What music genre originated in New Orleans in the late 19th and early 20th centuries? - Jazz.
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83. Which social media platform uses a small blue bird as its original logo? - Twitter (now X).
84. What company created the iPhone? - Apple.
85. Which video game franchise features a character named Master Chief? - Halo.
86. What does 'GIF' stand for? - Graphics Interchange Format.
87. Which company owns Instagram and WhatsApp? - Meta (formerly Facebook).
88. What was the first search engine most people used before Google? - Answers vary — Yahoo and AltaVista were both major early players.
89. What does 'AI' stand for? - Artificial Intelligence.
90. Which company developed the PlayStation console? - Sony.

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