

General Knowledge Pub Quiz

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ROUND 1

General Knowledge

1. Which scientist was the first person to win Nobel Prizes in two different scientific fields, physics and chemistry?
2. Which South American river carries the greatest volume of water of any river on Earth?
3. Which Leonardo da Vinci painting, housed in the Louvre, is famous for its subject's enigmatic smile?
4. Which South African leader spent 27 years in prison before becoming his country's first Black president?
5. Which mountain, straddling Nepal and Tibet, is recognized as Earth's highest point above sea level?
6. Which 'unsinkable' ocean liner struck an iceberg and sank on its maiden voyage in 1912?
7. Which ancient inscribed slab, discovered in Egypt in 1799, was key to deciphering Egyptian hieroglyphs?
8. Which American tennis star has won 23 Grand Slam singles titles, the most of any woman in the Open Era?
9. Which 1986 nuclear power plant disaster in Ukraine became the world's worst civil nuclear accident?

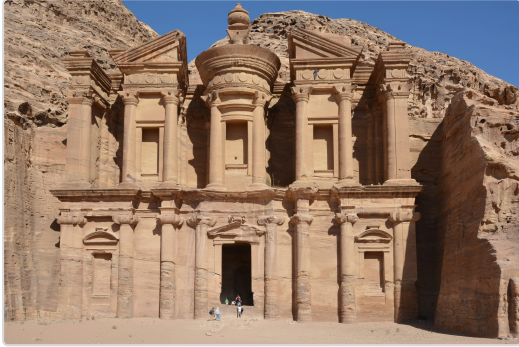
Science And Nature Basics

10. Which green pigment in plant cells absorbs sunlight to power photosynthesis?
11. What shape is the DNA molecule famously described as, thanks to Watson and Crick's model?
12. Which planet in our solar system is famous for its Great Red Spot, a giant storm?
13. Which naturalist proposed the theory of evolution by natural selection after his voyage on HMS Beagle?
14. What is the term for water vapor turning back into liquid droplets, a key step in the water cycle?
15. Which physicist developed the theory of relativity, expressed in the famous equation $E=mc^2$?
16. Which Russian chemist is credited with creating the modern periodic table of elements in 1869?
17. What special movement do honeybees perform to communicate the location of food sources to their hive?
18. What nuclear process powers the Sun, fusing hydrogen atoms into helium at its core?
19. What geological theory explains the slow movement of the huge rigid slabs that make up Earth's outer shell, causing earthquakes and volcanoes?

World Capitals and Landmarks

20. Which South American capital city was purpose-built in the late 1950s and inaugurated in 1960, replacing Rio de Janeiro?

21. Which Jordanian archaeological city, famous for its rock-cut architecture, is nicknamed the 'Rose City' and was carved by the Nabataeans?



22. Which city was chosen as Australia's capital as a compromise between rivals Sydney and Melbourne?

23. Which giant Art Deco statue overlooks Rio de Janeiro from the top of Corcovado mountain?

24. Which massive Cambodian temple complex, originally built as a Hindu temple, appears on that nation's flag?

25. Which Central Asian capital, known for its futuristic architecture, was renamed Nur-Sultan in 2019 before taking back its previous name in 2022?

26. Which 15th-century Inca citadel sits high in the Andes and was 'rediscovered' for the Western world by Hiram Bingham in 1911?

27. Which capital city, powered largely by geothermal energy, is the northernmost capital of a sovereign state?

28. Which Dubai skyscraper held the title of world's tallest building upon its 2010 completion, and still holds it today?

29. Which harborside performing arts venue, designed by Danish architect Jørn Utzon with its distinctive sail-like shells, is a UNESCO World Heritage Site?

Famous Inventions and Discoveries

30. Which Scottish bacteriologist accidentally discovered penicillin in 1928 after noticing mold killing bacteria in a petri dish?
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31. Which German physicist discovered X-rays in 1895, earning the first-ever Nobel Prize in Physics?
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32. Which inventor is credited with patenting the first practical telephone in 1876?
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33. Which American inventor discovered the vulcanization process that made rubber durable and usable for tires?
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34. Which Swedish chemist invented dynamite in 1867 and later founded the prize bearing his name?
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35. Which British computer scientist invented the World Wide Web in 1989 while working at CERN?
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36. Which French inventor created the first permanent photograph using a process called heliography in the 1820s?
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37. Which Canadian researcher, alongside Charles Best, first isolated insulin in 1921 to treat diabetes?
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38. Which pair of American brothers achieved the first powered, controlled airplane flight at Kitty Hawk in 1903?
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39. Which French scientist developed the heat-treatment process called pasteurization and pioneered the germ theory of disease?
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