

BELGIUM TRIVIA QUIZ

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1> Belgium declared its independence from which country in 1830?

- a. England
- b. Luxembourg
- c. France
- d. Netherlands

2> The formation of a coalition government took how many months following the June 2010 federal election?

- a. 24
- b. 12
- c. 6
- d. 18

3> After World War II, a general strike forced which king to abdicate, in 1951?

- a. Baudouin
- b. Albert II
- c. Albert I
- d. Leopold III

4> Which former prime minister was designated the first permanent President of the European Council in 2009?

- a. Jean-Luc Dehaene
- b. Donald Tusk
- c. Herman Van Rompuy

d. Guy Verhofstadt

5> Bruges is the capital of which province?

- a. West Flanders
- b. Limburg
- c. Antwerp
- d. Hainaut

6> Which sixteenth-century man born in Brussels, then a part of the Habsburg Netherlands, wrote the influential book on human anatomy, *De humani corporis fabrica* (On the Fabric of the Human Body)?

- a. Andreas Vesalius
- b. William Harvey
- c. Cornelius Gemma
- d. Rembert Dodoens

7> Which Belgian surrealist painted "The Treachery of Images" and "On the Threshold of Liberty"?

- a. Rene Magritte
- b. Salvador Dali
- c. James Ensor
- d. Paul Delvaux

8> The Major Town Houses of which Belgian architect are a UNESCO World Heritage Site in Brussels?

- a. Paul Hankar
- b. Antoni Gaudí
- c. Victor Horta
- d. Henry van de Velde

9> What is the capital city of Wallonia?

- a. Charleroi
- b. Antwerpen
- c. Liege
- d. Namur

10> Who directed Rosetta, winner of the Palme d'Or at the 1999 Cannes Film Festival?

- a. Stijn Coninx
- b. Erik Van Looy
- c. Andre Delvaux
- d. Jan-Pierre and Luc Dardenne

11> Black, red and what other color can be found on the national flag of Belgium?

- a. Green
- b. Brown
- c. Yellow
- d. Orange

12> Belgium shares borders with Luxembourg, France, Germany and which other country?

- a. Poland
- b. Norway
- c. Netherlands
- d. Denmark

Answers:

- 1> Netherlands - The 1830 London Conference of major European powers recognized Belgian independence, though it wasn't until 1839 that the Dutch accepted Belgian independence.
- 2> 18 - War-torn Iraq held the previous world record for length of time without a government.
- 3> Leopold III - In World War II Leopold III surrendered the Belgian forces to the Germans, a controversial decision that would lead the government to ask Leopold's brother Charles to serve as prince regent.
- 4> Herman Van Rompuy - Van Rompuy finished his term in 2014, succeeded by Donald Tusk.
- 5> West Flanders - The historic city centre is a prominent World Heritage Site of UNESCO.
- 6> Andreas Vesalius - Vesalius was professor at the University of Padua and later became Imperial physician at the court of Emperor Charles V.
- 7> Rene Magritte - Magritte's constant play with reality and illusion has been attributed to the early death of his mother by suicide when he was 13.
- 8> Victor Horta - The four town houses are Hotel Tassel, Hotel Solvay, Hotel van Eetvelde and Maison and Atelier Horta.
- 9> Namur - Wallonia is the predominantly French-speaking southern region of Belgium, which makes up 55 percent of the territory of Belgium but with only a third of its population.
- 10> Jan-Pierre and Luc Dardenne - In 2005, the pair won the Palme d'Or for a second time for the film L'Enfant (The Child).
- 11> Yellow - The colors were taken from the coat of arms of the Duchy of Brabant.
- 12> Netherlands - At 556 km, Belgium's longest border is shared with France.

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