

BASIC PHILIPPINES KNOWLEDGE QUIZ



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1> According to statistics gathered in 2010, where do the Philippines rank in terms of population?

- a. 12th
- b. 27th
- c. 4th
- d. 63rd

2> What kind of mammal does the Philippine Eagle like to eat?

- a. Rats
- b. Bats
- c. Monkeys
- d. Cats

3> According to research done in 2010, which of these areas is the Philippines ranked number one in Asia for?

- a. Economic growth
- b. Aging population
- c. Birth rate
- d. Exports

4> What is the capital of the Philippines?

- a. Manila
- b. Taipei
- c. Kuala Lumpur
- d. Seoul

5> Approximately how many active volcanoes are located in the Philippines?

- a. 48
- b. 23
- c. 0
- d. 32

6> How many islands make-up the Philippines?

- a. 7,107
- b. 632
- c. 2, 389
- d. 5, 648

7> What is the highest Mountain in the Philippines?

- a. Mount Busa
- b. Mount Apo
- c. Mount Isarog
- d. Latukan

8> In 1898, Spain granted the Philippines to which nation?

- a. England
- b. France
- c. The United States
- d. Holland

9> Which geographical term best describes the Philippines?

- a. Peninsula
- b. Delta
- c. Archipelago
- d. Strata

10> Which of these creatures is indigenous to the Philippines?

- a. Tamaraw
- b. Duikers
- c. Gnu
- d. Gaur

11> What is the longest river in the Philippines?

- a. Morong River
- b. Tarlac River
- c. Cagayan River
- d. Wawa River

12> Which of these is another name for the Asian Bear Cat found on the Philippine Islands?

- a. Binturong
- b. Garnet Pitta
- c. Pipit
- d. Tahr

13> What is the largest island in the Philippines?

- a. Visayas
- b. Mindoro
- c. Luzon
- d. Negros

14> Which Sea is on the East coast of the Philippines?

- a. The South China Sea
- b. The Philippine Sea
- c. The Timor Sea
- d. The Java Sea

15> Approximately how many of the Philippine islands are inhabited?

- a. A quarter
- b. Half
- c. One third
- d. One sixth

16> Which of these is an official language of the Philippines?

- a. French
- b. Spanish

- c. English
- d. Japanese

17> What disaster caused the death of 1, 621 people in the Philippines in 1990?

- a. An earthquake
- b. A Tsunami
- c. A hurricane
- d. A volcano eruption

18> Who was the first westerner to land on the Philippine Islands?

- a. James Cook
- b. Christopher Columbus
- c. Ferdinand Magellan
- d. Sebastian Cabot

19> Which European nation claimed the Philippines in 1521?

- a. France
- b. Portugal
- c. Spain
- d. England

20> When did the Philippines gain independence?

- a. 1882
- b. 1946
- c. 1974
- d. 1956

Answers:

- 1> 12th - China ranks number one and India is number two.
- 2> Monkeys - This bird is often referred to as the Monkey-eating Eagle.
- 3> Birth rate - Their birth rate is 24.5 per 1000 persons in any given year.
- 4> Manila - Kuala Lumpur is the capital of Malaysia.
- 5> 23 - Mount Bulusan is one of the most active volcanoes on the Islands.
- 6> 7,107 - The total land area of the Philippines is about 22, 549 miles squared.
- 7> Mount Apo - Mount Apo is 9,692 feet above sea level.
- 8> The United States - This action was done after the Spanish-American War.
- 9> Archipelago - An archipelago is a group of islands.
- 10> Tamaraw - This animal is a member of the Bovidae family. Currently, it is an endangered animal.
- 11> Cagayan River - The Cagayan River is also called the Rio Grande de Cagayan.
- 12> Binturong - The animals are also called the Palawan Bearcat.
- 13> Luzon - This island is approximately 105, 000 km squared. The second largest island is Mindanao.
- 14> The Philippine Sea - The South China Sea is off the West coast.
- 15> One third - The Philippines are officially known as the Republic of the Philippines.
- 16> English - The Philippines has two official languages. English and Filipino.
- 17> An earthquake - The Luzon earthquake measured a 7.8.
- 18> Ferdinand Magellan - Ferdinand arrived on the islands in 1521.
- 19> Spain - The Islands were governed directly by Madrid for many years.
- 20> 1946 - Manuel Roxas was the First President of the Independent Third Republic of the Philippines.