

BEGINNER CHESS TRIVIA QUIZ #23



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1> How many squares are on a chessboard?

- a. 64
- b. 100
- c. 25
- d. 81

2> How many chess pieces does each player have at the start of a game?

- a. 16
- b. 20
- c. 8
- d. 24

3> How many pawns does a player have at the start of a game?

- a. 6
- b. 4
- c. 8
- d. 2

4> How many spaces is the king permitted to move?

- a. 5
- b. 3
- c. Unlimited
- d. 1

5> Which piece on the chess game board moves in an "L" shaped pattern?

- a. Rook

- b. Bishop
- c. Knight
- d. Pawn

6> What is another name for the castle?

- a. Bishop
- b. Pawn
- c. Knight
- d. Rook

7> Which piece must move diagonally to capture another piece?

- a. Castle
- b. Knight
- c. Pawn
- d. King

8> What is a stalemate?

- a. The opening move of a game
- b. When the black player wins
- c. When the white payer wins
- d. A situation where the player has no legal moves

9> How is a bishop permitted to move?

- a. One square at a time
- b. Diagonally
- c. Forwards and sideways
- d. In an "L" shape

10> Which piece on the board is either only on black or white squares for the entire game?

- a. Bishop
- b. Pawn
- c. Queen
- d. Castle

11> Which piece is able to swap places with the king, provided piece neither has moved previously?

- a. Castle
- b. Knight
- c. Pawn
- d. Queen

12> Which piece is permitted to jump over another piece?

- a. Bishop
- b. King
- c. Queen
- d. Knight

13> Which piece can only move in a forward direction?

- a. Queen
- b. Pawn
- c. King
- d. Knight

14> Which is the only piece on the board that cannot capture a king?

- a. Queen
- b. Pawn
- c. Rook
- d. King

15> Where did the game of chess originate?

- a. Rome
- b. India
- c. China
- d. Egypt

Answers:

- 1> 64 - The board is set up in an eight square by eight square configuration.
- 2> 16 - Each player starts the game with 16 pieces that are either black or white.
- 3> 8 - The pawns are set up in the front row.
- 4> 1 - The king can move a single square in any direction.
- 5> Knight - The knight is also sometimes called the horse.
- 6> Rook - The rook is not able to move diagonally.
- 7> Pawn - A pawn normally moves forwards, but must capture another piece by moving diagonally.
- 8> A situation where the player has no legal moves - In competitive play, a stalemate is considered to be a draw.
- 9> Diagonally - A bishop can move any number of squares, but only in a diagonal line.
- 10> Bishop - At the beginning of the game, each bishop starts on either a black or white square, and remains on that color for the entire game.
- 11> Castle - The move is referred to as castling.
- 12> Knight - A knight can do this because it moves in an L shape.
- 13> Pawn - A pawn moves diagonally when attacking.
- 14> King - A king can only move one square at a time.
- 15> India - This game is more than 1, 500 years old.

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