

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE TRIVIA QUESTIONS XLI



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1> Founded in 1694, nationalized in 1946 and let loose again in 1997, what country's central bank is known as the Old Lady of Threadneedle Street?

- a. US Federal Reserve
- b. Bank of Japan
- c. Bank of England
- d. Swiss National Bank

2> The first American prisons of this type were in Marion, Illinois, and in Florence, Colorado. What type?

- a. Insane asylum
- b. Terrorist detention facility
- c. Club Fed
- d. Supermax

3> The Anne of Green Gables books are set in what fictional PEI community, based on the very real Cavendish?

- a. Kicking Horse Pass
- b. Avonlea
- c. Charlottetown
- d. Mariposa

4> Also called the North Atlantic Drift, what ocean current brings warm water from the Caribbean to Newfoundland's Grand Banks to western Europe?

- a. Humboldt Current
- b. Horse latitudes
- c. Gulf Stream
- d. El Nino

5> Aibo from Sony was a robotic version of what pet?

- a. Fish
- b. Turtle
- c. Cat
- d. Dog

6> In the early 1970s, phone phreakers learned they could get free long-distance calls by blowing a whistle toy found in boxes of which of these foods?

- a. Cap'n Crunch
- b. Cracker Jack
- c. Gummi Bears
- d. Hostess Potato Chips

7> Strictly speaking, even though a prostitute gets paid, she's also an "amateur", since the word comes from the Latin "amator". What does amator mean?

- a. Lover
- b. Criminal
- c. Experienced
- d. Expert

8> When this racquet sport was added to the Olympics in 1992, Indonesia won the first gold medals, which in fact were its first ever gold medals. What was the sport?

- a. Table tennis
- b. Tennis
- c. Squash
- d. Badminton

9> What is genuine Morocco leather made from?

- a. Horse
- b. Goat
- c. Calf
- d. Sheep

10> What child of a rock star was appointed chief designer at the French couture

house Chloe in March 1997?

- a. Jakob Dylan
- b. Zowie Bowie
- c. Jade Jagger
- d. Stella McCartney

11> The jackal-headed Anubis was the lord of the underworld, judge of souls and the god of embalming in whose mythology?

- a. Celtic
- b. Phoenician
- c. Egyptian
- d. Norse

12> What name is shared by a Mercedes-Benz tractor, a Nissan truck and a Leyland double-decker bus?

- a. Tacoma
- b. Tundra
- c. Titan
- d. Pathfinder

13> Long before it was a tasty Nabisco treat, who was Lorna Doone?

- a. Queen Victoria's personal baker
- b. A Scottish warrior who fought with Robert the Bruce
- c. The 'Lady in the Lake' from whom Arthur got his sword
- d. The hero of Richard Blackmore's 'Romance of Exmoor'

14> In 1956, 26 Africanized killer bees escaped from a breeding lab in what country and headed north toward Texas?

- a. Cuba
- b. Gabon
- c. Nigeria
- d. Brazil

15> In what river are you most likely to spot the pink river dolphin, also known as a tucuxi or a buffeo?

- a. Amazon
- b. Mississippi
- c. Yangtze
- d. Congo

Answers:

- 1> Bank of England - Only Sweden has an older central bank, although until 1946, the Bank of England was owned by private shareholders.
- 2> Supermax - The Marion prison was built to replace Alcatraz, but is no longer a Supermax.
- 3> Avonlea - Lucy Maud Montgomery based the novel on her experiences growing up with her grandma in Cavendish.
- 4> Gulf Stream - The Gulf Stream explains why European ports are warmer than North American ones at the same latitude.
- 5> Dog - Sony's Aibo means 'companion' in Japanese, but the soccer-playing robot dog's name is also an acronym for Artificial Intelligence Bot.
- 6> Cap'n Crunch - It produced the 2600 hertz frequency used by the analog phone switches of the day.
- 7> Lover - An amateur does something for love, not money.
- 8> Badminton - Indonesia's medals have almost all been in women's weightlifting and in badminton.
- 9> Goat - It is goatskin tanned with sumac.
- 10> Stella McCartney - Her buddies Naomi Campbell and Kate Moss modeled her clothes at her graduation show at London's Central St Martin's College of Art and Design.
- 11> Egyptian - The death god Anubis was the son of Nile god Osiris and fertility goddess Isis, and the nephew of Seth.
- 12> Titan - It was also the name of a group of really large Greek gods.
- 13> The hero of Richard Blackmore's 'Romance of Exmoor' - He set the 1869 romance in seventeenth-century England.
- 14> Brazil - The bee is known scientifically as *Apis mellifera scutellata*.
- 15> Amazon - It is also found in the Orinoco.