

SCIENCE TRIVIA QUESTIONS #23



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1> The practice of drilling holes in a skull is known as...

- a. Mastectomy
- b. Lobotomy
- c. Trajectory
- d. Trepanning

2> The Scoville Heat Unit Scale can be used to measure which of the following?

- a. Chilli pepper spiciness
- b. Radiation
- c. The movement of tectonic plates in magma
- d. Heat of gamma rays in outer space.

3> Bleeding gums and extreme weakness, often happening at sea, are symptoms of which disease?

- a. Angina
- b. Scurvy
- c. Mildronate
- d. Rabies

4> Which human body part contains the smallest bones?

- a. Hand
- b. Ear
- c. Mouth
- d. Foot

5> The layer of atmosphere closest to us is known as...

- a. Troposphere
- b. Mesosphere
- c. Magnetosphere
- d. Stratosphere

6> Where can we find the Karman line?

- a. In the depths of Earth
- b. In the atmosphere
- c. On a map of the oceans
- d. On the verge of the Solar System

7> What is the lifespan of a red blood cell?

- a. About 3 weeks
- b. No more than 48 hours.
- c. Around 120 days
- d. At least 2 years

8> The Viking space probe was the first one to send photographs of which planet?

- a. Jupiter
- b. Venus
- c. Saturn
- d. Mars

9> Tabular, blocky, wedge, dome, pinnacle, dry dock, growler and bergy bit. These are all terms used for which of the following?

- a. Volcanos
- b. Viruses
- c. Icebergs
- d. Asteroids

10> What is the symbol for Calcium?

- a. Cl
- b. Co
- c. Ca
- d. Cs

11> How many square millimetres is there in a square kilometer?

- a. 1 billion (10^9)
- b. 1 quadrillion (10^{15})
- c. 1 million (10^6)
- d. 1 trillion (10^{12})

12> Which blood type is the rarest?

- a. O
- b. A
- c. B
- d. AB

13> Ichthyology is the study of...

- a. Birds
- b. Bugs
- c. Reptiles
- d. Fish

14> How long does a full day last in Jupiter?

- a. Less than 6 hours
- b. Over 15000 hours.
- c. Less than 4 hours
- d. Less than 10 hours

15> What is a feldspar?

- a. An insect
- b. A mineral
- c. A structural part of a building
- d. A tree

Answers:

- 1> Trepanning - Trepanning was practiced even in Ancient Rome.
- 2> Chilli pepper spiciness - Serrano pepper is measured between 10,000 and 23,000 SCUs, while the spiciest Trinidad Moruga Scorpion pepper measures over 1.5 million SCUs!
- 3> Scurvy - Surprisingly, the common knowledge of using lemons as a treatment had been forgotten for about 2 centuries.
- 4> Ear - The bones are called anvil, hammer and stirrup.
- 5> Troposphere - The current composition of our atmosphere is the result of billions of years of planetary evolution.
- 6> In the atmosphere - The Karman line is the boundary between Earth's atmosphere and outer space.
- 7> Around 120 days - Red blood cells are also known as erythrocytes.
- 8> Mars - Both Viking I and Viking II sent photos of Mars.
- 9> Icebergs - The word 'iceberg' comes from 'mountain of ice' in Dutch.
- 10> Ca - Cs is Caesium, Co is Cobalt and Cl is Chlorine.
- 11> 1 trillion (10^{12}) - A million millimeters times a million millimeters.
- 12> AB - Less than 1 percent of all the population has AB Negative.
- 13> Fish - Ichthyology recognizes three types of fish - skeletal, cartilaginous and jawless fish.
- 14> Less than 10 hours - A day in Jupiter lasts about 9 hours and 55 minutes.
- 15> A mineral - Feldspars are widely used in glass making.

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