

Olympiad “Across Britain”



PART 1: THE BRITISH ISLES QUIZ (50 points)

- 1. What countries does the United Kingdom consist of?**
 - a) England, Scotland, Wales
 - b) Great Britain and Northern Ireland
 - c) England and Scotland
 - d) Great Britain, Northern Ireland and the Irish Republic.
- 2. What countries does Great Britain include?**
 - a) England, Scotland and Wales
 - b) England and Northern Ireland
 - c) England and Scotland
 - d) England and Wales
- 3. What is the highest mountain in the United Kingdom?**
 - a) Ben Nevis
 - b) Snowdon
 - c) the Cheviot Hills Mountains
 - d) the Rocky Mountains
- 4. Where is the mountain Ben Nevis situated?**
 - a) in England
 - b) in Wales
 - c) in Northern Ireland
 - d) in Scotland
- 5. What river is the longest in Britain?**
 - a) The Thames
 - b) the Severn
 - c) the Tay
 - d) the Tweed
- 6. What is the capital of Scotland?**
 - a) Belfast
 - b) Glasgow
 - c) Edinburgh
 - d) Cardiff
- 7. What river is Glasgow situated on?**
 - a) the Severn
 - b) the Taff
 - c) the Tay
 - d) the Clyde
- 8. What is the largest city in Scotland?**
 - a) Glasgow
 - b) Edinburgh
 - c) Aberdeen
 - d) Dundee
- 9. What is the residence of the Queen when she is in Edinburgh?**
 - a) Edinburgh Castle
 - b) Holyrood Palace
 - c) Buckingham Palace
 - d) Windsor Castle
- 10. What is the longest river in Scotland?**
 - a) the Clyde
 - b) the Tay
 - c) the Spey

d) the Tweed

11. What is the emblem of Scotland?

- a) a daffodil
- b) a rose
- c) a shamrock
- d) a thistle

12. How is the flag of Scotland called?

- a) the Union Jack
- b) the St. David's Cross
- c) the St. Patrick's Cross
- d) the St. Andrew's Cross

13. What colour is the cross on the Scottish flag?

- a) red
- b) white
- c) blue
- d) purple

14. Where does the Scottish Parliament sit?

- a) in Glasgow
- b) in Edinburgh
- c) in Dundee
- d) in Aberdeen

15. What is the loch?

- a) a person
- b) a valley
- c) a lake
- d) a drink

16. Scottish surnames begin with.....

- a) O'
- b) Mac or Mc
- c) de
- d) Von

17. What is the Scottish national drink?

- a) tea with lemon
- b) coca-cola
- c) beer
- d) whisky

18. Where does the famous Scottish monster live in?

- a) Loch Lomond
- b) Loch Ness
- c) Loch Tay
- d) the river Clyde

19. Who wrote 29 novels, many of which are about Scotland and its heroes?

- a) Walter Scott
- b) Robert Burns
- c) Robert Louis Stevenson
- d) Jonathan Swift

20. What is the ancient name of Scotland given it by the Romans?

- a) Ulster
- b) Caledonia
- c) the Emerald Isle
- d) Stonehenge

21. What is the tartan?

- a) a group of people
- b) a woolen cloth
- c) a Scottish village
- d) the name of the festival

22. Who discovered penicillin?

- a) Alexander Graham Bell
- b) David Livingstone
- c) Alexander Fleming
- d) Arthur Conan Doyle

23. How often does Edinburgh Festival take place?

- a) twice a year
- b) every four years
- c) every five years
- d) once a year

24. Edinburgh is known as

- a) the “Granite City”
- b) Athens of the North
- c) the “Silver City with the Golden Sands”
- d) Venice of the North

25. What is the capital city of Wales?

- a) Cardiff
- b) Swansea
- c) Newport
- d) Houston

26. What flower is an emblem of Wales?

- a) a rose
- b) a daffodill
- c) a thistle
- d) a shamrock

27. An Eisteddfod is

- a) a sports competition
- b) a sort of Welsh cake
- c) a festival of the arts
- d) a dance

28. Who is the patron saint of Wales?

- a) St.David
- b) St. Andrew
- c) St. George
- d) St.Patric

29. The traditional Welsh musical instrument is.....

- a) a harp
- b) a flute
- c) a penny whistle
- d) a trumpet

30. What sort of language is Welsh?

- a) Greek
- b) Celtic
- c) Roman
- d) Chinese

31. What is the nickname given to a Welshman?

- a) Taffy
- b) Toffee
- c) Welshie
- d) Welshman

32. What precious metal is still mined in Wales?

- a) coal
- b) gold
- c) silver
- d) steel

33. When is the national day of Wales?

- a) May 1
- b) August 1
- c) March 1
- d) September 1

34. What is the national game in Wales?

- a) basketball
- b) hockey
- c) rugby
- d) boxing

35. What is the Welsh name for Wales?

- a) Cymru
- b) Croeso

- c) Diolch
- d) Bore da
- 36. What is the name of the river that flows through Cardiff?**
 - a) Severn
 - b) Taff
 - c) Thames
 - d) Tay
- 37. What country in Britain is called a “Land of Song”?**
 - a) Wales
 - b) England
 - c) Scotland
 - d) Northern Ireland
- 38. What is the financial centre of London?**
 - a) the West End
 - b) the City
 - c) the East End
 - d) Westminster
- 39. Wimbledon is associated with.....**
 - a) horse-racing
 - b) soccer
 - c) tennis
 - d) cricket
- 40. The oldest university in Britain is...**
 - a) London
 - b) Cambridge
 - c) Oxford
 - d) Edinburgh
- 41. What bird is the national bird of the UK?**
 - a) blackbird
 - b) sparrow
 - c) Robin Redbreast
 - d) starling
- 42. Northern Ireland is also called.....**
 - a) North Ireland
 - b) Albion
 - c) West Britain
 - d) Ulster
- 43. Where does the British Prime-Minister live?**
 - a) Oxford Street
 - b) Fleet Street
 - c) Downing Street
 - d) Green Street
- 44. The Great Fire of London broke out in.....**
 - a) 1066
 - b) 1106
 - c) 1766
 - d) 1666
- 45. Which part of Britain is not in the flag of the UK?**
 - a) England
 - b) Wales
 - c) Scotland
 - d) Northern Ireland
- 46. The Beefeater guards the.....**
 - a) Buckingham Palace
 - b) Westminster Abbey
 - c) Tower
 - d) Tate Gallery
- 47. Cambria is the Roman name for**
 - a) Ireland
 - b) England
 - c) Scotland
 - d) Wales

48. Hibernia is the Roman name for

- a) Ireland
- b) England
- c) Scotland
- d) Wales

49. The Irishmen are called Mick or

- a) Paddy
- b) Jock
- c) Dai
- d) Taffi

50. Lady Godiva, according to a legend, asked her husband to lower the taxes from the people of Coventry. He said he would do it if she...

- a) cut her hair
- b) sold her gold
- c) rode her horse naked through the town
- d) divorced from him

PART 2: THE USA QUIZ (50 points)



1. How many of the 50 United States begin with the letter "M"?

- a) 8
- b) 6
- c) 7
- d) 5

2. Washington, D.C., is situated on theriver

- a) Columbia
- b) Potomac
- c) Saint Lawrence River
- d) Colorado

3. The oldest American university is.....

- a) Harvard
- b) Yale
- c) Princeton
- d) Columbia

4. The Civil War (1861-1865) began because of.....

- a) the fact that the northern states did not want to abolish slavery
- b) the fact that the southern states wanted to be a part of Britain
- c) great social and economic differences between the north and the south
- d) religious differences between the north and the south

5. The seat of both houses of the U.S. Congress is:

- a) the White House
- b) the Pentagon
- c) the National Mall
- d) the Capitol

6. In which month is Thanksgiving Day celebrated?

- a) December
- b) February
- c) November
- d) August

7. The statue of Liberty was a gift from...

- a) Italy
- b) England
- c) France
- d) Russia

8. The term 'Big Apple' refers to.....

- a) Los Angeles
- b) San Francisco
- c) Manhattan
- d) New York

9. The most recent state to join the union was

- a) Hawaii
- b) Alaska
- c) Puerto Rico
- d) Canada

10. Which state of the USA is called Sunshine State?

- a) Arizona
- b) California
- c) Florida
- d) Kentucky

11. What are the members of the Conservative Party called?

- a) Labour
- b) Republicans
- c) Tories
- d) Whigs

12. New York was founded in 1625 by.....

- a) the British
- b) the French
- c) the Dutch
- d) the Spanish

13. How many of the 50 United States have two-word names?

- a) Five
- b) Eight
- c) Seven
- d) Ten

14. This state has the only state flag with a picture of a president. Nicknamed "The Evergreen State", its state tree is the Western Hemlock.

- a) Washington
- b) South Dakota
- c) Oregon
- d) Pennsylvania

15. Where is Alcatraz?

- a) in New York Harbor
- b) in San Francisco Bay
- c) in Sydney Harbor
- d) on the South coast of Florida

16. Which river runs through the Grand Canyon?

- a) the Colorado
- b) the Hoover
- c) the Niagara
- d) the Mississippi

17. The national anthem (hymn) of the USA is:

- a) the Stars and Stripes
- b) the Star-Spangled Banner
- c) We Shall Survive
- d) God Save America

18. The Golden Gate Bridge, one of the world's most famous suspension bridges, is situated in.....

- a) Los Angeles
- b) Boston
- c) Philadelphia
- d) San Francisco

19. The three biggest cities are _____.

- a) New York, Los Angeles and Houston
- b) New York, Los Angeles and Chicago
- c) New York, Los Angeles and Philadelphia
- d) New York, Chicago and Philadelphia

20. The Mt. Rushmore Monument is in _____.

- a) South Dakota
- b) Iowa
- c) Nevada
- d) Wyoming

21. What is the second largest state in the United States?

- a) Alaska
- b) Texas
- c) California
- d) Washington

22. Who was the first man to walk on the moon?

- a) Joseph A. Flye
- b) James Crockett
- c) Neil Armstrong
- d) Thomas Stringfellow

23. What is the capital of Georgia?

- a) Atlanta
- b) San Francisco
- c) Los Angeles
- d) Boston

24. Who were the first Europeans to settle Manhattan?

- a) The Dutch
- b) The Spaniards
- c) The English
- d) The Italians

25. The Land of Lincoln is.....

- a) Washington
- b) Kansas
- c) Illinois
- d) New York

26. The longest-serving US President (the only president to be elected three times) was:

- a) G. Washington
- b) A. Lincoln
- c) F.D. Roosevelt
- d) J.F.Kennedy

27. Broadway is famous for

- a) financial institutions which have their offices there
- b) a theatre and cinema district
- c) the headquarters of the United Nations
- d) skyscrapers

28. The Congress of the USA consists of

- a) 100 Senators and 435 Representatives
- b) 100 Senators and 435 Commons
- c) 100 Senators and 435 Electors
- d) 100 Senators and 50 Governors

29. The original name of that city was New Amsterdam. Today the city is called.....

- a) Philadelphia
- b) New York
- c) Gettysburg
- d) Pittsburg

30. The seat of both houses of the U.S. Congress is.....

- a) the White House
- b) the Pentagon
- c) the National Mall
- d) the Capitol

31. The \$1 banknote has the portrait of ____ on it.

- a) Franklin
- b) Lincoln
- c) Jefferson
- d) Washington

32. Where is Hollywood, the center of the US film business? Not far from.....

- a) New York
- b) San Francisco
- c) Detroit
- d) Los Angelis

33. What are the two major parties in the USA?

- a) The Republicans and the Democrats

- b) The Republicans and the Socialists
- c) The Democrats and the Socialists
- d) The Conservationists and the Democrats

34. Which state is Yellowstone National Park located in?

- a) Iowa
- b) California
- c) Wyoming
- d) New Mexico

35. What's the capital of Florida?

- a) Tallahassee
- b) Miami
- c) Orlando
- d) St. Petersburg

36. What is the hottest place in the USA?

- a) Death Valley
- b) Key West
- c) The Grand Canyon
- d) The Great Salt Lake

37. What does Uncle Sam represent?

- a) U.S. Supreme Court
- b) U.S. Navy
- c) U.S. Congress
- d) U.S. government

38. The _____ was the ship that carried the Pilgrims to America in 1620.

- a) Mayflower
- b) Pinta
- c) Santa Maria
- d) Queen Elizabeth

39. What was the bloodiest war in U.S. history?

- a) The Civil War
- b) World War II
- c) The Vietnam War
- d) The Korean War

40. In what year did the Boston Tea Party take place?

- a) 1772
- b) 1773
- c) 1774
- d) 1776

41. The document that contains the basic rules used to run the United States government is...

- a) The Declaration of Independence
- b) Magna Charta
- c) The Mayflower Compact
- d) The Constitution

42. In what year did the attack on Pearl Harbour take place?

- a) 1940
- b) 1941
- c) 1944
- d) 1945

43. Which president first received the Nobel Peace prize?

- a) Ronald Reagan
- b) Harry S. Truman
- c) Theodore Roosevelt
- d) Bill Clinton

44. The Great Lakes are situated between the USA and:

- a) Mexico
- b) Canada
- c) Cuba
- d) Panama

45. Where is the tallest building (skyscraper) in the world?

- a) In New York City
- b) In Chicago

- c) In San Francisco
- d) In Atlanta

46. The present constitution was proclaimed in 1787 in.....

- a) Washington
- b) Philadelphia
- c) New York
- d) San Francisco

47. When Maxim Gorky visited the city of gold in 1906 he called it “The City of Yellow Devil”. What city is it?

- a) New York
- b) Chicago
- c) Washington
- d) San Francisco

48. Who is the inventor of the electric lamps and the gramophone?

- a) Alexander Graham Bell
- b) Henry Ford
- c) Michael Faraday
- d) Alva Edison

49. What state has these nicknames: the “Alligator State”, the Everglade State, the “Land of Flowers”, “the Mocking – Bird State”, the “Orange State”.

- a) Virginia
- b) Florida
- c) Vermont
- d) Caroline

50. Where is “Disney World”, a large amusement park?

- a) in California
- b) in New York
- c) in Florida
- d) in Washington

PART 3: BRITISH ENGLISH-AMERICAN ENGLISH (20 points)



Fill in the missing words in the table.

BrE	AmE
1. flat	.....
2. luggage	.....
3. city/town centre	.....
4. lift	.....
5.	gas
6. cinema	.....
7. shop-assistant	.....
8.	soccer
9. booking office	.....
10. sweet	.....
11. postman	.....
12.	schedule
13. autumn	.....
14.	truck
15.	vacation

16. underground
17. shop
18. clever
19. maize
20.	last name

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| 1. b | 18.b | 35.a |
| 2. a | 19.a | 36.b |
| 3. a | 20.b | 37.a |
| 4. d | 21.b | 38.b |
| 5. b | 22.c | 39.c |
| 6. c | 23.d | 40.c |
| 7. d | 24.b | 41.c |
| 8. a | 25.a | 42.d |
| 9. b | 26.b | 43.c |
| 10.b | 27.c | 44.d |
| 11.d | 28.a | 45.b |
| 12.d | 29.a | 46.c |
| 13.b | 30.b | 47.d |
| 14.b | 31.a | 48.a |
| 15.c | 32.b | 49.a |
| 16.b | 33.c | 50.c |
| 17.d | 34.c | |

PART 2: THE USA QUIZ

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| 1. a | 18. d | 35. a |
| 2. b | 19. b | 36. a |
| 3. a | 20. a | 37. d |
| 4. c | 21. b | 38. a |
| 5. d | 22. c | 39. a |
| 6. c | 23. a | 40. b |
| 7. c | 24. a | 41. d |
| 8. d | 25. c | 42. b |
| 9. a | 26. c | 43. c |
| 10. c | 27. b | 44. b |
| 11. c | 28. a | 45. b |
| 12. c | 29. b | 46. b |
| 13. d | 30. d | 47. a |
| 14. a | 31. d | 48. d |
| 15. b | 32. d | 49. b |
| 16. a | 33. a | 50. c |
| 17. b | 34. c | |

PART 3: BRITISH ENGLISH – AMERICAN ENGLISH

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1. apartment
2. baggage
3. downtown
4. elevator
5. petrol
6. movies
7. salesman
8. football
9. ticket office
10. candy
11. mailman
12. time-table
13. fall
14. lorry
15. holiday
16. subway
17. store
18. smart
19. corn
20. surname