



BRITISH CITIZENSHIP is a Privilege that has to be earned, if you are not lucky enough to be born here. Are you up to the challenge? The government has published 3 informative Guides to becoming a UK citizen. They amount to a thorough summary of UK life, from an optimistic point of view. They help applicants to pass the written test. Pass mark 75%. Questions 4-16 below are based on the Guides and the Practice Tests. Good luck. Question 16 is an extra, just for today. But first; to ensure you are in a patriotic mood, here are 3 questions about Flags:

Question 1.

The Union Jack was adopted with the creation of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland. When was this?

- A 1688 B 1789 C 1801 D 1815

Question 2.

The Union Jack combines 3 national flags from the 4 UK nations. Which nation is missing?

Question 3.

Other states and nations feature the Union Jack on their own flag, including all listed here, except one. Which is the odd one out?

- A Australia B Cook Islands C New Zealand
D Tuvalu E Manitoba F Bermuda
G Cayman Islands H Fiji I Hawaii

Question 4.

As the great Dennis Norden said, “immigration is the sincerest form of flattery” It is part of the human experience. Britain has played a key role in both directions. Between 1853 and 1913, approximately how many British citizens emigrated?

- A 200,000
B 700,000
C 5,000,000
D 13,000,000
E 20,000,000

Question 5.

Here are some topics the applicants are asked to “Check That You Understand”

- A The ideas of the Enlightenment
B The slave trade and when it was abolished
C The importance of poetry and drama in the Elizabethan Period
D The unique British sense of humour
E The role of the media in keeping people informed about political issues
F The requirements for driving a car

One of the above is not in the book, which is it?

Question 6.

In the Guide you are invited to FIND OUT to help you pass the final test. Examples;

- A Why did the 1st World War happen?
- B What is the impact of climate change?
- C Why was there a problem with the balance of payments in the 1970s?
- D Where did people bury their dead in the Bronze Age?
- E What powers do the Welsh and Scottish Parliaments have?

Which is the intruder this time?

Question 7.

In the guides, British history is described as;

- A Brave British and Smart
- B Much Admired and Copied
- C Long and Illustrious
- D Glorious and Generous
- E Traditional and Progressive

Which is it?

Question 8.

Notable authors and writers –There are only 9 listed in the guide, including just one of the following. Which one?

- A George Eliot
- B Anthony Trollope
- C Nadine Dorries
- D Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
- E Agatha Christie
- F Evelyn Waugh
- G Enid Blyton

Question 9.

Which of these statements is correct?

- A In Britain you can park anywhere you like, including on the pavement, but you MUST display your hazard warning lights.
- B Cycle lanes are marked by two yellow lines. In City Centres you MUST stay within these lines, or risk a penalty.
- C When buying a car, you MUST pay an annual vehicle tax
- D When buying a car, you do not need to pay vehicle tax if the previous owner has already paid it.

Question 10.

What is the name of the Houses of Parliament clock tower?

- A Big Ben Tower
- B Parliament Tower
- C Johnson's Column
- D Elizabeth Tower
- E House of Commons Tower
- F Westminster Bridge Tower

Question 11.

Which of the following statements is true?

- A Sake Dean Mahomet is famous for introducing tea and bungalows to Britain
- B Sake Dean Mahomet is famous for introducing curry houses to Britain
- C Sake Dean Mahomet is famous for being a Nobel Prize winner for Economics
- D Sake Dean Mahomet is famous for captaining the GB Hockey Team

Question 12.

Which of these groups can take part in the National Citizen Service Programme?

- A All children up to the age of 17
- B Pensioners
- C All ex-Public Schoolboys
- D 16 and 17 year olds
- E 18-30 year olds
- F MPs who lose their seats

Question 13.

Which Scottish king defeated the English at the Battle of Bannockburn in 1314?

- A William Wallace
- B Robert the Bruce
- C Malcolm
- D Andrew
- E Kenny Dalglish
- F Mac Alpin

Question 14.

Which TWO of the following types of case are held in County Courts?

- A Divorce and Murder
- B Murder and Minor Criminal Offences
- C Minor Criminal Offences and Breaches of Contract
- D Divorce and Breaches of Contract
- E Treason and Parking Offences

Question 15. TRUE OR FALSE?

One of the following false statements is actually in the test. Which one?

- A William Blake, Lord Byron and Robert Browning were all famous golfers
- B Enid Blyton, Agatha Christie and E.L. Nesbitt were all famous ballet dancers
- C Dulwich Hamlet, Crystal Palace, and Chesterfield were all written by Charles Dickens
- D Boris Johnson was Archbishop of Canterbury
- E George Blake, William Joyce and Dorothy O'Grady were famous poets

Question 16. Bonus Questions for today

All these eminent people were born in 1955, except one. Who is it?

- A Rowan Atkinson
- B Nicolas Sarkozy
- C Whoopi Goldberg
- D Richard Millwood
- E Angele Merkel
- F Steve Jobs

Notable events of 1955 – except one. Which is it?

- A Warsaw Pact signed
- B West Germany accepted into NATO
- C Clement Attlee steps down as Labour leader
- D Rosa Parks refuses to give up her seat on the bus
- E Sir Winston Churchill resigns as PM
- F Phil Drake rides the Derby winner
- G Newcastle United beat Manchester City in the FA Cup Final 3-1

Famous deaths in 1955, except one. Who?

- A Albert Einstein
- B James Dean
- C Alexander Fleming
- D Aneurin Bevan
- E Charlie Parker
- F Thomas Mann
- G Emmet Till

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