Bar trivia questions and answers

50 questions in 5 rounds. The answer key is on the last page.

Round 1: General knowledge

1. How many sides does a stop sign have?

A. Six
B. Seven
C. Ten
D. Eight

2. How many strings does a standard guitar have?

A. Four
B. Five
C. Six
D. Seven

3. What is the currency of Japan?

A. Won
B. Yen
C. Yuan
D. Ringgit

4. Which fruit is dried to make raisins?

A. Plums
B. Grapes
C. Figs
D. Cherries

5. How many cards are in a standard deck, without jokers?

A. 52
B. 48
C. 54
D. 56

6. What color do you get when you mix blue and yellow paint?

A. Green
B. Orange
C. Purple
D. Brown

7. Which sport uses a shuttlecock?

A. Squash
B. Badminton
C. Tennis
D. Table tennis

8. Which chess piece moves any number of squares, but only diagonally?

A. Rook
B. Knight

C. Bishop
D. Pawn

9. What does the www in a web address stand for?

A. Wide World Web
B. Web World Wide
C. Whole Wide Web
D. World Wide Web

10. How many players per team are on the court at once in basketball?

A. Five
B. Six
C. Seven
D. Four

Round 2: Geography

11. Which river runs through Paris?

A. Loire
B. Seine
C. Rhine
D. Thames

12. Which is the smallest country in the world by area?

A. Vatican City
B. Monaco
C. San Marino
D. Liechtenstein

13. Which US state is the largest by area?

A. Texas
B. Alaska
C. California
D. Montana

14. What is the capital of Canada?

A. Toronto
B. Montreal
C. Ottawa
D. Vancouver

15. Mount Everest lies on the border of Nepal and which other country?

A. India
B. Bhutan
C. China
D. Pakistan

16. Which is the largest hot desert in the world?

A. Gobi
B. Sahara
C. Kalahari
D. Arabian

17. Which sea lies between southern Europe and North Africa?

A. Baltic
B. Red
C. Caspian
D. Mediterranean

18. In which country is the city of Marrakesh?

A. Morocco
B. Tunisia
C. Egypt
D. Algeria

19. The longest border between two countries separates Canada from which neighbour?

A. The United States
B. Mexico
C. Russia
D. Brazil

20. Which continent has no permanent human population?

A. Europe
B. Oceania
C. South America
D. Antarctica

Round 3: Science and nature

21. Which gas do plants take in from the air for photosynthesis?

A. Oxygen
B. Carbon dioxide
C. Nitrogen
D. Helium

22. How many bones are in an adult human body?

A. 187
B. 215
C. 300
D. 206

23. What is the chemical formula of water?

A. H2O
B. HO2
C. H2O2
D. OH

24. Which is the hottest planet in our solar system?

A. Mercury
B. Venus
C. Mars
D. Jupiter

25. Which element, with the symbol Hg, is a liquid at room temperature?

A. Gold

B. Mercury
C. Silver
D. Lead

26. What is the largest animal alive today?

A. Blue whale
B. African elephant
C. Giraffe
D. Sperm whale

27. What force pulls objects toward the center of the Earth?

A. Magnetism
B. Friction
C. Gravity
D. Inertia

28. How many hearts does an octopus have?

A. Three
B. One
C. Two
D. Four

29. About how fast does light travel?

A. 18,600 miles per second
B. 93,000 miles per second
C. 1,860,000 miles per second
D. 186,000 miles per second

30. Which blood cells carry oxygen around the body?

A. White blood cells
B. Platelets
C. Red blood cells
D. Plasma cells

Round 4: History

31. In which year did World War II end?

A. 1945
B. 1944
C. 1946
D. 1943

32. Who was the first person to walk on the Moon?

A. Buzz Aldrin
B. Neil Armstrong
C. Yuri Gagarin
D. John Glenn

33. Which civilization built Machu Picchu?

A. Aztec
B. Maya
C. Inca

D. Olmec

34. Which ship sank on its maiden voyage in 1912 after hitting an iceberg?

A. Lusitania
B. Titanic
C. Britannic
D. Olympic

35. Who was the first US president to live in the White House?

A. George Washington
B. Thomas Jefferson
C. John Adams
D. James Madison

36. In which year did Christopher Columbus first reach the Americas?

A. 1488
B. 1500
C. 1520
D. 1492

37. The French Revolution began in which year?

A. 1776
B. 1804
C. 1815
D. 1789

38. Which queen ruled Britain for 63 years, until 1901?

A. Victoria
B. Elizabeth I
C. Anne
D. Mary I

39. In which US state did the Wright brothers make their first powered flight in 1903?

A. North Carolina
B. Ohio
C. Virginia
D. California

40. Which treaty formally ended World War I with Germany in 1919?

A. Treaty of Paris
B. Treaty of Versailles
C. Treaty of Utrecht
D. Treaty of Vienna

Round 5: Music, film and TV

41. Which band released the 1969 album Abbey Road?

A. The Rolling Stones
B. Led Zeppelin
C. The Who
D. The Beatles

42. Who directed the 1975 film Jaws?

A. George Lucas
B. Steven Spielberg
C. Ridley Scott
D. James Cameron

43. In which TV sitcom do the characters hang out at the Central Perk coffee shop?

A. Friends
B. Seinfeld
C. Cheers
D. Frasier

44. What is the name of the school of magic in the Harry Potter books?

A. Hogwarts
B. Beauxbatons
C. Durmstrang
D. Ilvermorny

45. Which singer is known as the King of Pop?

A. Prince
B. Elvis Presley
C. Michael Jackson
D. Justin Timberlake

46. In which 1999 sci-fi film does Neo choose between a red pill and a blue pill?

A. The Matrix
B. Blade Runner
C. Tron
D. Dark City

47. How many keys does a standard modern piano have?

A. 76
B. 88
C. 92
D. 100

48. Which 1994 Disney film features a lion cub named Simba?

A. Tarzan
B. Bambi
C. The Lion King
D. Madagascar

49. Which actor first played Captain Jack Sparrow on screen?

A. Orlando Bloom
B. Johnny Depp
C. Brad Pitt
D. Geoffrey Rush

50. The first Star Wars film, from 1977, was later given which subtitle?

A. The Phantom Menace
B. Rogue One

C. The Force Awakens
D. A New Hope

Answer key

Round 1: General knowledge

1. D. Eight (It is an octagon in the US and many other countries.)
2. C. Six (They are tuned E, A, D, G, B, E from low to high.)
3. B. Yen (It is written with the symbol ¥.)
4. B. Grapes (Dried plums are prunes.)
5. A. 52 (Four suits of 13 cards each.)
6. A. Green (Blue and yellow are traditional primary colors in art.)
7. B. Badminton (The shuttlecock is feathered or plastic.)
8. C. Bishop (Each bishop stays on one color of square all game.)
9. D. World Wide Web (Tim Berners-Lee invented the web in 1989.)
10. A. Five (Substitutes wait on the bench.)

Round 2: Geography

11. B. Seine (Notre-Dame stands on an island in it.)
12. A. Vatican City (It covers under half a square kilometer.)
13. B. Alaska (It is more than twice the size of Texas.)
14. C. Ottawa (It sits on the border of Ontario and Quebec.)
15. C. China (The Chinese side is in Tibet.)
16. B. Sahara (Antarctica is the largest desert overall.)
17. D. Mediterranean (Its name means "middle of the land".)
18. A. Morocco (It is known for its red-walled old city.)
19. A. The United States (It runs about 5,500 miles, counting the Alaska stretch.)
20. D. Antarctica (Researchers stay there for seasons or a year.)

Round 3: Science and nature

21. B. Carbon dioxide (They release oxygen in return.)
22. D. 206 (Babies have more, and some fuse as they grow.)
23. A. H2O (H2O2 is hydrogen peroxide.)
24. B. Venus (Its thick carbon dioxide atmosphere traps heat.)
25. B. Mercury (Its old name is quicksilver.)
26. A. Blue whale (It is the largest animal known to have ever lived.)
27. C. Gravity (Isaac Newton described it in 1687.)
28. A. Three (Two serve the gills and one serves the body.)
29. D. 186,000 miles per second (That is about 300,000 kilometers per second.)
30. C. Red blood cells (Hemoglobin in them does the carrying.)

Round 4: History

31. A. 1945 (Germany surrendered in May and Japan later that year.)
32. B. Neil Armstrong (He stepped out on July 20, 1969, during Apollo 11.)
33. C. Inca (It stands high in the Andes of Peru.)
34. B. Titanic (About 1,500 people died.)
35. C. John Adams (He moved in in 1800, while it was unfinished.)
36. D. 1492 (He landed in the Caribbean on a voyage funded by Spain.)
37. D. 1789 (The Bastille was stormed on July 14.)

38. A. Victoria (She reigned from 1837.)
39. A. North Carolina (The flights took place at Kill Devil Hills, near Kitty Hawk.)
40. B. Treaty of Versailles (It was signed on June 28, 1919.)

Round 5: Music, film and TV

41. D. The Beatles (The cover shows them on a zebra crossing.)
42. B. Steven Spielberg (It is often called the first summer blockbuster.)
43. A. Friends (It ran from 1994 to 2004.)
44. A. Hogwarts (The first book appeared in 1997.)
45. C. Michael Jackson (His album Thriller came out in 1982.)
46. A. The Matrix (The Wachowskis wrote and directed it.)
47. B. 88 (That is 52 white keys and 36 black keys.)
48. C. The Lion King (Madagascar is a DreamWorks film, not Disney.)
49. B. Johnny Depp (The first film came out in 2003.)
50. D. A New Hope (Episode IV: A New Hope was added to its title in 1981.)