Football trivia questions and answers

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

Round 1: World Cup

1. Which country hosted and won the first World Cup in 1930?

A. Brazil
B. Argentina
C. Italy
D. Uruguay

2. Which country has won the most men's World Cups?

A. Germany
B. Italy
C. Argentina
D. Brazil

3. Who scored a hat-trick in the 1966 World Cup final?

A. Geoff Hurst
B. Bobby Charlton
C. Bobby Moore
D. Gordon Banks

4. Which country won the 2010 World Cup in South Africa?

A. Netherlands
B. Germany
C. Spain
D. Uruguay

5. Who scored the "Hand of God" goal against England at the 1986 World Cup?

A. Pelé
B. Diego Maradona
C. Mario Kempes
D. Gabriel Batistuta

6. Which country hosted the 2014 World Cup?

A. Brazil
B. Argentina
C. South Africa
D. Russia

7. Which team did France beat 3-0 in the 1998 World Cup final?

A. Italy
B. Brazil
C. Netherlands
D. Croatia

8. Which country hosted the 1994 World Cup?

A. Mexico
B. United States

C. Japan
D. Spain

9. Who scored a record 13 goals at a single World Cup, in 1958?

A. Gerd Müller
B. Pelé
C. Ronaldo
D. Just Fontaine

10. Which player was sent off in the 2006 World Cup final after a headbutt?

A. Thierry Henry
B. Patrick Vieira
C. Zinedine Zidane
D. Fabio Cannavaro

Round 2: Clubs

11. Which club plays its home games at the Santiago Bernabéu?

A. Atlético Madrid
B. Barcelona
C. Real Madrid
D. Sevilla

12. Which Italian club is nicknamed "the Old Lady"?

A. AC Milan
B. Inter
C. Roma
D. Juventus

13. Which club plays at Old Trafford, nicknamed the Theatre of Dreams?

A. Manchester United
B. Manchester City
C. Liverpool
D. Leeds United

14. Which Dutch club won the European Cup in 1971, 1972, 1973 and 1995?

A. Ajax
B. Feyenoord
C. PSV Eindhoven
D. AZ Alkmaar

15. Which club has won the most European Cup and Champions League titles?

A. AC Milan
B. Liverpool
C. Real Madrid
D. Bayern Munich

16. Which club plays at Anfield?

A. Everton
B. Liverpool
C. Aston Villa
D. Newcastle United

17. Which Glasgow club is Celtic's rival in the Old Firm derby?

A. Hearts
B. Aberdeen
C. Rangers
D. Hibernian

18. Which stadium do Inter and AC Milan share?

A. San Siro
B. Stadio Olimpico
C. Allianz Stadium
D. Stadio Maradona

19. Which club did Diego Maradona lead to Serie A titles in 1987 and 1990?

A. Juventus
B. Napoli
C. Roma
D. Fiorentina

20. Which Argentine club plays at the La Bombonera stadium?

A. River Plate
B. Independiente
C. Racing Club
D. Boca Juniors

Round 3: Players

21. Who won the first Ballon d'Or, in 1956?

A. Stanley Matthews
B. Alfredo Di Stéfano
C. Raymond Kopa
D. Ferenc Puskás

22. Which Dutch player gave his name to a famous turn first shown at the 1974 World Cup?

A. Marco van Basten
B. Ruud Gullit
C. Johan Cruyff
D. Dennis Bergkamp

23. Which goalkeeper is the only one to have won the Ballon d'Or?

A. Lev Yashin
B. Gordon Banks
C. Dino Zoff
D. Oliver Kahn

24. How many World Cups did Pelé win?

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

25. Who was the top scorer at the 1966 World Cup, with nine goals?

A. Geoff Hurst
B. Eusébio
C. Franz Beckenbauer
D. Uwe Seeler

26. Which Hungarian forward lends his name to FIFA's goal-of-the-year award?

A. Sándor Kocsis
B. Ferenc Puskás
C. Nándor Hidegkuti
D. József Bozsik

27. Which German defender was nicknamed "Der Kaiser"?

A. Gerd Müller
B. Lothar Matthäus
C. Karl-Heinz Rummenigge
D. Franz Beckenbauer

28. Who captained England to victory in the 1966 World Cup?

A. Bobby Charlton
B. Gordon Banks
C. Bobby Moore
D. Jimmy Greaves

29. Which Frenchman won the Ballon d'Or in 1983, 1984 and 1985?

A. Zinedine Zidane
B. Michel Platini
C. Jean-Pierre Papin
D. Raymond Kopa

30. Which Brazilian striker was nicknamed "Il Fenomeno" (The Phenomenon)?

A. Romário
B. Ronaldinho
C. Ronaldo
D. Rivaldo

Round 4: Rules and records

31. How many players from each team are on the pitch at the start of a match?

A. 11
B. 10
C. 12
D. 9

32. How long is a standard football match, not counting stoppage time?

A. 80 minutes
B. 100 minutes
C. 90 minutes
D. 120 minutes

33. How far is the penalty spot from the goal line?

A. 12 yards
B. 10 yards

C. 14 yards
D. 18 yards

34. In which year did the rule stopping goalkeepers from handling a deliberate back-pass come in?

A. 1982
B. 1998
C. 2000
D. 1992

35. At which World Cup were yellow and red cards first used?

A. 1962
B. 1966
C. 1970
D. 1974

36. In which year was video assistant referee (VAR) technology first used at a men's World Cup?

A. 2010
B. 2014
C. 2018
D. 2022

37. In which year did the English Football League begin?

A. 1888
B. 1863
C. 1872
D. 1900

38. How many goals did Lionel Messi score in the calendar year 2012, a record?

A. 91
B. 79
C. 85
D. 100

39. Who scored five goals in one match at the 1994 World Cup?

A. Oleg Salenko
B. Romário
C. Hristo Stoichkov
D. Roberto Baggio

40. What was the score when Australia beat American Samoa in 2001, a world record?

A. 21-0
B. 17-0
C. 25-0
D. 31-0

Round 5: Europe and history

41. In which year was FIFA founded?

A. 1900
B. 1920

C. 1930
D. 1904

42. Which country's football association, founded in 1863, is the oldest in the world?

A. Scotland
B. England
C. Germany
D. France

43. Which club won the first European Cup in 1956?

A. Benfica
B. Real Madrid
C. AC Milan
D. Reims

44. Which club scored twice in injury time to beat Bayern Munich in the 1999 Champions League final?

A. Arsenal
B. Manchester United
C. Liverpool
D. Chelsea

45. Which country won the 1992 European Championship after entering late as a replacement?

A. Netherlands
B. Sweden
C. Germany
D. Denmark

46. Which country won the 2004 European Championship, beating hosts Portugal in the final?

A. Czech Republic
B. Italy
C. France
D. Greece

47. Which country won the first European Championship, in 1960?

A. Yugoslavia
B. Spain
C. Soviet Union
D. France

48. The Champions League anthem is adapted from a piece by which composer?

A. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
B. Ludwig van Beethoven
C. Antonio Vivaldi
D. George Frideric Handel

49. Which country won Euro 2008, the 2010 World Cup and Euro 2012?

A. Spain
B. Germany

C. Italy
D. France

50. Which team did West Germany beat 3-2 in the 1954 World Cup final, the "Miracle of Bern"?

A. Brazil
B. Hungary
C. Austria
D. Uruguay

Answer key

Round 1: World Cup

1. D. Uruguay (Uruguay beat Argentina 4-2 in the final in Montevideo.)
2. D. Brazil (Brazil won five, in 1958, 1962, 1970, 1994 and 2002.)
3. A. Geoff Hurst (England beat West Germany 4-2 after extra time at Wembley.)
4. C. Spain (Andrés Iniesta scored the winner in extra time against the Netherlands.)
5. B. Diego Maradona (Minutes later he scored a solo goal in the same match that was later voted Goal of the Century.)
6. A. Brazil (Germany won it, beating Argentina 1-0 in the final at the Maracanã.)
7. B. Brazil (Zinedine Zidane scored twice with headers.)
8. B. United States (Brazil beat Italy on penalties in the final at the Rose Bowl.)
9. D. Just Fontaine (The French striker did it in only six matches.)
10. C. Zinedine Zidane (Italy won the final against France on penalties.)

Round 2: Clubs

11. C. Real Madrid (The stadium is named after a former player and president of the club.)
12. D. Juventus (The club is based in Turin and plays in black and white stripes.)
13. A. Manchester United (Sir Bobby Charlton gave the stadium its nickname.)
14. A. Ajax (Ajax is based in Amsterdam and is famous for its youth academy.)
15. C. Real Madrid (Real Madrid won the first five European Cups, from 1956 to 1960.)
16. B. Liverpool (Everton played at Anfield first, until 1892.)
17. C. Rangers (Celtic play in green and white hoops, and Rangers play in blue.)
18. A. San Siro (It is officially named after the former Milan and Inter player Giuseppe Meazza.)
19. B. Napoli (They were the first two league titles in the club's history.)
20. D. Boca Juniors (Its derby with River Plate is called the Superclásico.)

Round 3: Players

21. A. Stanley Matthews (The English winger was 41 years old when he won it.)
22. C. Johan Cruyff (He used it to beat a Swedish defender in that tournament.)
23. A. Lev Yashin (The Soviet keeper, nicknamed the Black Spider, won it in 1963.)
24. B. Three (He won in 1958, 1962 and 1970.)
25. B. Eusébio (He played for Portugal, who finished third.)
26. B. Ferenc Puskás (He captained the Hungarian side known as the Magical Magyars.)
27. D. Franz Beckenbauer (He won the World Cup as a captain in 1974 and as a coach in 1990.)
28. C. Bobby Moore (He lifted the Jules Rimet Trophy at Wembley.)
29. B. Michel Platini (He won it three years in a row while playing for Juventus.)
30. C. Ronaldo (He scored eight goals at the 2002 World Cup and won the Golden Boot.)

Round 4: Rules and records

31. A. 11 (That count includes the goalkeeper.)
32. C. 90 minutes (It is two halves of 45 minutes.)
33. A. 12 yards (That is 11 metres.)
34. D. 1992 (It was brought in to cut time-wasting.)
35. C. 1970 (Referee Ken Aston, a former match official, had the idea at a traffic light.)
36. C. 2018 (That tournament was held in Russia.)

37. A. 1888 (It started with 12 clubs.)
38. A. 91 (He passed Gerd Müller's mark of 85 from 1972.)
39. A. Oleg Salenko (Russia beat Cameroon 6-1 in that group game.)
40. D. 31-0 (It is the biggest win in an international match.)

Round 5: Europe and history

41. D. 1904 (It was set up in Paris by seven European associations.)
42. B. England (It was founded at a London tavern and wrote the first common rules.)
43. B. Real Madrid (They beat Reims 4-3 in the final in Paris.)
44. B. Manchester United (Teddy Sheringham and Ole Gunnar Solskjær scored at Camp Nou, completing a treble.)
45. D. Denmark (They took the place of Yugoslavia and beat Germany in the final.)
46. D. Greece (They had never before won a major tournament.)
47. C. Soviet Union (They beat Yugoslavia 2-1 after extra time in Paris.)
48. D. George Frideric Handel (It is based on Zadok the Priest, written for a coronation in 1727.)
49. A. Spain (It was the first team to win three major tournaments in a row.)
50. B. Hungary (Hungary had not lost a match in over four years.)