

THE UNITED KINGDOM – sample questions:

1. Which county in Britain is called the Garden of England?
2. What is the longest river in Britain?
3. What is the name of the flag of the UK?
4. What are the names of three the most important Scottish islands?
5. Which Scottish island is called “the misty island”?
6. What exam is taken by students in Britain when they are 16 ?
7. Where is The Angel of the North located?
8. What was Ada Lovlace famous for?
9. How many letters are there in the longest Welsh name of a town?
10. Which British royal residence is the largest royal home in the world?
11. How old is British currency – pound?
12. What was the name of the first stamp issued in the UK? P
13. What are the names of the most famous red-brick’ universities in the UK?
14. When does the Queen celebrate her birthday?
15. What is the name of the second of Christmas in the UK?
16. Which city in the UK had the first underground system?
17. What is Brighton famous for?
18. How many pins are there in a traditional English plug?
19. Where is the Speakers' Corner?
20. Where is the Statue of Peter Pan in London?
21. What statue is located at the Piccadilly Circus?
22. What was the first name of queen Victoria?
23. Which monarch introduced the tradition of decorating Christmas tree?
24. Where do prince Harry and his wife Meghan live now?
25. What is the name of a fictional character who personifies Englishness?
26. What was the name of King Arthur's castle?
27. Who wrote Sherlock Holmes adventures?
28. Where is the monument commemorating the words “ *Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few*” by Winston Churchill ?
29. Who wrote “Peter Pan”?
30. What are these London streets famous for: Whitehall, The Mall, The Strand, Portobello Road, Abbey Road, Baker Street, Downing Street, Savile Row?
31. What time does Changing of the Guards usually takes place in London?
32. Whose statue is in Trafalgar Square?
33. Where is the monument of Wojtek the Bear located in the UK?
34. Who are Yeoman Wardens?
35. How do The British celebrate Remembrance Day?
36. What is Westminster Abbey famous for?
37. When did princess Diana die?
38. Who was the author of “Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde”?
39. What are the most famous Scottish instruments (4)?
40. What is the biggest exhibit which you see entering Natural History Museum?

41. What is Trooping of the Colour?
42. Who are the saint patrons of Scotland, Wales and England and Northern Ireland?
43. When do they celebrate St Andrew's Day?
44. What was Margaret Thatcher famous for?
45. What are *moors, lochs, glens* that Scotland is famous for?
46. Who was William Wallace?
47. What famous book was written by Geoffrey Chaucer?
48. Who played the role of W. Wallace in the film "*Braveheart*"?
49. Who was Rob Roy?
50. Who played the role of Rob Roy in the film "*Rob Roy*"?
51. When do students start compulsory education in the UK?
52. What does haggis consist of?
53. Which lands and islands formally constitute the UK?
54. Who were the earliest inhabitants of Britain? Hunters, shepherds, Iberians
55. Who is the leader of the Church of England?
56. When did Celts appear in Britain?
57. How many languages are officially recognised in Scotland?
58. What was William Shakespeare famous for?
59. Where did the Beatles come from?
60. Which was the best selling Beatles album?
61. What were R.R. Tolkien and C.S. Lewis famous for?
62. What was Christopher Wren famous for?
63. When was the Great Fire of London?
64. When did Elisabeth II become the Queen of England?
65. When is Guy Fawkes's Day Celebrated and why?
66. What colour are traditional London taxis?
67. What are the most popular nicknames of the inhabitants of particular parts of the UK?
68. What are the flowers associated with particular parts of the UK?
69. What is the capital city of Scotland, Wales, England and Northern Ireland?
70. How many hills was Edinburgh built on?
71. Who was the group called the Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood?
72. What is the largest cities in Scotland, Wales, England and Northern Ireland?
73. What currency is used in the UK?
74. Name the highest mountain in Scotland, Wales, England and Northern Ireland.
75. Name the longest river in Scotland, Wales, England and Northern Ireland.
76. What is the largest lake in Scotland? How big is it?
77. Which river runs through London?
78. Who is the Head of State of Scotland?
79. Where is the traditional residence of the Prime Minister in the UK?
80. Who is the Prime Minister now ?
81. What are the most famous places in London, Cardiff, Edinburgh and Belfast?
82. What are the main colours of the Scottish, Welsh and English flags?
83. What is the emblems of Scotland, Wales, England and Northern Ireland ?

84. What are the national sports in the UK?
85. What are the oldest universities in the UK?
86. Which plant is the national symbol of Scotland, Wales, England and Northern Ireland?
87. Which animals are the most common in the UK?
88. What are the national animals of Scotland, Wales, England and Northern Ireland and their heraldic symbols?
89. What is the name of the oldest Scottish horse breed?
90. What does a particular pattern of tartan signify?
91. What is Greenwich famous for?
92. When does Edinburgh Festival take place?
93. Whose book was the source of the idea of Big Brother?
94. What is the national anthem of the UK?
95. When is Hogmanay celebrated?
96. When is Robert Burns Night celebrated?
97. What famous Scottish song did R. Burns write?
98. What is The Military Tattoo and when is it celebrated/ can be seen?
99. What is *Stone of Destiny* in Edinburgh famous for?
100. What was the connection between Elisabeth I and Mary The Queen of Scotland?
101. What famous places were discovered by David Livingstone?
102. What was John Williamson famous for?
103. What did Scottish scientists do with sheep in 1996?
104. What are famous contemporary Scots? What are they famous for? (e.g. Annie Lennox, Sean Connery, Ewan MacGregor, Alex Ferguson)
105. Whose memorial is in front of Buckingham Palace?
106. What is the name of the Clock Tower of the Houses of Parliament in London?
107. What is celebrated on 5th November in the UK?
108. Which river flows through Stratford – Shakespeare's town?
109. What is traditional thatched roof made from?
110. What is the name of the secondary school founded in 1440 by Henry VI?
111. What is traditional outfit connected with Ascot?
112. Who made the iconic map of London underground?
113. Which film character played by D. Craig came from Skyfall in Scotland?
114. What is Arthur's Seat in Edinburgh?
115. What castle in Scotland was supposed to be Camelot – King Arthur's famous fortress?
116. What does *Mac* in surnames mean?
117. What is *Scotch*?
118. When and where is Notting Hill Festival held?
119. Which Scottish outlaw was known as the "Robin Hood of Scotland"?
120. Who invented penicillin?

121. Who was the founder of antiseptic surgery ?
122. Who invented the fountain pen?
123. What did Kirkpatrick Macmillan invent?
124. What did Charles Mackintosh invent?
125. W. Shakespeare wrote a play about one of Scottish kings. Who was that king?
126. Where was Macbeth's castle?
127. Where was Queen Victoria's favourite Scottish residence?
128. What construction was built by the Romans to protect themselves against barbarians?
129. Which side of the road do you drive in Scotland?
130. What are the Grampians?
131. What is the oldest University in Britain?
132. What is the nickname of the Loch Ness Monster?
133. What is the Welsh word for Wales?
134. What is celebrated in Lerwick - the capital city of The Shetlands in January?
135. What is the name of the school the Harry Potter attended in a famous book by J.K. Rowling?
136. Why do people in Britain use left-hand traffic?
137. What is the difference between Wimbledon and Wembley?
138. What are the names of the children of princess Kate and prince William?
139. What is Rowan Atkinson famous for?
140. When is St Patrick's Day celebrated?
141. When is Pancake Day and how is it celebrated?
142. What legend is connected with the Tower of London?
143. What is the name of the guards in the Tower of London?
144. What was William Golding famous for?
145. Which Prime Minister decided to leave the UE and which one was responsible for final Brexit?
146. When did Brexit referendum take place?
147. What was Sir Winston Leonard Spencer Churchill famous for?
148. What is *cockney*?
149. Which British actor starred as Sherlock Holmes and Doctor Strange as well as Alan Turing?
150. Who created the most famous plan of London underground?
151. What is the name of the main districts of London ?
152. What are hot cross buns?
153. Which British actor stars as Geralt of Rivia in the Witcher?
154. What is the nickname of a British policeman? Bobby
155. How many times has London host The Olympic Games so far?
156. What is the name of a famous boat race between two universities?
157. Where are the most famous cliffs - the symbols of hope in England?
158. Which tradition is Maypole dance associated with?

159. Where is the most famous Cheese Rolling held every year?
160. What are crampets?
161. Which breed of a dog is a symbolic icon of Britishness, often associated with Winston Churchill?
162. What is the name of the most famous London double-decker-buses?
163. What is the most famous residence of Henry VIII near London?
164. How many capsules are there in the London Eye?
165. What is the name of the forest which was the legendary home of one of Britain's favourite folklore heroes, Robin Hood? Sherwood
166. When was "Downfall" a famous TV series set?
167. Where are the most famous Roman Baths in England?
168. What is Andy Murray famous for?
169. What is the name of the most famous contemporary British racing driver?
170. Which famous British actor who appeared as Gandalf in the adaptation of "The Lord of the Rings" ?
171. What is the name of the Royal Air Force Aerobatic Team ?
172. What is the name of the most iconic British car in the 1960s?