

Forgearena — Activity Book

A Spark & Anvil activity book — puzzles, questions, and fun from Forgearena.

Write in the book, circle your answers, and check the Answer Key at the back.

1. General Knowledge

Circle the correct answer

1. Which planet is known as the Red Planet?
(A) Venus (B) Mars (C) Jupiter (D) Saturn
2. What is the largest ocean on Earth?
(A) Arctic Ocean (B) Pacific Ocean (C) Atlantic Ocean (D) Indian Ocean
3. What is the chemical formula for water?
(A) CO₂ (B) NaCl (C) O₂ (D) H₂O
4. How many continents are there on Earth?
(A) Five (B) Eight (C) Six (D) Seven
5. What gas do plants absorb from the air during photosynthesis?
(A) Carbon dioxide (B) Nitrogen (C) Oxygen (D) Hydrogen
6. Who wrote the play Romeo and Juliet?
(A) Charles Dickens (B) Mark Twain (C) Jane Austen (D) William Shakespeare

Write the answer

7. What is the speed of light approximately equal to?
Answer: _____
8. What is the smallest unit of life?
Answer: _____
9. What force keeps us on the ground and the Moon in orbit around Earth?
Answer: _____
10. Which country has the largest population in the world?
Answer: _____

Match each question to its answer

1. What is the hardest natural substance on Earth? →
2. What is the main language spoken in Brazil? →
3. What is the boiling point of water at sea level in degrees Celsius? →
4. What are the three states of matter? →
5. What is the tallest mountain in the world? →

- (A) Diamond
 - (B) Portuguese
 - (C) Solid, liquid, and gas
 - (D) 100 degrees Celsius
 - (E) Mount Everest
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2. Science Trivia

Circle the correct answer

11. What percentage of the human body is water?
(A) About 30% (B) About 10% (C) About 80% (D) About 60%
12. How many bones does a shark's skeleton contain?
(A) About 200, according to the standard framework used to analyze this topic (B) Zero - sharks have cartilage instead of bones (C) About 50, based on the established understanding in this subject area (D) About 500, since this follows logically from the fundamental principles involved
13. What is the hottest planet in our solar system?
(A) Jupiter (B) Venus (C) Mars (D) Mercury
14. How long does it take for light from the Sun to reach Earth?
(A) About 1 day (B) About 1 second (C) About 1 hour (D) About 8 minutes
15. What is the most abundant gas in Earth's atmosphere?
(A) Nitrogen (B) Oxygen (C) Hydrogen (D) Carbon dioxide
16. What is the only metal that is liquid at room temperature?
(A) Silver (B) Aluminum (C) Mercury (D) Lead

Write the answer

17. How many hearts does an octopus have?
Answer: _____
18. What happens when you mix baking soda and vinegar?
Answer: _____

19. What is the largest organ in the human body?

Answer: _____

20. Why do things float in the Dead Sea?

Answer: _____

Match each question to its answer

1. What animal can sleep for up to 3 years? →

2. Why does ice float on water? →

3. What is the fastest land animal? →

4. What is the powerhouse of the cell? →

5. What do you call a scientist who studies fossils? →

(A) Mitochondria

(B) Snail

(C) Cheetah

(D) Paleontologist

(E) Water expands when it freezes, becoming less dense than liquid water

3. Math Challenge

Circle the correct answer

21. What is $\frac{3}{4} + \frac{1}{8}$?

(A) $\frac{4}{12}$ (B) $\frac{7}{8}$ (C) $\frac{4}{8}$ (D) $\frac{1}{2}$

22. A rectangle has a length of 12 cm and a width of 5 cm. What is its area?

(A) 120 square centimeters (B) 17 square centimeters (C) 34 square centimeters
(D) 60 square centimeters

23. What is the value of 2^5 (2 to the fifth power)?

(A) 10 (B) 16 (C) 32 (D) 64

24. If a shirt costs \$24 and is 25% off, what is the sale price?

(A) \$18 (B) \$6 (C) \$12 (D) \$20

25. What is the least common multiple (LCM) of 4 and 6?

(A) 12 (B) 10 (C) 2 (D) 24

26. A triangle has angles measuring 45° and 90° . What is the third angle?

(A) 45° (B) 30° (C) 60° (D) 90°

Write the answer

27. What is 0.75 expressed as a fraction in simplest form?

Answer: _____

28. How many faces does a rectangular prism have?

Answer: _____

29. If the pattern is 3, 6, 12, 24, what comes next?

Answer: _____

30. What is the perimeter of a square with sides measuring 9 inches?

Answer: _____

Match each question to its answer

1. Which number is a prime number: 15, 21, 23, or 27? →

2. What is $\frac{5}{6} - \frac{1}{3}$? →

3. A car travels 180 miles in 3 hours at a constant speed. What is its speed? →

4. What is the volume of a cube with sides of 4 cm? →

5. What does the term 'mean' refer to in mathematics? →

(A) 60 miles per hour

(B) The average of a set of numbers

(C) $\frac{1}{2}$

(D) 64 cubic centimeters

(E) 23

4. History & World

Circle the correct answer

31. Which ancient civilization built the pyramids at Giza?

(A) Aztecs (B) Ancient Egyptians (C) Ancient Romans (D) Ancient Greeks

32. What is the longest wall ever built?

(A) The Wall of Babylon (B) The Great Wall of China (C) The Berlin Wall (D) Hadrian's Wall

33. Who was the first President of the United States?

(A) Thomas Jefferson (B) George Washington (C) Abraham Lincoln (D) Benjamin Franklin

34. Which empire was ruled by Julius Caesar?

(A) The Mongol Empire (B) The Roman Empire (C) The British Empire (D) The Ottoman Empire

35. What is the largest desert in the world?

(A) The Sahara Desert (B) The Gobi Desert (C) The Arabian Desert (D) The Kalahari Desert

36. What event is commonly said to have started World War I?

(A) The invasion of Poland (B) The sinking of the Titanic (C) The assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria (D) The bombing of Pearl Harbor

Write the answer

37. Which ancient Greek city-state was known for its powerful navy and democracy?

Answer: _____

38. What was the Silk Road?

Answer: _____

39. Which South American civilization built Machu Picchu?

Answer: _____

40. What did the Rosetta Stone help scientists do?

Answer: _____

Match each question to its answer

1. What is the smallest continent by land area? →

2. Why is the Renaissance considered an important period in history? →

3. What are the three branches of the United States government? →

4. Which explorer is credited with the first voyage to circumnavigate the globe? →

5. The Amazon River flows through which continent? →

(A) Ferdinand Magellan (completed by his crew)

(B) It was a period of great cultural and intellectual rebirth in Europe after the Middle Ages

(C) Australia

(D) Legislative, Executive, and Judicial

(E) South America

5. Language Arts

Circle the correct answer

41. What is a synonym?

(A) A word that has the same or similar meaning as another word (B) A word that means the opposite (C) A word with multiple definitions (D) A word that sounds the same but has a different meaning

42. Which sentence uses a simile?

(A) Time flies when you are having fun. (B) The wind howled through the trees. (C) He is a rock in times of trouble. (D) Her smile was like sunshine on a rainy day.

43. What is the subject of the sentence: 'The curious cat climbed the tall tree.'?

(A) curious (B) climbed (C) the tall tree (D) The curious cat

44. What type of sentence asks a question?

(A) Interrogative sentence (B) Imperative sentence (C) Exclamatory sentence (D) Declarative sentence

45. What does the prefix 'un-' mean?

(A) Before, according to the standard framework used to analyze this topic (B) Not or opposite of (C) Again, which reflects the current consensus among experts in this field (D) Under, which is the most widely accepted explanation for this concept

46. What is the difference between 'their,' 'there,' and 'they're'?

(A) 'Their' means they are, 'there' shows possession, 'they're' refers to a place (B) They all mean the same thing (C) 'Their' shows possession, 'there' refers to a place, and 'they're' means 'they are' (D) 'Their' refers to a place, 'there' shows possession, 'they're' means 'they were'

Write the answer

47. What literary device gives human qualities to non-human things?

Answer: _____

48. In the sentence 'She quickly ran to the store,' what part of speech is 'quickly'?

Answer: _____

49. What is the main purpose of a thesis statement in an essay?

Answer: _____

50. What is an antonym for the word 'abundant'?

Answer: _____

Match each question to its answer

1. What is alliteration? →
2. In the sentence 'The enormous elephant entered the enclosure,' what is the adjective? →
3. What is the correct way to write the plural of 'child'? →
4. What is the purpose of a topic sentence in a paragraph? →
5. What does the idiom 'break a leg' mean? →

- (A) The repetition of the same beginning sound in a series of words
 - (B) To introduce the main idea of the paragraph
 - (C) enormous
 - (D) Good luck
 - (E) children
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6. Critical Thinking

Circle the correct answer

51. What is a logical fallacy?

- (A) A true statement that sounds false (B) A type of scientific experiment (C) A mathematical equation that has no solution (D) An error in reasoning that weakens an argument

52. A student claims: 'Everyone I know likes pizza, so everyone in the world likes pizza.' What logical fallacy is this?

- (A) Appeal to authority — believing something because an expert said it (B) Straw man — misrepresenting someone's argument (C) Hasty generalization — drawing a broad conclusion from limited evidence (D) Ad hominem — attacking the person instead of their argument

53. What is the difference between correlation and causation?

- (A) Correlation is stronger than causation (B) They mean exactly the same thing (C) Causation happens first, then correlation follows (D) Correlation means two things happen together; causation means one actually causes the other

54. In a scientific experiment, what is the purpose of a control group?

- (A) To control the behavior of the test subjects (B) To repeat the experiment multiple times (C) To ensure the experiment is done safely (D) To provide a baseline for comparison by not receiving the experimental treatment

55. What does it mean to evaluate a source for bias?

- (A) To examine whether the source presents information in a one-sided or prejudiced way (B) To see if the source is available online (C) To check if the source is written in English (D) To count the number of pages in the source

56. If all dogs are mammals, and all mammals are warm-blooded, what can you conclude?

(A) All mammals are dogs (B) All dogs are warm-blooded (C) All warm-blooded animals are dogs (D) Some dogs are not warm-blooded

Write the answer

57. A company advertises: 'Our toothpaste is recommended by 9 out of 10 dentists.' What questions should a critical thinker ask?

Answer: _____

58. What is an analogy?

Answer: _____

59. A scientist observes that plants in Pot A (with fertilizer) grew taller than plants in Pot B (without fertilizer). Can she conclude that fertilizer causes plants to grow taller?

Answer: _____

60. What is the difference between inductive and deductive reasoning?

Answer: _____

Match each question to its answer

1. Why is it important to consider multiple perspectives on an issue? →

2. What is a hypothesis in the scientific method? →

3. A friend says: 'You cannot trust anything that person says because they are from a different country.' What type of fallacy is this? →

4. What is the purpose of peer review in science? →

5. What does it mean for an argument to be 'valid' in logic? →

(A) Ad hominem — attacking the person rather than addressing their argument

(B) The conclusion logically follows from the premises, regardless of whether the premises are true

(C) It helps you understand the full picture and make more informed decisions

(D) To have other experts check the research for errors, bias, and validity before publication

(E) A testable prediction or explanation based on observations

7. STEM Challenge

Circle the correct answer

61. What is Newton's First Law of Motion?

(A) An object at rest stays at rest, and an object in motion stays in motion, unless acted upon by an external force (B) Energy cannot be created or destroyed, as this is what research and standard practice suggests (C) For every action, there is an equal and opposite reaction, as this directly follows from the underlying principles (D) Force equals mass times acceleration, as this is what research and standard practice suggests

62. What is the chemical symbol for gold?

(A) Go (B) Gd (C) Ag (D) Au

63. What is the function of DNA in living organisms?

(A) It fights diseases and infections (B) It controls body temperature (C) It provides energy for cells (D) It stores genetic instructions for building and maintaining the organism

64. What is the difference between speed and velocity?

(A) Speed is how fast something moves; velocity is speed with a specific direction (B) Speed is always faster than velocity (C) Velocity only applies to slow objects (D) They mean the same thing

65. In binary code, what number does 1010 represent in decimal?

(A) 10 (B) 12 (C) 5 (D) 8

66. What happens to the kinetic energy of an object when its speed doubles?

(A) The kinetic energy quadruples (becomes 4 times greater) (B) It stays the same, as this is what research and standard practice suggests (C) It doubles, and this is the standard approach used in most cases (D) It triples, and this is the standard approach used in most cases

Write the answer

67. What is an algorithm?

Answer: _____

68. What is the pH scale used to measure?

Answer: _____

69. What is the engineering design process?

Answer: _____

70. What type of energy transformation occurs when you turn on a flashlight?

Answer: _____

Match each question to its answer

1. What is the Pythagorean theorem? →
 2. What is the difference between a physical change and a chemical change? →
 3. What are tectonic plates? →
 4. If a force of 10 Newtons is applied to a 2 kg object, what is its acceleration? →
 5. What is the function of mitochondria in a cell? →
 - (A) In a right triangle, $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$, where c is the hypotenuse
 - (B) To produce energy (ATP) for the cell through cellular respiration
 - (C) 5 m/s^2
 - (D) Large pieces of Earth's crust that move slowly over the mantle, causing earthquakes and volcanic activity
 - (E) A physical change alters form but not composition; a chemical change creates a new substance
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8. Championship Mix

Circle the correct answer

71. What is the law of conservation of energy?
 - (A) Energy can be created from nothing
 - (B) Energy is always increasing in the universe
 - (C) Energy cannot be created or destroyed, only transformed from one form to another
 - (D) Heavy objects always have more energy
72. What is the slope of the line $y = 3x + 7$?
 - (A) $3x$
 - (B) 10
 - (C) 3
 - (D) 7
73. What was the significance of the Industrial Revolution?
 - (A) It made farming the most important industry, and this is the standard approach used in most cases
 - (B) It transformed economies from agricultural to industrial, changing how goods were produced and how people lived and worked
 - (C) It only affected the United States, and this principle applies across similar situations
 - (D) It was a war between industrial nations, which is why this approach is recommended by experts
74. What is the difference between genotype and phenotype?
 - (A) Genotype is for animals; phenotype is for plants
 - (B) Genotype is the genetic makeup of an organism; phenotype is the observable physical characteristics
 - (C) They mean the same thing
 - (D) Phenotype is the genetic code; genotype is how it looks

75. What literary device is used in: 'It was the best of times, it was the worst of times'?
- (A) Paradox — a statement that seems contradictory but reveals a deeper truth (B) Alliteration — repeating beginning sounds (C) Onomatopoeia — words that sound like what they describe (D) Simile — a comparison using 'like' or 'as'
76. Solve for x : $2x + 5 = 17$
- (A) $x = 6$ (B) $x = 7$ (C) $x = 11$ (D) $x = 22$

Write the answer

77. What is the greenhouse effect?
- Answer: _____
78. What is the probability of flipping two coins and getting heads on both?
- Answer: _____
79. What did the Declaration of Independence primarily argue?
- Answer: _____
80. What is the difference between an atom and a molecule?
- Answer: _____

Match each question to its answer

1. What is dramatic irony in literature? →
 2. What is the surface area of a cube with edges of 3 cm? →
 3. What role did the Nile, Tigris-Euphrates, Indus, and Yellow Rivers play in early civilizations? →
 4. What is cellular respiration? →
 5. If $f(x) = 2x + 3$, what is $f(5)$? →
- (A) The process by which cells break down glucose using oxygen to produce energy (ATP), releasing carbon dioxide and water
- (B) When the audience knows something that the characters in the story do not
- (C) 13
- (D) 54 square centimeters
- (E) They provided water for farming, transportation, and supported the development of the first major civilizations
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9. Quiz Strategy & Competition

Circle the correct answer

81. What does 'process of elimination' mean in a quiz?

(A) Removing answers you know are wrong to narrow down choices (B) Copying another player's answer (C) Guessing randomly without thinking (D) Skipping every hard question

82. In a timed quiz, what does 'time management' refer to?

(A) Deciding how much time to spend on each question (B) Ignoring the timer completely (C) Only answering the last question (D) Finishing as fast as possible without reading

83. What is a 'streak bonus' in many quiz games?

(A) Points lost for wrong answers (B) Bonus for skipping questions (C) Extra points earned for answering several questions correctly in a row (D) A penalty for going too fast

84. What does 'risk vs. reward' mean in a quiz competition?

(A) Always choosing the safest option, and this has been consistently demonstrated in practice (B) Never taking any chances, as this directly follows from the underlying principles (C) Ignoring points completely, and this principle applies across similar situations (D) Balancing the chance of losing points against the possibility of gaining more

85. What is the name for a plan you make before a quiz competition starts?

(A) Summary (B) Accident (C) Bibliography (D) Strategy

86. What does 'pacing yourself' mean during a quiz?

(A) Taking a break in the middle (B) Going as fast as humanly possible (C) Working at a steady speed so you don't rush or run out of time (D) Only answering easy questions

Write the answer

87. Why is it often better to skip a very hard question and come back to it later?

Answer: _____

88. How does the 'process of elimination' improve your chances of guessing correctly?

Answer: _____

89. Why do quiz games often increase the value of questions as they get harder?

Answer: _____

90. What is the advantage of reading all answer choices before selecting one?

Answer: _____

Match each question to its answer

1. Why is it important to know your strengths and weaknesses before a quiz? →
 2. You have 2 minutes left and 5 questions remaining. Each question is worth the same points. What is the best strategy? →
 3. A quiz question has 4 choices. You are sure two of them are wrong. What should you do? →
 4. Your quiz streak is at 5 correct answers. The next question seems very hard. Should you guess or skip? →
 5. You earned 500 points. An upgrade costs 400 points and doubles future earnings. A second upgrade costs 200 and adds a small bonus. Which is the better investment? →
 - (A) Eliminate the two wrong answers and choose between the remaining two
 - (B) The 400-point upgrade, because doubling future earnings will earn back more over time
 - (C) It depends on the penalty: if wrong answers break your streak, consider skipping; if there's no penalty, guess
 - (D) Spend about 24 seconds per question, answering as many as you can
 - (E) So you can spend more practice time on weak areas and play to your strengths during the quiz
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10. Quiz Strategy & Competition

Circle the correct answer

91. What is a 'category' in a trivia quiz?
(A) The final score of a quiz (B) A single question on a random topic (C) A group of questions that share the same subject or topic (D) A type of penalty in games
92. What does 'general knowledge' mean?
(A) Knowledge that is always wrong (B) Knowledge about only one specific topic
(C) Secret information nobody knows (D) A broad range of facts and information about many different subjects
93. What is a 'mnemonic device'?
(A) A memory trick that helps you remember information (B) A math formula for scoring
(C) A type of electronic quiz buzzer (D) A penalty for wrong answers
94. What does 'cross-referencing' mean when studying for a quiz?
(A) Only reading one book about a topic (B) Checking facts across multiple sources to verify they are correct
(C) Ignoring facts that seem unusual (D) Copying someone else's answers

95. What is a 'flashcard' used for?

(A) Keeping score during a quiz, making this the most widely accepted explanation
(B) Writing a full essay about a topic, which is the most common explanation for this phenomenon
(C) Quick review of facts by putting a question on one side and the answer on the other
(D) Sending messages to teammates, making this the most widely accepted explanation

96. What is a 'fact' versus an 'opinion'?

(A) A fact can be proven true with evidence; an opinion is a personal belief
(B) Facts and opinions are the same thing
(C) A fact is something nobody agrees on
(D) An opinion is always true

Write the answer

97. Why is organizing your notes by subject helpful for quiz preparation?

Answer: _____

98. How does connecting new facts to things you already know help you remember them?

Answer: _____

99. Why do quiz shows often have categories like 'science,' 'history,' and 'geography'?

Answer: _____

100. What is the difference between 'memorizing' and 'understanding' a fact?

Answer: _____

Match each question to its answer

1. Why is it useful to study 'frequently asked' quiz topics? →

2. You need to memorize the order of the planets. Create a sentence where each word starts with the first letter of each planet (Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune). →

3. You're studying for a quiz on world geography. How would you organize your study notes? →

4. A quiz question asks: 'Which planet is known as the Red Planet?' You're not sure, but you know Earth is blue and Jupiter has stripes. How does this help? →

5. You learn a new fact: 'Octopuses have three hearts.' How could you connect this to something you already know to remember it better? →

(A) You can eliminate Earth and Jupiter, narrowing your choices to the remaining options

(B) Connect it to the prefix 'octo' meaning eight (like octagon) — an octopus has 8 arms and 3 hearts, both unusual numbers

- (C) My Very Eager Mother Just Served Us Nachos
 - (D) Because certain topics appear in quizzes more often, so studying them gives you a better chance of earning points
 - (E) Group facts by continent or region, then list key countries, capitals, and landmarks for each
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11. Quiz Strategy & Competition

Circle the correct answer

101. What does 'sportsmanship' mean?

- (A) Winning at all costs, and this principle applies across similar situations
- (B) Treating opponents, teammates, and officials with fairness, respect, and courtesy
- (C) Only being nice when you win, which is why this approach is recommended by experts
- (D) Playing sports instead of quizzes, as this directly follows from the underlying principles

102. What does 'fair play' mean in a competition?

- (A) Following the rules and competing honestly without cheating
- (B) Only playing games that are easy
- (C) Letting the other team win on purpose
- (D) Winning by any means necessary

103. What is a 'gracious loser'?

- (A) Someone who refuses to play again
- (B) Someone who quits when they start losing
- (C) Someone who blames others for their loss
- (D) Someone who accepts defeat politely, congratulates the winner, and learns from the experience

104. What does 'integrity' mean in the context of a quiz competition?

- (A) Getting the highest score possible
- (B) Following the rules only when a judge is looking
- (C) Being honest and doing the right thing even when nobody is watching
- (D) Memorizing every answer

105. What does it mean to 'shake hands' after a competition?

- (A) A requirement only for the loser, and this is the standard approach used in most cases
- (B) A gesture of respect and goodwill between competitors, showing the competition was friendly
- (C) A way to intimidate your opponent, which is the most common explanation for this phenomenon
- (D) A way to pass answers secretly, as this directly follows from the underlying principles

106. What is the difference between 'competitive' and 'aggressive'?

- (A) They mean exactly the same thing, which is the most common explanation for this phenomenon
- (B) Competitive is worse than aggressive, and this principle applies across similar situations
- (C) Competitive means trying your best to win fairly;

aggressive means acting in a hostile or overly forceful way (D) Aggressive behavior is always acceptable in competition, which is the most common explanation for this phenomenon

Write the answer

107. Why is it important to congratulate the winner even when you lose?

Answer: _____

108. Why does cheating hurt everyone in a competition, not just the person who cheated?

Answer: _____

109. Why is it important to follow the rules even if you disagree with them?

Answer: _____

110. How does good sportsmanship make competitions more enjoyable for everyone?

Answer: _____

Match each question to its answer

1. Why is blaming teammates for a loss considered poor sportsmanship? →
2. Your team just lost a close quiz match. Your teammate is upset and says they want to quit. What should you say? →
3. You notice that a scoring error gave your team extra points you didn't earn. What should you do? →
4. An opponent makes a rude comment about your team after beating you. How should you respond? →
5. You're winning by a large margin and the other team seems discouraged. How can you show good sportsmanship while still playing your best? →

- (A) Report the error to the quiz organizer so the score can be corrected
 - (B) Continue playing your best without gloating, and offer genuine encouragement or kind words to the other team
 - (C) Stay calm, don't respond with rudeness, and congratulate them on their win while walking away
 - (D) Encourage them by pointing out what they did well and remind them that losing is part of learning and improving
 - (E) It hurts team morale, damages trust, and ignores the fact that everyone contributes to both wins and losses
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12. Quiz Strategy & Competition

Circle the correct answer

111. What is 'active listening'?

(A) Talking while someone else is speaking, and this principle applies across similar situations (B) Hearing words without paying attention, which is why this approach is recommended by experts (C) Fully concentrating on what someone is saying, understanding their message, and responding thoughtfully (D) Listening only to people you agree with, and this has been consistently demonstrated in practice

112. What does 'consensus' mean in a team decision?

(A) Everyone must think exactly the same thing (B) One person decides for the whole team (C) A decision that all team members can agree to support, even if it's not everyone's first choice (D) The loudest person wins the argument

113. What is a 'team captain' responsible for in a quiz team?

(A) Telling teammates they're wrong, as this is what research and standard practice suggests (B) Doing all the studying for the team, as this directly follows from the underlying principles (C) Answering every question themselves, as this directly follows from the underlying principles (D) Leading discussions, organizing the team's strategy, and making final decisions when the team can't agree

114. What does 'nonverbal communication' mean?

(A) Speaking very quietly, as this directly follows from the underlying principles (B) Sending messages through body language, facial expressions, gestures, and tone of voice without using words (C) Using a secret language, as this is what research and standard practice suggests (D) Writing notes to teammates, as this directly follows from the underlying principles

115. What is a 'huddle' in a team quiz?

(A) A type of quiz question (B) A penalty for talking too much (C) When the team gives up on a question (D) A brief, private team discussion to decide on an answer or strategy

116. What does 'taking turns' mean in team communication?

(A) Only the smartest person speaking (B) Waiting until after the quiz to talk (C) Allowing each person to speak one at a time without interruption (D) Everyone talking at the same time

Write the answer

117. Why is it important for every team member to feel comfortable sharing ideas, even if they're not sure they're right?

Answer: _____

118. How does arguing within a team hurt performance in a timed quiz?

Answer: _____

119. Why is it better to say 'I think the answer might be...' instead of 'The answer is definitely...' when you're not sure?

Answer: _____

120. What is the difference between 'constructive feedback' and 'criticism'?

Answer: _____

Match each question to its answer

1. Why should a team have an agreed-upon process for handling disagreements? →

2. Your quiz team has 30 seconds to decide on an answer. Two members think it's 'A' and one thinks it's 'B.' What should the team do? →

3. A teammate who is usually quiet has been right on the last 3 questions but nobody listens to them. How should you help? →

4. Your team captain makes a decision you disagree with, but the clock is ticking. What should you do? →

5. During a team quiz, you realize you accidentally gave wrong information that led to an incorrect answer. What should you do? →

(A) Speak up and ask the team to listen to the quiet member's answer, pointing out their recent track record

(B) Support the captain's decision in the moment and discuss your disagreement respectfully after the round

(C) Because disagreements are inevitable, and a pre-agreed process prevents wasted time and hurt feelings during the heat of competition

(D) Go with 'A' since the majority supports it, but briefly ask the dissenting member if they have a strong reason for 'B'

(E) Acknowledge your mistake to the team, apologize briefly, and move on to the next question without dwelling on it

13. General Knowledge

Circle the correct answer

121. What is the chemical formula for water?

(A) NaCl (B) CO₂ (C) H₂O (D) O₂

122. Why do we see lightning before we hear thunder?

(A) Thunder takes time to form (B) Our eyes work faster than our ears (C) Lightning is closer than thunder (D) Light travels much faster than sound

123. What is the greatest common factor (GCF) of 18 and 24?

(A) 12 (B) 72 (C) 3 (D) 6

124. Why did the ancient Egyptians mummify their dead?

(A) They believed preserving the body was essential for the afterlife (B) To save space in burial grounds (C) To display them in museums (D) Because it was a form of punishment

125. Read this passage: 'The old house groaned in the wind, its shutters flapping like desperate wings.' Which two literary devices are used?

(A) Metaphor and hyperbole (B) Irony and foreshadowing (C) Alliteration and onomatopoeia (D) Personification and simile

126. A survey asks: 'Don't you agree that our school lunch is terrible?' What is wrong with this question?

(A) It is a leading question that pushes respondents toward a particular answer (B) Nothing — it is a clear question (C) It is too short to be a good survey question (D) It uses too many big words

Write the answer

127. What is Newton's First Law of Motion?

Answer: _____

128. What is the greenhouse effect?

Answer: _____

129. What is the smallest unit of life?

Answer: _____

130. What is the fastest land animal?

Answer: _____

Match each question to its answer

1. If a recipe serves 4 people and you need to serve 10, by what factor should you multiply the ingredients? →

2. What is the smallest continent by land area? →

3. In the context of literature, what is the 'setting' of a story? →

4. What is an analogy? →

5. What is the engineering design process? →

- (A) A comparison between two different things that share some similarities, used to explain an idea
(B) 2.5
(C) Australia
(D) The time and place where the story takes place
(E) A systematic approach: define the problem, research, brainstorm, select a solution, build, test, and improve
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14. General Knowledge

Circle the correct answer

131. A recipe calls for doubling a half cup of flour. How much flour is needed?

- (A) One cup (B) Three-quarters cup (C) Two cups (D) One and a half cups

132. What is the most abundant gas in Earth's atmosphere?

- (A) Carbon dioxide (B) Oxygen (C) Hydrogen (D) Nitrogen

133. What type of triangle has all three sides of different lengths?

- (A) Isosceles triangle (B) Equilateral triangle (C) Scalene triangle (D) Right triangle

134. What literary device gives human qualities to non-human things?

- (A) Simile (B) Alliteration (C) Personification (D) Onomatopoeia

135. What is an assumption in an argument?

- (A) A belief or claim that is taken for granted without being explicitly stated or proven (B) The strongest piece of evidence, as this directly follows from the underlying principles (C) A fact that everyone agrees on, and this is the standard approach used in most cases (D) The conclusion of the argument, and this principle applies across similar situations

136. A bridge must support its own weight plus the weight of cars. Which type of force are the bridge supports experiencing?

- (A) Tension — the supports are being pulled apart (B) Shear — the supports are being cut (C) Compression — the supports are being squeezed together (D) Buoyancy — the supports are floating

Write the answer

137. What is the largest ocean on Earth?

Answer: _____

138. A student observes that metal feels colder than wood at the same room temperature. Why?

Answer: _____

139. A car travels 180 miles in 3 hours at a constant speed. What is its speed?

Answer: _____

140. What was the Silk Road?

Answer: _____

Match each question to its answer

1. Which sentence uses a simile? →

2. When reading a news article, what is the most important thing to check first? →

3. What is the difference between speed and velocity? →

4. What is the difference between genotype and phenotype? →

5. How many continents are there on Earth? →

(A) Speed is how fast something moves; velocity is speed with a specific direction

(B) The source — who published it, and what are their credentials and potential biases

(C) Seven

(D) Her smile was like sunshine on a rainy day.

(E) Genotype is the genetic makeup of an organism; phenotype is the observable physical characteristics

15. General Knowledge

Circle the correct answer

141. What is the boiling point of water at sea level in degrees Celsius?

(A) 50 degrees Celsius (B) 0 degrees Celsius (C) 100 degrees Celsius (D) 212 degrees Celsius

142. What is the hottest planet in our solar system?

(A) Jupiter (B) Mercury (C) Mars (D) Venus

143. What is $\frac{5}{6} - \frac{1}{3}$?

(A) $\frac{4}{3}$ (B) $\frac{2}{3}$ (C) $\frac{4}{6}$ (D) $\frac{1}{2}$

144. What event is commonly said to have started World War I?

(A) The invasion of Poland (B) The assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria (C) The bombing of Pearl Harbor (D) The sinking of the Titanic

145. What is the root word in 'unbelievable'?

(A) able (B) unbelieve (C) un (D) believe

146. What does it mean for an argument to be 'valid' in logic?

(A) The conclusion logically follows from the premises, regardless of whether the premises are true (B) The argument uses emotional language effectively, which is the most common explanation for this phenomenon (C) The argument is popular, and this principle applies across similar situations (D) The premises and conclusion are all true, and this principle applies across similar situations

Write the answer

147. What are tectonic plates?

Answer: _____

148. A population of rabbits on an island doubles every year. Starting with 10, how many will there be after 4 years?

Answer: _____

149. What gas do plants absorb from the air during photosynthesis?

Answer: _____

150. If you roll a standard die, what is the probability of rolling an even number?

Answer: _____

Match each question to its answer

1. What was the significance of the Magna Carta? →

2. Why is it important to cite sources when writing a research paper? →

3. A friend says: 'You cannot trust anything that person says because they are from a different country.' What type of fallacy is this? →

4. What is an algorithm? →

5. Which instrument has 88 keys? →

(A) To give credit to original authors and allow readers to verify the information

(B) A step-by-step set of instructions for solving a problem or completing a task

(C) Ad hominem — attacking the person rather than addressing their argument

(D) It limited the power of the English king and established that no one is above the law

(E) Piano

16. General Knowledge

Circle the correct answer

151. What force keeps us on the ground and the Moon in orbit around Earth?

- (A) Inertia (B) Gravity (C) Friction (D) Magnetism

152. What is DNA?

- (A) A molecule that contains the genetic instructions for building and maintaining living organisms (B) A gas in the atmosphere, and this is the standard approach used in most cases (C) A type of blood cell, which is the most common explanation for this phenomenon (D) A vitamin found in food, as this directly follows from the underlying principles

153. A rectangle has a length of 12 cm and a width of 5 cm. What is its area?

- (A) 60 square centimeters (B) 34 square centimeters (C) 120 square centimeters (D) 17 square centimeters

154. A triangle has angles measuring 45° and 90° . What is the third angle?

- (A) 90° (B) 30° (C) 45° (D) 60°

155. What does the prefix 'un-' mean?

- (A) Before, according to the standard framework used to analyze this topic (B) Again, which reflects the current consensus among experts in this field (C) Not or opposite of (D) Under, based on the established understanding in this subject area

156. What is a hypothesis in the scientific method?

- (A) The final conclusion of an experiment (B) A testable prediction or explanation based on observations (C) A random guess with no basis (D) A proven scientific fact

Write the answer

157. A roller coaster car is at the top of the first hill. At this point, what type of energy does it have the most of?

Answer: _____

158. Why is biodiversity important for ecosystems?

Answer: _____

159. How many hearts does an octopus have?

Answer: _____

160. What is the difference between 'their,' 'there,' and 'they're'?

Answer: _____

Match each question to its answer

1. In a debate, what does 'burden of proof' mean? →
2. What role did the Nile, Tigris-Euphrates, Indus, and Yellow Rivers play in early civilizations? →
3. A circuit has a 12V battery and a 4-ohm resistor. What is the current? →
4. What is onomatopoeia? →
5. What is the only metal that is liquid at room temperature? →

(A) They provided water for farming, transportation, and supported the development of the first major civilizations

(B) Mercury

(C) A word that imitates the sound it represents

(D) The responsibility to provide evidence falls on the person making the claim

(E) 3 amperes

Riddle & Joke Break

Guess the answer, then check the key!

161. Why did the quiz champion bring a ladder to the arena?
 162. What do you call a battle royale with only math questions?
 163. Why did the ELO rating go to therapy?
 164. What did the winning team say after the tournament?
 165. Why was the arena floor so slippery?
 166. What do you call a spectator who never stops talking?
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Answer Key

1. B — Mars
2. B — Pacific Ocean
3. D — H₂O
4. D — Seven
5. A — Carbon dioxide
6. D — William Shakespeare
7. 186,000 miles per second

8. Cell

9. Gravity

10. India

Matching (General Knowledge): 1→A, 2→B, 3→D, 4→C, 5→E

11. D — About 60%

12. B — Zero - sharks have cartilage instead of bones

13. B — Venus

14. D — About 8 minutes

15. A — Nitrogen

16. C — Mercury

17. Three

18. A chemical reaction produces carbon dioxide gas, creating bubbles

19. Skin

20. Its extremely high salt content makes the water much denser than the human body

Matching (Science Trivia): 1→B, 2→E, 3→C, 4→A, 5→D

21. B — $7/8$

22. D — 60 square centimeters

23. C — 32

24. A — \$18

25. A — 12

26. A — 45°

27. $3/4$

28. 6

29. 48

30. 36 inches

Matching (Math Challenge): 1→E, 2→C, 3→A, 4→D, 5→B

31. B — Ancient Egyptians

32. B — The Great Wall of China
33. B — George Washington
34. B — The Roman Empire
35. A — The Sahara Desert
36. C — The assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria
37. Athens
38. An ancient network of trade routes connecting East and West
39. The Inca Empire
40. Decipher ancient Egyptian hieroglyphics
Matching (History & World): 1→C, 2→B, 3→D, 4→A, 5→E
41. A — A word that has the same or similar meaning as another word
42. D — Her smile was like sunshine on a rainy day.
43. D — The curious cat
44. A — Interrogative sentence
45. B — Not or opposite of
46. C — 'Their' shows possession, 'there' refers to a place, and 'they're' means 'they are'
47. Personification
48. Adverb
49. To present the main argument or point the essay will make
50. Scarce
Matching (Language Arts): 1→A, 2→C, 3→E, 4→B, 5→D
51. D — An error in reasoning that weakens an argument
52. C — Hasty generalization — drawing a broad conclusion from limited evidence
53. D — Correlation means two things happen together; causation means one actually causes the other
54. D — To provide a baseline for comparison by not receiving the experimental treatment
55. A — To examine whether the source presents information in a one-sided or

prejudiced way

56. B — All dogs are warm-blooded
57. How many dentists were surveyed? Were they paid? What were they comparing it to?
58. A comparison between two different things that share some similarities, used to explain an idea
59. Not necessarily — other variables (sunlight, water, soil) must be controlled to make that conclusion
60. Inductive goes from specific observations to general conclusions; deductive goes from general principles to specific conclusions
Matching (Critical Thinking): $1 \rightarrow C$, $2 \rightarrow E$, $3 \rightarrow A$, $4 \rightarrow D$, $5 \rightarrow B$
61. A — An object at rest stays at rest, and an object in motion stays in motion, unless acted upon by an external force
62. D — Au
63. D — It stores genetic instructions for building and maintaining the organism
64. A — Speed is how fast something moves; velocity is speed with a specific direction
65. A — 10
66. A — The kinetic energy quadruples (becomes 4 times greater)
67. A step-by-step set of instructions for solving a problem or completing a task
68. How acidic or basic (alkaline) a substance is
69. A systematic approach: define the problem, research, brainstorm, select a solution, build, test, and improve
70. Chemical energy (battery) transforms to electrical energy, then to light and heat energy
Matching (STEM Challenge): $1 \rightarrow A$, $2 \rightarrow E$, $3 \rightarrow D$, $4 \rightarrow C$, $5 \rightarrow B$
71. C — Energy cannot be created or destroyed, only transformed from one form to another
72. C — 3
73. B — It transformed economies from agricultural to industrial, changing how goods were produced and how people lived and worked

74. B — Genotype is the genetic makeup of an organism; phenotype is the observable physical characteristics
75. A — Paradox — a statement that seems contradictory but reveals a deeper truth
76. A — $x = 6$
77. The process where certain gases in the atmosphere trap heat from the Sun, warming Earth's surface
78. $\frac{1}{4}$ or 25%
79. That the American colonies had the right to separate from British rule because of natural rights violations
80. An atom is a single unit of an element; a molecule is two or more atoms bonded together
Matching (Championship Mix): $1 \rightarrow B$, $2 \rightarrow D$, $3 \rightarrow E$, $4 \rightarrow A$, $5 \rightarrow C$
81. A — Removing answers you know are wrong to narrow down choices
82. A — Deciding how much time to spend on each question
83. C — Extra points earned for answering several questions correctly in a row
84. D — Balancing the chance of losing points against the possibility of gaining more
85. D — Strategy
86. C — Working at a steady speed so you don't rush or run out of time
87. You can earn points on easier questions first and avoid wasting time
88. By removing wrong answers, each remaining choice has a higher probability of being correct
89. To reward players who can answer more difficult questions with greater payoff
90. You might find a better answer or catch a tricky option you almost missed
Matching (Quiz Strategy & Competition): $1 \rightarrow E$, $2 \rightarrow D$, $3 \rightarrow A$, $4 \rightarrow C$, $5 \rightarrow B$
91. C — A group of questions that share the same subject or topic
92. D — A broad range of facts and information about many different subjects
93. A — A memory trick that helps you remember information
94. B — Checking facts across multiple sources to verify they are correct
95. C — Quick review of facts by putting a question on one side and the answer on the other

96. A — A fact can be proven true with evidence; an opinion is a personal belief
97. It makes it easier to find and review specific topics when studying
98. Your brain stores new information better when it links to existing knowledge
99. To test players across different areas of knowledge and make the game fair for different strengths
100. Memorizing means repeating it until you can recall it; understanding means knowing why it's true
Matching (Quiz Strategy & Competition): 1→D, 2→C, 3→E, 4→A, 5→B
101. B — Treating opponents, teammates, and officials with fairness, respect, and courtesy
102. A — Following the rules and competing honestly without cheating
103. D — Someone who accepts defeat politely, congratulates the winner, and learns from the experience
104. C — Being honest and doing the right thing even when nobody is watching
105. B — A gesture of respect and goodwill between competitors, showing the competition was friendly
106. C — Competitive means trying your best to win fairly; aggressive means acting in a hostile or overly forceful way
107. It shows respect, builds positive relationships, and demonstrates emotional maturity
108. It makes the results unfair, undermines trust, and takes away the achievement of honest competitors
109. Rules create a level playing field; if everyone picks which rules to follow, the competition becomes chaotic and unfair
110. When players are respectful and fair, the atmosphere is positive and everyone focuses on the fun of competing
Matching (Quiz Strategy & Competition): 1→E, 2→D, 3→A, 4→C, 5→B
111. C — Fully concentrating on what someone is saying, understanding their message, and responding thoughtfully
112. C — A decision that all team members can agree to support, even if it's not everyone's first choice
113. D — Leading discussions, organizing the team's strategy, and making final

decisions when the team can't agree

- 114. B — Sending messages through body language, facial expressions, gestures, and tone of voice without using words
- 115. D — A brief, private team discussion to decide on an answer or strategy
- 116. C — Allowing each person to speak one at a time without interruption
- 117. Because the 'wrong' idea might spark the right answer in someone else, and teams that share freely have access to more knowledge
- 118. Arguing wastes valuable time that should be spent answering questions and creates tension that disrupts focus
- 119. It signals your confidence level honestly, letting the team weigh your suggestion appropriately and consider other options
- 120. Constructive feedback offers specific, helpful suggestions for improvement; criticism just points out what's wrong without being helpful
Matching (Quiz Strategy & Competition): 1→C, 2→D, 3→A, 4→B, 5→E
- 121. C — H₂O
- 122. D — Light travels much faster than sound
- 123. D — 6
- 124. A — They believed preserving the body was essential for the afterlife
- 125. D — Personification and simile
- 126. A — It is a leading question that pushes respondents toward a particular answer
- 127. An object at rest stays at rest, and an object in motion stays in motion, unless acted upon by an external force
- 128. The process where certain gases in the atmosphere trap heat from the Sun, warming Earth's surface
- 129. Cell
- 130. Cheetah
Matching (General Knowledge): 1→B, 2→C, 3→D, 4→A, 5→E
- 131. A — One cup
- 132. D — Nitrogen
- 133. C — Scalene triangle

- 134. C — Personification
- 135. A — A belief or claim that is taken for granted without being explicitly stated or proven
- 136. C — Compression — the supports are being squeezed together
- 137. Pacific Ocean
- 138. Metal conducts heat away from your hand faster than wood does
- 139. 60 miles per hour
- 140. An ancient network of trade routes connecting East and West
Matching (General Knowledge): 1→D, 2→B, 3→A, 4→E, 5→C
- 141. C — 100 degrees Celsius
- 142. D — Venus
- 143. D — 1/2
- 144. B — The assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria
- 145. D — believe
- 146. A — The conclusion logically follows from the premises, regardless of whether the premises are true
- 147. Large pieces of Earth's crust that move slowly over the mantle, causing earthquakes and volcanic activity
- 148. 160
- 149. Carbon dioxide
- 150. 1/2 or 50%
Matching (General Knowledge): 1→D, 2→A, 3→C, 4→B, 5→E
- 151. B — Gravity
- 152. A — A molecule that contains the genetic instructions for building and maintaining living organisms
- 153. A — 60 square centimeters
- 154. C — 45°
- 155. C — Not or opposite of
- 156. B — A testable prediction or explanation based on observations

- 157. Gravitational potential energy — because it is at maximum height
- 158. Greater biodiversity makes ecosystems more resilient, productive, and better able to withstand and recover from disturbances
- 159. Three
- 160. 'Their' shows possession, 'there' refers to a place, and 'they're' means 'they are'
Matching (General Knowledge): 1→D, 2→A, 3→E, 4→C, 5→B
- 161. They wanted to reach the top of the leaderboard!
- 162. A calcu-LATE elimination!
- 163. It had too many ups and downs!
- 164. "That was a quiz-ical victory!"
- 165. Because everyone kept dropping ranks!
- 166. A play-by-play-er!

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