

## **Sport Questions**

1. How many English football teams got through this week to the quarter finals of the Champions League?

*Four*

2. Who is the vice-captain of the England cricket team?

*Alistair Cook*

3. Who is Britain's highest-ranked female tennis player?

*Anna Keothavong*

4. How has Ross Brawn been in the sporting news recently?

*Taken over a Formula One team, renaming it Brawn GP*

5. Which football team plays its home matches at Easter Road?

*Hibernian*

6. In which sport are England one of the teams currently competing in the women's World Cup?

*Cricket*

7. What extra positions does a rugby union team have that a rugby league team doesn't have?

*Two flankers/wing forwards*

8. Which athlete won the men's 60m at the European Indoor championships at the weekend?

*Dwain Chambers*

9. Who was the last Englishman to manage a team to win the top flight in English football?

*Howard Wilkinson, with Leeds in 1991-92 season*

10. What is the lowest possible darts score that can't be achieved with a single dart?

*23*

## Science and Nature Questions

1. For what is H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> the chemical symbol?

*Sulphuric acid*

2. Who discovered penicillin?

*Alexander Fleming*

3. Which member of the crow family has the Latin name pica pica?

*Magpie*

4. How many planets are there in our solar system?

*Eight (Pluto is no longer recognised as a full planet)*

5. How many people have walked on the moon?

*Twelve*

6. Where in your body is your septum?

*Nose*

7. What temperature has the same value in Celsius and Fahrenheit?

*-40*

8. What do you constantly do if you suffer from autophagia?

*Bite yourself*

9. What is a googol?

*1 followed by 100 zeroes*

10. What is the difference between a venom and a poison?

*Venom is injected by biting or stinging*

## Arts and Literature Questions

1. Who painted the Hay Wain?

*John Constable*

2. Which novel won the Man Booker Prize in 2008?

*The White Tiger*

3. What were the first names of Gilbert and Sullivan, who wrote comic operettas towards the end of the nineteenth century?

*William and Arthur*

4. How many novels did Jane Austen write?

*Six*

5. In what year did the Tate Modern gallery open in London?

*2000*

6. What is the surname of the children in *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*?

*Pevensie*

7. There are seven nine-lettered, one-syllable words in the English language. Name one of them.

*Screeched, scratched, scrounged, scrunched, stretched, straights and strengths*

8. Which everyday phrase is French for 'bottom of the bag'?

*Cul-de-sac*

9. What is the oldest national newspaper in England?

*The Times*

10. Which poem begins with the line, "I wandered lonely as a cloud"?

*Daffodils, William Wordsworth*

## Geography

1. Which ones hang down - Stalagmites or stalactites?

*Stalactite*

2. What's the longest river in Britain called?

Severn

3. What are rocks called if they are created by Volcanoes

*Igneous*

4. What is the rock formation called Uluru more commonly known as?

*Ayres Rock*

5. What is the height of Niagara Falls?

*167 ft, 52m*

6. In which continent is the capital city of Wellington found?

*Australasia*

7. Which country has the largest population in the world?

*China*

8. How many Pyramids are there in Egypt?

*138*

9. The Great Wall of China is visible from the Moon; True or False?

*False*

10. How many islands is Japan made up of?

*3000*

## History

1. What year was the Magna Carta Signed?

*1215*

2. Which of Henry VIII's wives gave birth to Elizabeth I?

*Anne Boleyn*

3. In which year did Columbus reach the Americas for the first time?

*1492*

4. When Edward VII abdicated the throne in 1936, who did he then marry?

*Wallis Simpson*

5. What Russian cleric was poisoned, shot and finally drowned on December 30, 1916?

*Rasputin*

6. Who was the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic?

*Amelia Earhart*

7. How long did the war in Vietnam last?

*16 years - 1959 – 1975*

8. What year did John Cadbury open his first chocolate shop?

*1824*

9. Who was the last private owner of Weoley Castle?

*James Coddington Ledsam*

10. Which huge circle of stone was built on the Salisbury plain over 2000 years ago?

*Stonehenge*