# Hard Trivia

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**1. Which is the only letter that does not appear in the name of any U.S. state?**

**A.** J **B.** Q **C.** X **D.** Z

**2. Which element has the chemical symbol K?**

**A.** Phosphorus **B.** Krypton **C.** Calcium **D.** Potassium

**3. Which planet spins on its side?**

**A.** Uranus **B.** Saturn **C.** Venus **D.** Neptune

**4. Who composed the piano sonata known as the “Moonlight Sonata”?**

**A.** Frédéric Chopin **B.** Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
**C.** Ludwig van Beethoven **D.** Johann Sebastian Bach

**5. In what year did the Berlin Wall fall?**

**A.** 1985 **B.** 1991 **C.** 1989 **D.** 1979

**6. What is the longest bone in the human body?**

**A.** Fibula **B.** Femur **C.** Humerus **D.** Tibia

**7. Which country has the most lakes?**

**A.** Finland **B.** Canada **C.** United States **D.** Russia

**8. What is the smallest country in the world?**

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

**9. Which gas makes up most of Earth’s atmosphere?**

**A.** Nitrogen **B.** Carbon dioxide
**C.** Argon **D.** Oxygen

**10. Who wrote the novel “One Hundred Years of Solitude”?**

**A.** Gabriel García Márquez **B.** Pablo Neruda
**C.** Jorge Luis Borges **D.** Isabel Allende

**11. What is the longest river in Europe?**

**A.** Dnieper **B.** Danube **C.** Volga **D.** Rhine

**12. Which painter cut off part of his own ear?**

**A.** Vincent van Gogh **B.** Paul Gauguin
**C.** Edgar Degas **D.** Claude Monet

**13. In which country is the ancient city of Petra?**

**A.** Lebanon **B.** Israel **C.** Egypt **D.** Jordan

**14. How many degrees do the inside angles of a hexagon add up to?**

**A.** 540 **B.** 360 **C.** 720 **D.** 1,080

**15. Which treaty, signed in 1919, ended World War I between Germany and the Allies?**

**A.** Treaty of Westphalia **B.** Treaty of Versailles
**C.** Treaty of Ghent **D.** Treaty of Paris

**16. What is the currency of Switzerland?**

**A.** Euro **B.** Krone **C.** Mark **D.** Swiss franc

**17. Who discovered penicillin in 1928?**

**A.** Joseph Lister **B.** Louis Pasteur
**C.** Marie Curie **D.** Alexander Fleming

**18. What is the largest moon of Saturn?**

**A.** Titan **B.** Europa **C.** Io **D.** Ganymede

**19. Which ancient wonder stood beside the harbor of Rhodes?**

**A.** The Colossus **B.** The Hanging Gardens
**C.** The Lighthouse **D.** The Temple of Artemis

**20. Which animal is the national animal of Scotland?**

**A.** Unicorn **B.** Golden eagle **C.** Lion **D.** Red deer

**21. Which blood type is known as the universal donor for red blood cells?**

**A.** A negative **B.** B positive **C.** AB positive **D.** O negative

**22. Who wrote “The Canterbury Tales”?**

**A.** Edmund Spenser **B.** John Milton
**C.** Thomas Malory **D.** Geoffrey Chaucer

**23. Which planet has the shortest year?**

**A.** Venus **B.** Mercury **C.** Earth **D.** Mars

**24. In what year were the first modern Olympic Games held?**

**A.** 1912 **B.** 1900 **C.** 1896 **D.** 1888

**25. What is the capital of New Zealand?**

**A.** Auckland **B.** Wellington **C.** Christchurch **D.** Queenstown

# Answer Key



1. **B. Q**
   J is in New Jersey, X in New Mexico and Texas, and Z in Arizona.

2. **D. Potassium**
   K comes from kalium, its Latin name.

3. **A. Uranus**
   Its axis is tilted about 98 degrees.

4. **C. Ludwig van Beethoven**
   The nickname came from a music critic, years after Beethoven’s death.

5. **C. 1989**
   The border crossings opened on the night of November 9, 1989.

6. **B. Femur**
   The femur is the thigh bone.

7. **B. Canada**
   A McGill University study found about 62 percent of the world’s lakes larger than 25 acres in Canada.

8. **C. Vatican City**
   It is entirely surrounded by the city of Rome.

9. **A. Nitrogen**
   Nitrogen is about 78 percent of the air; oxygen about 21 percent.

10. **A. Gabriel García Márquez**
    He won the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1982.

11. **C. Volga**
    It flows through Russia into the Caspian Sea.

12. **A. Vincent van Gogh**
    It happened in Arles, in the south of France, in December 1888.



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# Answer Key, continued

13. **D. Jordan**
    Its buildings are carved straight into rose-colored cliffs.

14. **C. 720**
    Each angle of a regular hexagon is 120 degrees, and 6 × 120 = 720.

15. **B. Treaty of Versailles**
    It was signed on June 28, 1919, in the Hall of Mirrors.

16. **D. Swiss franc**
    Switzerland is not in the European Union and never adopted the euro.

17. **D. Alexander Fleming**
    He noticed that a mold had killed the bacteria in a dish he had left out.

18. **A. Titan**
    Titan is larger than the planet Mercury. Ganymede, Europa and Io belong to Jupiter.

19. **A. The Colossus**
    The giant bronze statue was toppled by an earthquake in the 200s B.C.

20. **A. Unicorn**
    Unicorns appear on Scotland’s royal coat of arms.

21. **D. O negative**
    People with AB positive blood can receive red cells of any type.

22. **D. Geoffrey Chaucer**
    He wrote it in Middle English in the late 1300s.

23. **B. Mercury**
    Mercury goes around the Sun in 88 days.

24. **C. 1896**
    They took place in Athens, Greece.

25. **B. Wellington**
    Auckland is the largest city, but the capital moved to Wellington in 1865.


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