Sports Trivia

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1. How many players does a baseball team have on the field when it is fielding?

A. 10 **B.** 11 **C.** 8 **D.** 9

2. In tennis, what is a score of zero called?

A. Love **B.** Duck **C.** Nil **D.** Blank

3. How many points is a touchdown worth in American football?

A. 3 **B.** 7 **C.** 5 **D.** 6

4. Which sport did James Naismith invent in 1891?

A. Handball **B.** Volleyball **C.** Basketball **D.** Football

5. How high above the floor is a basketball hoop?

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

6. How long is a marathon?

A. 28 miles **B.** 24 miles **C.** 26.2 miles **D.** 25.5 miles

7. In golf, what is a score of one stroke under par on a hole called?

A. Eagle **B.** Bogey **C.** Albatross **D.** Birdie

8. In which sport do players slide granite stones across the ice while teammates sweep in front of them?

A. Curling **B.** Ice hockey **C.** Shuffleboard **D.** Bobsled

9. How many minutes does an adult soccer match last, not counting stoppage time?

A. 60 **B.** 80 **C.** 90 **D.** 100

10. What is it called when one player scores three goals in a single game?

A. Hat trick **B.** Clean sweep **C.** Grand slam **D.** Triple crown

11. Horse races are measured in furlongs. How many furlongs make a mile?

A. 12 **B.** 10 **C.** 8 **D.** 4

12. Jesse Owens won four gold medals at the 1936 Olympics. In which city were they held?

A. London **B.** Berlin **C.** Paris **D.** Los Angeles

13. Which boxer called himself “The Greatest”?

A. Rocky Marciano **B.** Muhammad Ali
C. Joe Frazier **D.** Joe Louis

14. In what year did Jackie Robinson break the color line in major league baseball?

A. 1937 **B.** 1955 **C.** 1947 **D.** 1951

15. Which golfer was nicknamed “the Golden Bear”?

A. Jack Nicklaus **B.** Ben Hogan **C.** Arnold Palmer **D.** Gary Player

16. Which swimmer has won the most Olympic gold medals?

A. Ryan Lochte **B.** Michael Phelps
C. Ian Thorpe **D.** Mark Spitz

17. What is a perfect score in a game of bowling?

A. 360 **B.** 300 **C.** 250 **D.** 200

18. Where were the first Winter Olympic Games held, in 1924?

A. St. Moritz, Switzerland **B.** Lake Placid, New York
C. Oslo, Norway **D.** Chamonix, France

19. In which sport do players hit a shuttlecock over a net?

A. Table tennis **B.** Squash **C.** Badminton **D.** Racquetball

20. Who was the first gymnast to score a perfect 10 at the Olympics?

A. Nadia Comăneci **B.** Mary Lou Retton
C. Simone Biles **D.** Olga Korbut

21. How many home runs did Babe Ruth hit in 1927, a record that stood for 34 years?

A. 61 **B.** 70 **C.** 50 **D.** 60

22. In darts, how many points is the inner bullseye worth?

A. 50 **B.** 60 **C.** 25 **D.** 100

23. Which tennis player beat Bobby Riggs in the 1973 “Battle of the Sexes”?

A. Chris Evert **B.** Margaret Court
C. Martina Navratilova **D.** Billie Jean King

24. In ice hockey, what is the hard rubber disc called?

A. Puck **B.** Chip **C.** Pellet **D.** Stone

25. How many players does a volleyball team have on the court?

A. 5 **B.** 6 **C.** 9 **D.** 7

Answer Key

1. **D. 9**
   The pitcher, the catcher, four infielders and three outfielders.

2. **A. Love**
   Nobody knows for sure why; one old guess is the French word for egg, l’œuf, because a zero looks like one.

3. **D. 6**
   A kick after the touchdown adds one more point, or a play into the end zone adds two.

4. **C. Basketball**
   He nailed two peach baskets to a balcony in a gym in Springfield, Massachusetts.

5. **B. 10 feet**
   Naismith’s peach baskets hung 10 feet up, and the height has never changed.

6. **C. 26.2 miles**
   The odd distance was first run at the 1908 London Olympics and became the standard in 1921.

7. **D. Birdie**
   Two under par is an eagle, and one over par is a bogey.

8. **A. Curling**
   The game began in Scotland at least 500 years ago.

9. **C. 90**
   Two halves of 45 minutes; the referee adds stoppage time at the end of each half.

10. **A. Hat trick**
    The phrase began in cricket in the 1850s, when a bowler who took three wickets in a row was given a hat.

11. **C. 8**
    A furlong, 220 yards, was once the length of a furrow plowed across a field.

12. **B. Berlin**
    He won the 100 meters, the 200 meters, the long jump and the 4×100-meter relay.

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Answer Key, continued

13. **B. Muhammad Ali**
    He first won the world heavyweight title in 1964 under his birth name, Cassius Clay.

14. **C. 1947**
    He played first base for Brooklyn that season and was named the first Rookie of the Year.

15. **A. Jack Nicklaus**
    He won 18 major championships, more than any other man.

16. **B. Michael Phelps**
    Phelps won 23 golds, and 28 medals in all, at four Olympics from 2004 to 2016.

17. **B. 300**
    It takes twelve strikes in a row.

18. **D. Chamonix, France**
    Figure skating and ice hockey had already been played at earlier Summer Games.

19. **C. Badminton**
    Top players smash it at well over 200 miles an hour, the fastest shot in any racket sport.

20. **A. Nadia Comăneci**
    The scoreboards at Montreal in 1976 could not show 10.00, so her score appeared as 1.00.

21. **D. 60**
    Roger Maris hit 61 in 1961 to break it.

22. **A. 50**
    The ring around it is worth 25, and the most one dart can score is 60, in the treble 20.

23. **D. Billie Jean King**
    More than 30,000 people watched the match in the Houston Astrodome.

24. **A. Puck**
    Pucks are frozen before games so they glide better and bounce less.

25. **B. 6**
    Players move one position clockwise each time their team wins back the serve.

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