

The British Citizen Test Quiz

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- The UK Citizenship Test comprises 24 questions selected from approximately 3,000 questions
- All questions have multiple choice answers
- Minimum marks required to pass this test is 75%
- The test currently costs £50
- The questions are based mainly on the handbook “Life in the United Kingdom: A guide for new residents”.
- All candidates aspiring to be UK Citizens are recommended to refer this Book religiously before taking the UK Citizenship Test
- I have, of course, selected some of the more difficult ones so don't worry, failure to score 18 or more will not lead to you being deported!

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- c. Just England
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- b. Australian
- c. Canadian
- d. South African

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- b. Australia
- c. Solomon Islands
- d. Malta

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- c. Oliver Cromwell
- d. Queen Elizabeth II

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- b. Films
- c. Novels
- d. Plays

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- b. Selling Tobacco to under 18s
- c. Discrimination in the workplace
- d. Owing Money

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- a. 1821
- b. 1813
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- c. In May
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- c. France
- d. Scotland

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- a. Berkshire
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- b. 53
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- d. 48



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In 1807, it became illegal to trade slaves in British ships or from British ports, and in 1833 the Emancipation Act abolished slavery throughout the British Empire. The Royal Navy stopped slave ships from other countries, freed the slaves and punished the slave traders.

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Vaisakhi (also spelled Baisakhi) is a Sikh festival which celebrates the founding of the Sikh community known as the Khalsa. It is celebrated on 14 April each year with parades, dancing and singing.

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In 1776, 13 American colonies declared their independence, stating that people had a right to establish their own governments. The colonists eventually defeated the British army and Britain recognised the colonies' independence in 1783.

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Britain was invaded by tribes from northern Europe: the Jutes, the Angles and the Saxons. The languages they spoke are the basis of modern-day English. Battles were fought against these invaders but, by about AD 600, Anglo-Saxon kingdoms were established in Britain.

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A very impressive hill fort can still be seen today at Maiden Castle, in the English county of Dorset.

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