

## IBS Trivia Competition 2025

Let's begin our trip around the world! Please choose **one correct answer** for each question and **mark it on your ANSWER SHEET**. Don't worry if you don't know the answer, make a guess, and continue boldly! Have fun!

1. Who painted the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel?
  - a. Leonardo da Vinci
  - b. Raphael
  - c. Michelangelo
  - d. Caravaggio
2. What did Croatian soldiers 'invent' in the 17th century?
  - a. necktie
  - b. leather belt
  - c. bayonet
  - d. secret code
3. In which year was the European Union (EU) formally established?
  - a. 1957
  - b. 1993
  - c. 1981
  - d. 2001
4. Who was the first female prime minister of the United Kingdom?
  - a. Margaret Thatcher
  - b. Theresa May
  - c. Indira Gandhi
  - d. Angela Merkel
5. The concept of "perestroika" was introduced by which Soviet leader?
  - a. Nikita Khrushchev
  - b. Leonid Brezhnev
  - c. Mikhail Gorbachev
  - d. Joseph Stalin
6. Which country's film industry is known as "Bollywood"?
  - a. China
  - b. India
  - c. South Korea
  - d. Mexico

7. Who is the director of the epic film "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon" (2000)?
  - a. Ang Lee
  - b. Zhang Yimou
  - c. Wong Kar-wai
  - d. Chen Kaige
  
8. Which rapper's Olympic-themed pin became the hottest collectible item during the 2024 Paris Games?
  - a. Jay-Z
  - b. Kanye West
  - c. Snoop Dogg
  - d. Drake
  
9. In 2024, which pop group announced a reunion tour after a decade-long hiatus?
  - a. One Direction
  - b. NSYNC
  - c. Destiny's Child
  - d. Oasis
  
10. Which famous painting was stolen from the Louvre in 1911?
  - a. Birth of Venus
  - b. Persistence of Memory
  - c. Mona Lisa
  - d. Girl with a Pearl Earring
  
11. What is the patented 'slovenska bryndza' made of?
  - a. goat cheese
  - b. pig head
  - c. duck breast
  - d. sheep cheese
  
12. Which art movement is associated with artists like Claude Monet and Pierre-Auguste Renoir?
  - a. Surrealism
  - b. Cubism
  - c. Impressionism
  - d. Baroque
  
13. Which Dutch painter is known for cutting off part of his ear?
  - a. Johannes Vermeer
  - b. Rembrandt
  - c. Vincent van Gogh
  - d. Piet Mondrian

14. In which country can students of the IBS 'BA in Psychology' programme study in year 3?
- a. Germany
  - b. Ireland
  - c. USA
  - d. Great Britain
15. The famous statue "David" by Michelangelo is housed in which Italian city?
- a. Rome
  - b. Florence
  - c. Venice
  - d. Milan
16. Which ancient civilization created the famous bust of Nefertiti?
- a. Greek
  - b. Roman
  - c. Egyptian
  - d. Mesopotamian
17. Which ancient Greek philosopher was the teacher of Alexander the Great and is known for founding the Lyceum and developing the foundations of logic and empirical science?
- a. Socrates
  - b. Plato
  - c. Aristotle
  - d. Pythagoras
18. As of October 2024, what percentage of the global population were active social media users?
- a. 50.2%
  - b. 63.8%
  - c. 72.5%
  - d. 80.1%
19. Which company developed the AI language model GPT-3?
- a. Google
  - b. Microsoft
  - c. OpenAI
  - d. IBM
20. Which country is the origin of the martial art Taekwondo?
- a. Japan
  - b. China
  - c. South Korea
  - d. Thailand

21. What is the sum of the first ten natural numbers?
- a. 45
  - b. 48
  - c. 55
  - d. 0
22. Which film won the Oscars for Best Picture in 2025?
- a. Anora
  - b. The Brutalist
  - c. Conclave
  - d. Dune: Part two
23. What is the value of pi to three decimal places?
- a. 3.141
  - b. 3.143
  - c. 3.146
  - d. 3.147
24. Which country is known for the traditional dance called the "Samba"?
- a. Argentina
  - b. Brazil
  - c. Spain
  - d. Portugal
25. Which of these is a dystopian novel?
- a. Pride and Prejudice
  - b. 1984
  - c. War and Peace
  - d. The Great Gatsby
26. The United States bought Alaska from which country?
- a. Canada
  - b. Russia
  - c. Denmark
  - d. Sweden
27. In which city is a Train Street where regular trains pass close to residential buildings on either side of the track?
- a. Shanghai
  - b. Hanoi
  - c. Bangkok
  - d. Nairobi

28. What is not considered impolite in Japanese culture?
- a. Pointing at people with chopsticks
  - b. Slurping soup
  - c. Being late for meetings
  - d. Drinking while walking
29. Which streaming service produced the series "Stranger Things"?
- a. Hulu
  - b. Amazon Prime
  - c. Netflix
  - d. Disney+
30. Which AI program defeated the world champion in the game of Go in 2016?
- a. Deep Blue
  - b. AlphaGo
  - c. Watson
  - d. Siri
31. How many Erasmus university partners does IBS have?
- a. 23
  - b. 48
  - c. 62
  - d. 84
32. When did OpenAI release ChatGPT as a free 'research review'?
- a. 2020
  - b. 2022
  - c. 2023
  - d. 2024
33. What is the heaviest land animal on the planet alive today?
- a. African elephant
  - b. Blue whale
  - c. Rhino
  - d. Hippopotamus
34. Which of the following is the correct method of measuring velocity?
- a. distance multiplied by time
  - b. distance divided by time
  - c. time divided by distance
  - d. time multiplied by distance
35. Which of the following is considered as a patron saint of firefighters?

- a. Saint Andrew
  - b. Saint Florian
  - c. Saint Michael
  - d. Saint Peter
36. Buddhism is recognised as the official religion of which of the following countries?
- a. Nigeria
  - b. Chile
  - c. Cambodia
  - d. Italy
37. By population, what is the largest city in continental South America?
- a. Bogota
  - b. Buenos Aires
  - c. Rio de Janeiro
  - d. Sao Paolo
38. Which French king was referred to as The Sun King?
- a. Louis XII
  - b. Louis XIII
  - c. Louis XIV
  - d. Louis XV
39. Who is viewed as the wealthiest man in history?
- a. Mansa Musa
  - b. Elon Musk
  - c. Augustus Caesar
  - d. Bill Gates
40. Which country is the world's largest exporter of cotton in 2023/24 according to Statista?
- a. U.S.A
  - b. Brazil
  - c. Australia
  - d. India
41. How many cards are in a standard deck of poker without Jokers?
- a. 50
  - b. 58
  - c. 55
  - d. 52
42. Who is the lead singer for the band Evanescence?

- a. Gwen Stefani
  - b. Annie Lennox
  - c. Hayley Williams
  - d. Amy Lee
43. What is the only city in the UK that has been designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in its entirety?
- a. York
  - b. Canterbury
  - c. Bath
  - d. Edinburgh
44. What is the chemical formula of the mineral calcite?
- a.  $\text{CaCO}_3$
  - b.  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$
  - c.  $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{CO}_3$
  - d.  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_7\text{NO}_2$
45. Which planet in our solar system rotates on its own axis the fastest?
- a. Earth
  - b. Venus
  - c. Jupiter
  - d. Saturn
46. When is Christmas celebrated in Serbia?
- a. 25 December
  - b. 7 January
  - c. 6 February
  - d. 5 March
47. What does the name THOR mean in Norse mythology?
- a. Watchman
  - b. Guardian
  - c. Thunder
  - d. Justice
48. In Lord of the Rings, how many members does The Fellowship of the Ring have?
- a. 5
  - b. 9
  - c. 1
  - d. 8
49. Los Angeles is the home city of which of the following NBA teams?

- a. Spurs
- b. Hawks
- c. Pistons
- d. **Lakers**

50. What are the sandworms called in the language of Fremen?

- a. Lisan al-Gaib
- b. Muad'dib
- c. **Shai-Hulud**
- d. Usul

51. When did the Berlin Wall fall?

- a. 1987
- b. **1989**
- c. 1991
- d. 1993

52. What is the longest river in the world?

- a. Amazon
- b. **Nile**
- c. Yangtze
- d. Mississippi

53. Who is known as the father of DNA?

- a. Gary Ruvkun
- b. **James Watson**
- c. Louis Pasteur
- d. Robert Koch

54. What planet has the most moons?

- a. Earth
- b. Jupiter
- c. **Saturn**
- d. Mars

55. Which is not a real sport?

- a. Underwater Hockey
- b. Soapbox Racing
- c. Ear Pull
- d. **Cheese Throwing**

56. What extra service do Emirates offer for Business Class passengers?



- a. Free massage on board
- b. Free Emirates merchandise
- c. Short chat with the pilot before departure
- d. Free diver in a BMW

57. Which country won the most FIFA World Cups?

- a. Brazil
- b. Germany
- c. Argentina
- d. Italy

58. Who was the lead singer of Queen?

- a. Mick Jagger
- b. Elton John
- c. David Bowie
- d. Freddie Mercury

59. Which Marvel character wields Mjolnir?

- a. Iron Man
- b. Captain America
- c. Thor
- d. Hulk

60. What is the currency of Kenya?

- a. Dollar
- b. Dirham
- c. Schilling
- d. Pound

61. Which company was founded by Jeff Bezos?

- a. Amazon
- b. Tesla
- c. Microsoft
- d. Facebook

62. What is the main ingredient in hummus?

- a. Lentils
- b. Chickpeas
- c. Rice
- d. Potatoes

63. Who is the God of Creation in Hinduism?

- a. Ganesha
- b. Shiva
- c. Vishnu
- d. **Brahma**

64. Which is the largest ocean?

- a. Atlantic
- b. **Pacific**
- c. Indian
- d. Arctic

65. Who was the first U.S. president to resign from office?

- a. **Richard Nixon**
- b. John F. Kennedy
- c. Bill Clinton
- d. Andrew Johnson

66. Which gas makes up the majority of Earth's atmosphere?

- a. Oxygen
- b. Carbon Dioxide
- c. **Nitrogen**
- d. Hydrogen

67. Who developed the theory of general relativity?

- a. **Albert Einstein**
- b. Isaac Newton
- c. Stephen Hawking
- d. Nikola Tesla

68. Who wrote "The Great Gatsby"?

- a. Ernest Hemingway
- b. **F. Scott Fitzgerald**
- c. J.D. Salinger
- d. Mark Twain

69. Which type of pasta is shaped like small rice grains?

- a. Penne
- b. **Orzo**
- c. Fusilli
- d. Tagliatelle

70. Which British monarch holds the record for the longest continuous reign before Queen Elizabeth II surpassed them in 2015?

- a. George III
- b. Henry VIII
- c. Edward VII
- d. Victoria

71. Which country is famous for originating the croissant?

- a. Austria
- b. France
- c. Italy
- d. Germany

72. Which is not a dystopian novel?

- a. Milan Kundera: *The Unbearable Lightness of Being*
- b. George Orwell: *1984*
- c. Aldous Huxley: *Brave New World*
- d. Ray Bradbury: *Fahrenheit 451*

73. Which opera is set in Ancient Egypt?

- a. Verdi: *Aida*
- b. Puccini: *Turandot*
- c. Verdi: *Macbeth*
- d. Puccini: *Madam Butterfly*

74. What is a bodhrán?

- a. a flute used in Scottish folk music
- b. a drum used in Irish folk music
- c. a pipe used in Sami folk music
- d. a violin used in Estonian folk music

75. At which city did the Titanic make its last stop?

- a. Dublin
- b. Galway
- c. Southampton
- d. Cobh (Queenstown)

76. In which city can you visit the Klementium Baroque Library?

- a. Prague
- b. Kraków
- c. Lublin
- d. Brno

77. In which country can you walk the Te Araroa?



- a. Australia
- b. Hawaii
- c. Peru
- d. New Zealand

78. What colour are the flight attendants' hats on Emirates flights?

- a. White
- b. Pink
- c. Blue
- d. Red

79. How many stars are in the European Union's flag?

- a. 12
- b. 15
- c. 14
- d. 10

80. What is Ländler?

- a. traditional couple dance of Bavaria and Alpine Austria
- b. traditional petticoat of Bavaria and Alpine Austria
- c. traditional children's game of Bavaria and Alpine-Austria
- d. traditional folk instrument of Bavaria and Alpine-Austria

81. What does "Alea iacta est" mean?

- a. The die is cast.
- b. To err is human.
- c. Action, not words.
- d. Love conquers everything.

82. Where does mazurka originate from?

- a. Slovakia
- b. Poland
- c. Czechia
- d. Moldova

83. Which opera's heroine dies of hara kiri?

- a. Mimi of Puccini's La Boheme
- b. Carmen of Bizet's Carmen
- c. Cio-Cio-San (Butterfly) of Puccini's Madama Butterfly
- d. Desdemona of Verdi's Othello

84. Who painted the Netherlandish Proverbs (1559) on which more than a hundred proverbs and idiomatic expressions have been identified so far?

- a. Peter Paul Rubens
  - b. Rogier van der Weyden
  - c. Jan van Eyck
  - d. Pieter Bruegel the Elder
85. Which play's character is Duke Orsino, the powerful Duke of Illyria who is in love with Olivia?
- a. Shakespeare: Twelfth Night
  - b. Shakespeare: A Midsummer Night's Dream
  - c. Shakespeare: The Merchant of Venice
  - d. Shakespeare: As You Like It
86. Which South African leader was imprisoned for 27 years before becoming president?
- a. Jacob Zuma
  - b. Nelson Mandela
  - c. Desmond Tutu
  - d. F.W. de Klerk
87. What is the largest internal organ in the human body?
- a. Lungs
  - b. Heart
  - c. Kidneys
  - d. Liver
88. During which king's reign did the American War of Independence occur?
- a. James I
  - b. George VI
  - c. George V
  - d. George III
89. What is the primary ingredient in traditional Japanese miso soup?
- a. Fermented soybean paste
  - b. Fish stock
  - c. Seaweed
  - d. Rice vinegar
90. Which language has the most words?
- a. Mandarin Chinese
  - b. Arabic
  - c. Spanish
  - d. English
91. What was the world's most commonly used password in 2024?



- a. 123456
- b. password
- c. qwerty
- d. 111111

92. Who was the first emperor of Rome?

- a. Julius Caesar
- b. Augustus
- c. Nero
- d. Constantine

93. Which natural disaster is measured using the Richter scale?

- a. Tornadoes
- b. Earthquakes
- c. Hurricanes
- d. Floods

94. Which of the following is not a function of the liver?

- a. Detoxification of harmful substances
- b. Production of insulin
- c. Storage of glycogen
- d. Synthesis of bile

95. Which pact did Stalin sign with Nazi Germany in 1939, agreeing to non-aggression between the two nations?

- a. The Warsaw Pact
- b. The Yalta Agreement
- c. The Treaty of Brest-Litovsk
- d. The Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact

96. Which sea creature has three hearts and blue blood?

- a. Squid
- b. Jellyfish
- c. Octopus
- d. Seahorse

97. Which Empire was known as the largest empire on Earth in history?

- a. The Spanish Empire
- b. The Mongol Empire
- c. The British Empire
- d. The Russian Empire

98. Which IBS organisational unit supports students e.g. with private conversations, peer support, everyday life matters etc.?
- a. Student Support Team
  - b. Student Counselling Team
  - c. Student Emergency Team
  - d. Student Wellbeing Team
99. How did badminton get its name?
- a. It is the English translation of 'poona', an Indian name where British soldiers played it.
  - b. It is the name of the estate of the Duke of Beaufort where it was first played in England.
  - c. The origin is unknown.
  - d. Introduced by Thomas Minton who meant it as a joke.
100. Approx. how many destinations do Emirates fly to?
- a. over 150
  - b. over 70
  - c. over 250
  - d. over 180