

**Q.** The Battle of Hastings took place in which year?

**A.** 1066.

Q-01

**Q.** During the medieval period, the majority of English people were:

- A. Peasants working the land for their Lord of the Manor
- B. Factory workers employed by a factory owner
- C. Knights fighting battles for the King

**A.** A is the right answer.

Q-02

**Q.** What was the name of the book that William I had made recording England's assets including its farmland, livestock and people in 1086?

Clue: Begins with "D."

**A.** The Domesday Book (pronounced "Doomsday").

Q-03

**Q.** Which English King reluctantly signed the Magna Carta in 1215 – a document which, amongst other things, gave the right to free men to be treated justly?

- A. William the Conqueror
- B. Henry II
- C. King John

**A.** C is the right answer.

Q-04

**Q.** True or False?

William I's son, William Rufus, died from over-eating.

**A.** False. He was killed in a hunting "accident" in the New Forest in 1100.

Q-05

**Q.** Thomas à Becket was killed in 1170 by four knights who thought to please King Henry II by ridding him of this troublesome Archbishop.

Where was Thomas à Becket murdered?

**A.** Canterbury Cathedral

Q-06

**Q.** Which of the following battles was a famous battle during the Hundred Years War with the French from the mid 1300s into the 1400s?

- A. The Battle of Bannockburn
- B. The Battle of Agincourt
- C. The Battle of Lewes

**A.** B is the right answer.

Q-07

**Q.** The Black Death was the name given to a terrible disease which came to England in the 1300s. Which of the following was not a symptom of the Black Death?

- A. Boils under your armpits
- B. High fever
- C. Blackened toe-nails

**A.** C is the right answer.

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**Q.** In heraldry, if you had a “cross vert” on your coat of arms, what colour would the cross be?

**A.** Green

Q-09

**Q.** True or False?

Richard II was a dedicated follower of fashion.

**A.** True

Q-10

**Q.** True or False?

Henry IV passed a law in 1401 which allowed heretics, people who disagree with the Church’s teaching, to be burnt.

**A.** True

Q-11

**Q.** The Wars of the Roses, as they were later named, were between two families with royal blood during the 1400s: the House of York and the House of...?

Clue: Begins with “L”.

**A.** The House of Lancaster.

Q-12

**Q.** During the Wars of the Roses in the 1400s, different coloured roses symbolised the opposing sides. Was the Yorkist rose red or white?

**A.** White

Q-13

**Q.** In medieval castles, the “garderobe” room functioned as:

- A. A toilet
- B. A wardrobe
- C. Both of the above

**A.** C is the right answer, it was often used as both of these.

Moths do not like the smell of poo and wee.

Q-14

**Q.** When does the medieval period begin and end in Britain?

- A. About 500 to 1485 AD
- B. 55 BC to about 410 AD
- C. 1066 to 2000 AD

**A.** A is the right answer.

Q-15

**Q.** Angles, Saxons and Jutes started arriving in southern Britain from around 450 AD. Where did they mostly come from?

- A. Norway and Sweden
- B. Germany and Denmark
- C. France and Spain

**A.** B is the right answer.

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**Q.** Which day of the week is named after the Anglo-Saxon god, Wodin?

**A.** Wednesday

Q-17

**Q.** The Anglo-Saxon settlement, Snottingham, is now better known as what?

**A.** Nottingham

Q-18

**Q.** King Alfred, who ruled over England from 871 to 899 AD, spent a lot of time fighting against who?

- A. The Scots
- B. The French
- C. The Danes

**A.** C is the right answer.

Q-19

**Q.** When Vikings arrived at Lindisfarne monastery in 793 AD, they were:

- A. Looking for bed & breakfast accommodation
- B. Interested in learning about Christianity
- C. Wanting to raid the treasures of the monastery

**A.** C is the right answer - according to the monks.

Q-20

**Q.** What were Viking warships called?

**A.** Longboats or Longships or Dragonboats or Dragonships.

Q-21

**Q.** Ordinary medieval homes were commonly made from:

- A. Wood, wattle and daub
- B. Bricks
- C. Steel and glass

**A.** A is the right answer.

Q-22

**Q.** True or False?

Reading a good book was a popular pastime in early medieval times.

**A.** False. Most people could not read and books were expensive.

Q-23

**Q.** Who won at the Battle of Hastings?

**A.** William the Conqueror and the Normans.

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**Q.** When the Normans came to England in the 11th century, they built a lot of:

- A. Castles
- B. Schools
- C. Shops

**A.** A is the right answer.

Q-25

**Q.** Which of the following would not have been eaten by a medieval peasant?

- A. Bread
- B. Cheese
- C. Potatoes

**A.** C is the right answer. Potatoes were not introduced into England until after the medieval period.

Q-26

**Q.** Medieval craftsmen often organised themselves into guilds or associations of types of craftsmen, like the goldsmiths' guild, in order to:

- A. Maintain high standards for their craft
- B. Look after each other by paying money to sick members
- C. Both of the above

**A.** C is the right answer.

Q-27

**Q.** True or False?

Beowulf is an Anglo-Saxon tale about a warrior who fights monsters.

**A.** True

Q-28

**Q.** True or False?

Early Anglo-Saxon kings were sometimes buried in ships.

**A.** True

Q-29

**Q.** The Anglo-Saxon monk, Bede, (who lived from about 672 to 735 AD) wrote a book about:

- A. Viking attacks on English monasteries
- B. The spread of Christianity in Britain
- C. Medieval Church architecture

**A.** B is the right answer.

Q-30

**Q.** Which King of England is believed by many to have had his nephews murdered in the Tower of London in order to secure the crown for himself?

- A. William the Conqueror
- B. King Canute
- C. Richard III

**A.** C is the right answer.

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