



Answer Short Question Question Bank

Official Guide

(Lauren Kennedy, 2012)

Who would you consult to treat a fear of crowded places, a philosopher or a psychologist?

A psychologist

How would most people travel to work each day, in big cities like Hong Kong, Tokyo and New York?

By public transportation

Would a supermarket, a café, or a book store probably have the widest range of products available?

A supermarket

In which room of their home would someone usually wash their clothes?

in the bathroom

Despite all the advances in equality between the sexes, would more men or women play professional football?

biology

In most university courses there are two ways of being assessed, one is orally, the other is through...?

written assignments

Name a month that falls between September and November.

October

Would a town, a village or a city probably cover the largest area?

a city

Which of these would probably be found in most homes around the world—a computer, a bed, or a television?

a bed

What does the main difference between a wristwatch and a clock relate to?

their relative sizes

Would it be better to go jogging at noon, or in the early morning, if you wanted to avoid the hottest part of the day?

In the early morning.

In which century did the auto mobile become manufactured on a mass scale?

The 20th century.

Name a country located in North America.

The United States

Some calendars begin the week on Sunday. What is the other day which commonly starts a week?

Monday

Where would you go to see exhibits of dinosaurs?

A museum

Which country in in the southern hemisphere, Australia or Canada?

Australia

In which season would people be least likely to go snow skiing?

In summer

Which of these was last to be explored, the Himalayas, the moon, or Australia?

the moon

Would letter or email be the fastest way to get a message to your Professor?

Email

Jane and Peter have three children. They are 4, 13 and 15 years old. They only have one son, who is their youngest child. How old is their middle child?

13 years old.

Which would be better to report the population of a major global city – hundreds, million or billions?

millions

This work is due for submission, one month from 15 June. On what date should it be submitted?

15 July

What is the quickest way to travel from Hong Kong to Paris?

By plane

What is the name for a huge natural body that orbits the sun?

A planet

What can be added to a drink to cool it down on a hot day?

ice

What special document do most people traveling between one country and another need to carry?

A passport

What kind of equipment is used to protect motorbike riders' brains from injury?

A helmet

What is the last thing to do when baking a cake?

Cook it in the oven

Would you go to a pharmacy or a surgery to get a prescription filled after visiting a doctor?

A pharmacy

There are two main ways to pay for good bought in a shop, one is by cash, the other is by...?

Credit card

How many days are in a leap year?

366

To improve their health and fitness, most people either try to improve their diet or ...?

Do more physical exercise

Would it be better to use kilometres or kilograms to measure the distance between two cities?

kilometres

The large island just off the coast of mainland Europe is home to which country?

The United Kingdom

Practice Test Plus

(Kate Chandler, 2013)

Which section of a train timetable will tell you what time your train leaves?

departures

What do we call the list of steps that tell you how to put something together?

instructions

What do we call the meeting where an employer asks a potential employee questions about their work experience?

interview

What desk should you go to when you first arrive to stay at a hotel?

reception/check-in

What is the job title of someone who designs buildings?

architect

What term is used for the amount of money you pay a landlord for living in their house or apartment?

rent

What do we call the first meal of the day?

breakfast

What word is used for someone who watches a sports event?

spectator

What object would you use to climb up to the roof of a house?

ladder

If you don't feel like eating, what do we say you don't have?

appetite

What do we call the organs in our chest that we use to breathe?

lungs

If someone lives in an urban area, where do they live?

a city /a town

What does a king or queen wear on their head at official ceremonies?

a crown

What do we call a book that contains lists of words with their meanings?

a dictionary

What is the source of solar energy?

the sun

When the writer of a book is unknown, what word is used for the author?

anonymous

What do we call a company or organization that gives money to a Sports or arts event in exchange for advertising?

a sponsor

What do we call the study of living things?

biology/ecology

What are winter, spring, summer and autumn?

seasons

What is a collective term for cows and bulls, especially on a farm?

cattle

If something is not expensive, what do we say it is?

cheap

What do people wear if they can't see very well?

glasses/contact lenses

If something such as fabric or medicine is artificially made, not natural, what do we say it is?

synthetic

What type of food is an apple?

fruit

How many months are in a year?

twelve

What is the opposite of east?

west

When ice is at room temperature, what does it become?

water/liquid

Which sweet food is produced by bees?

honey

Where can people go to borrow books?

library

Who serves food in a restaurant?

waiter/waitress

What is the word in geometry for a shape that has three sides?

triangle

What do you call the alphabetical list at the end of a textbook that tells you where to find specific information?

index

What is the word for the place where a river starts?

source

Who is the main journalist responsible for producing a newspaper or magazine?

editor

A business doesn't want to make a loss - what does it want to make?

profit/profits

What is the economic sector that deals with farming?

agricultural (sector)/agriculture

What do you call the very long essay that students have to write for a doctoral degree?

thesis/dissertation

What is the word for a period of one hundred years?

century

At what ceremony do students receive their degree or diploma at the end of their period of study?

graduation

What do we call the date that a piece of work must be finished by?

deadline/due date

Test Builder

(Taylor, 2012)

Which section of a newspaper gives the editor's opinion?

editorial

What instrument would you use to examine very small objects or life forms?

microscope

What is a destructive program that spreads from computer to computer?

a virus

What term is used for animals such as humans that usually give birth to live young: mammals or reptiles?

mammals

What do you call a system of government in which people vote for the people who will represent them?

democracy

What do we call the piece of paper that proves you have bought an item?

a receipt

What do you call the document that gives details about your qualifications and work experience?

CV, curriculum vitae, resume

How would you describe an economy based largely on farming?

agricultural, rural

What is the study of the stars and planets called?

astronomy

In business and advertising, what does PR stand for?

public relations

What emergency service is usually called when someone is in trouble at sea: ambulance or coastguard?

coastguard

Name a month that falls between April and June.

May

What word describes moving a program or other material from a website to your computer?

download(ing)

What do we call a picture that a doctor takes to see inside your body?

(an) X-ray

What crime has someone stealing items from a shop committed: shopfitting or shoplifting?

shoplifting

If someone is feeling a little ill, they may say they are feeling "under the ... " what?

weather

Who is the person in charge of a football match?

(the) referee

What do we call the last game in a sporting competition, which decides the champion?

(the) final

What is the general term for paintings of the countryside or natural views?

landscape(s)

Which of these would probably be found in an office: a printer, a blanket, or a nail brush?

a printer

What is a painting of a person's head usually called?

a portrait

Where would you find an urban area: in a city or in the countryside?

in a city

What do we call it when the Moon completely blocks out the light from the Sun?

an eclipse / a solar eclipse

What point of the compass is directly opposite East?

West

Where do you pay for your purchases at a supermarket?

(at the) till / checkout

What do you call an apartment that is below ground level: a basement apartment or a penthouse apartment?

a basement apartment

What feature do pianos and computers have in common?

a keyboard

If you are feeling fed up, is it a positive or a negative feeling?

(a) negative (feeling)

What do we call a period of ten years?

a decade

A specialist who repairs leaking water pipes is called a... .

plumber

A famous canal links the Mediterranean Sea with the Indian Ocean. Is it the Corinth or the Suez Canal?

(the) Suez (Canal)

Where would you store meat you wish to keep frozen at home?

(in) a freezer

What is the most important document you would have to show if you wanted to hire a car?

(a/your) driving/driver's licence

Where would you go to work out on a treadmill?

(to) a gym, gymnasium

What piece of equipment would you use to go diving in the sea, an aqualung or an aquaplane?

(an) aqualung

Where would you most likely go to buy some flour: a bakery, a florist or a supermarket?

(a) supermarket

Which hospital department would you go to for an x-ray: radiology or cardiology?

radiology

Where would you go to see an exhibition of sculpture?

(to) an art gallery/ (to) a museum

Would you measure the volume of bottled water in litres or kilos?

litres

What's the joint called where your hand is connected to your arm?

(your/the) wrist

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