



Scotland Quiz

This quiz is just for fun, as a starter to the Area Studies Scotland class. I don't expect you to know the answers; I just hope that you will enjoy guessing and become curious. By the end of the course you will know all the answers.

1. What size is the population of Scotland?

2. The name of the capital.

3. Two other cities.

4. Roughly how much of Scotland has a population density of 0-15 people per square kilometer:

1/4

1/3

1/2

2/3

3/4

5. Which of the following does Scotland have:

Church

legal system

foreign policy

army

language

nationality (passport)

Assembly (Parliament)

education system

flag

currency

football team

6. Name four major sources of national income in Scotland today.
7. Can you rank the following sectors in terms of the number of people they employ, from most to least:

manufacturing;	energy and supply;
services;	agriculture, forestry and fishing;
construction.	
8. How many speakers are there of Scotland's other language?
9. "Whisky" derives from the Gaelic words "Uisghe beatha". What does it mean?
10. With what country was Scotland closely linked under the "Auld Alliance"?
11. What is the meaning and source of the word "ashet"?
12. What is the Scottish equivalent of the English word "a lake"?
13. What is the Scottish equivalent of the German diminutive "...-chen", "...-erl"?
14. What is the international English for "Do you ken?" and "Aye"?
15. How many universities does Scotland have?
16. Which is the oldest, and when was it founded?
17. The name of the 18th century poet whose birth is celebrated world wide every year on 25th January.
18. Who wrote "Treasure Island" and "Kidnapped"?
19. Who wrote "Peter Pan"?

20. Which Scots discovered / pioneered the following:

penicillin	the Bank of England
TV	the telephone
the Victoria Falls in Africa	the postage stamp
anaesthesia	the bicycle
the American Navy	

21. With what field of learning are the following connected:

Lord Kelvin	Adam Smith
James Watt	Thomas Telford
Sir Walter Scott	David Hume

22. Two well-known film actors.

23. Where is the Roman Wall?

24. What is the importance of 843?

25. What Scot is commemorated because of victory over the English at Bannockburn in 1314?

26. What was the "Declaration of Arbroath"?

27. What were the consequences of the 1715 and 1745 rebellions?

28. What figure became romanticised in connection with the '45 rebellion?

29. When was the Union of the Parliaments?

30. Who is the patron saint?

31. Name three traditional instruments.

32. What is Scotch Broth?

33. What is Black Bun, and what festival is it associated with?

34. Which Scottish newspaper is in the Guinness Book of Records?

35. Which Scottish Queen was queen of two countries?

36. Which Scottish King was king of two countries?

37. Who / what are the best known inhabitants of Scottish castles?

(I could have asked about the % of unemployed, or young drug takers, or women MPs but we'll leave that for another time ...)

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