

GRUNDTVIG 2 PROJECT (2005-2008): LANGUAGES THROUGH CULTURE Czech Republic, England, France, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden.

(Difficult)

Czech Republic

1. Which of the following words was borrowed from Czech by English as well as by many other languages?
 - a) perestroika
 - b) biro
 - c) robot
 - d) Glasnost
2. Which of the following was invented/discovered by a Czech?
 - a) Traffic lights
 - b) Penicillin
 - c) Soft contact lenses
 - d) Bottle opener
3. Which of the following cars is made in the Czech Republic?
 - a) Lada
 - b) Skoda
 - c) Dacia
 - d) Lancia
4. Which of the following sports personalities is NOT from the Czech Republic?
 - a) Ivan Lendl
 - b) Jaromir Jagr
 - c) Tomas Enge
 - d) Peja Stojakovic
5. On what date do Czechs traditionally exchange Christmas gifts?
 - a) 24 December
 - b) 25 December
 - c) 28 December
 - d) 1 January

England

6. Which year saw John Lennon's final live concert?
 - a) 1975
 - b) 1972
 - c) 1974
 - d) 1971
7. What is the minimum age for taking part in the National Lottery?
 - a) 18
 - b) 21
 - c) 14
 - d) 16
8. Which county gives its name to Britain's oldest cheese?
 - a) Cheshire
 - b) Lancashire
 - c) Derbyshire
 - d) Cornwall
9. Which bodily part gives its name to the calm centre of a hurricane?
 - a) the heart

- b) the eye
- c) the nose
- d) the mouth

10. Which British country has a higher death rate from heart disease than anywhere else in the world?

- a) Northern Ireland
- b) England
- c) Wales
- d) Scotland

France

11. Who is the artist who painted the poppies?

- a) Monet
- b) Manet
- c) Renoir

12. Which painting attracts the most visitors in the Louvre Museum?

- a) The Venus of Milo
- b) The Mona Lisa (La Joconde)
- c) The Poppies

13. Where can we find the Mont St Michel?

- a) in Normandy
- b) in Brittany
- c) in the Provence

14. What happened on the 6th June, 1944?

- a) The Normandy landing during the second world war
- b) The explosion of the nuclear bomb in Hiroshima
- c) The liberation of women

15. The president is elected for ...

- a) 5 years
- b) 7 years
- c) 4 years

Slovakia

16. What is the name of the well-known European monarchy that Slovakia belonged to in the 19th century?

- a) Austria-Hungary
- b) Czechoslovakia
- c) Russia

17. What is the name of the largest castle in Central Europe that is situated in Slovakia?

- a) Carlstein Castle
- b) Bratislava Castle
- c) Spiš Castle

18. What sea is Slovakia situated by?

- a) The Black Sea
- b) It is not situated by the sea
- c) The Adriatic sea

19. In 1989 there was the "velvet revolution" in Slovakia (Slovakia was part of Czechoslovakia then). What did it refer to?

- a) Downfall of monarchy
- b) Downfall of fascism

c) Downfall of communism

20. Which country does not border on Slovakia?

- a) Austria
- b) Poland
- c) Croatia

Spain

21. Name the current Spanish President (this position is similar to that of a Prime Minister):

- a) Felipe González
- b) Jose María Aznar
- c) Jose Luis Rodríguez Zapatero
- d) Mariano Rajoy

22. Which of the following personalities is not a Spanish painter?

- a) Luis Buñuel
- b) Pablo Picasso
- c) Diego Velázquez
- d) Francisco de Goya

23. What is Montserrat Caballé famous for?

- a) She is a writer of romantic novels
- b) She is an Olympic swimmer
- c) She is a theatre actress
- d) She is an opera singer

24. Which are the names of the King and Queen of Spain?

- a) Carlos Gustavo & Silvia
- b) Juan Carlos & Sofía
- c) Felipe & Leticia
- d) Carolina & Alberto

25. Pedro Almodóvar is:

- a) A musician
- b) An actor
- c) A writer
- d) A film director

Sweden

26. Which of the following was not a famous Swedish scientist?

- a) Carl von Linné
- b) Niels Bohr
- c) Alfred Nobel
- d) Carl Wilhelm von Scheele

27. What is Lennart Nilsson famous for?

- a) He is a well-known jazz musician
- b) He was Prime Minister in the 80's
- c) He is a pioneer in scientific photography
- d) He is Sweden's archbishop

28. Who is the head of state in Sweden?

- a) Göran Persson
- b) Carl-Gustaf Bernadotte
- c) Carl Bildt
- d) Margareta Winberg

29. Which of the following was secretary-general of the United Nations?

- a) Dag Hammarskjöld

- b) Olof Palme
- c) August Strindberg
- d) Alva Myrdal

30. What is the name of the famous Swedish opera soprano?

- a) Linda Lampenius
- b) Gro Harlem Brundtland
- c) Björk Gudmundsdottir
- d) Birgit Nilsson

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