

Exploring Your Family Tree: A Genealogy Quiz

Genealogy · Answer Key · 25 Questions

1. What is the study of family history called?

- A) Archaeology
- B) Anthropology
- C) Genealogy**
- D) Sociology

2. What are people who lived before you in your family called?

- A) Descendants
- B) Siblings
- C) Cousins
- D) Ancestors**

3. Which of these is a common document used in genealogy research?

- A) A shopping list
- B) A birth certificate**
- C) A movie ticket
- D) A recipe card

4. What is a family tree often called?

- A) A kinship chart
- B) A lineage diagram
- C) A pedigree chart**
- D) A heritage map

5. When researching family history, what does the term 'primary source' refer to?

- A) Information from a textbook
- B) A diary written by someone who was there**
- C) A documentary about a historical event
- D) An interview with a historian

6. What is a surname commonly known as?

- A) First name
- B) Middle name
- C) Last name**
- D) Nickname

7. Which historical period is often a focus for many genealogy researchers?

- A) The future
- B) The present day
- C) The recent past**
- D) Ancient Egypt

8. What is the term for the place where your ancestors came from?

- A) Current residence
- B) Vacation spot
- C) Homeland**
- D) Workplace

9. What kind of record might list siblings, parents, and children?

- A) A school report card
- B) A census record**
- C) A sports score sheet
- D) A weather report

10. Why is it important to record family stories and traditions?

- A) To forget them
- B) To share them with future generations**
- C) To keep them a secret
- D) To only remember bad events

11. What is a person who is related to you called?

- A) A stranger
- B) A neighbour
- C) A relative**
- D) A pet

12. What can you learn about by researching your family's past?

- A) Only your own mistakes
- B) Your ancestors' lives and backgrounds**
- C) The future of technology
- D) The best way to cook pasta

13. What is the term for a person's mother's mother?

- A) Grandfather
- B) Aunt
- C) Grandmother**
- D) Uncle

14. What are the original records created at the time of an event called?

- A) Secondary sources
- B) Tertiary sources
- C) Primary sources**
- D) Fictional accounts

15. What is the term for all the people who are descended from a common ancestor?

- A) A single person
- B) A small group
- C) A family line**
- D) A generation

16. What can interviews with older family members help you discover?

- A) New video games
- B) Personal stories and memories**
- C) Information about their favourite food
- D) How to build a robot

17. What is the collective term for the traditions, beliefs, and customs passed down through generations?

- A) Modern fashion
- B) Cultural heritage**
- C) Current events
- D) Scientific discoveries

18. What kind of information is typically found on a marriage certificate?

- A) The couple's height
- B) The names of the couple and their parents**
- C) Their favourite colours
- D) Their favourite songs

19. What is the term for a person's father's father?

- A) Grandmother
- B) Uncle
- C) Grandfather**
- D) Aunt

20. What does it mean to 'document' your genealogy research?

- A) To draw pictures
- B) To write down and record your findings**
- C) To sing songs
- D) To build with blocks

21. What is the name for the collection of all people related to you by blood or marriage?

- A) A team
- B) A club
- C) A family**
- D) A committee

22. What is one reason people research their genealogy?

- A) To find out where their toys come from
- B) To understand their identity and roots**
- C) To learn how to fly
- D) To discover new planets

23. What is a relative who is one generation older than your parents called?

- A) Child
- B) Grandparent**
- C) Great-grandparent
- D) Sibling

24. What is the term for records that interpret or analyze primary sources?

- A) Primary sources
- B) Secondary sources**
- C) Original documents
- D) Oral histories

25. When looking at a family tree, what does it show?

- A) A single person's life story
- B) The relationships between family members**
- C) A map of a city
- D) The weather forecast