

The Natural Economics of Sports

Economics Of Sport · Answer Key · 12 Questions

1. Which animal's hide is traditionally used to create the outer casing of a professional baseball?

- A) Cow**
- B) Kangaroo
- C) Elephant
- D) Zebra

2. What natural material, harvested from trees, was historically the primary component of professional cricket bats?

- A) Rubber
- B) Bamboo
- C) Willow wood**
- D) Pine needles

3. Which flightless bird's feathers are used to make the highest-quality shuttles for professional badminton?

- A) Ostrich
- B) Duck
- C) Goose**
- D) Emu

4. Professional horse racing tracks in Australia often use which type of grass known for its durability under hooves?

- A) Couch grass**
- B) Seaweed
- C) Bamboo
- D) Cactus

5. Which material derived from the rubber tree is essential for the grip and bounce of a professional basketball?

- A) Latex**
- B) Plastic
- C) Silk
- D) Wool

6. What natural fiber is frequently used to make the fuzzy outer covering of a standard tennis ball?

A) Cotton

B) Wool

C) Hemp

D) Linen

7. In many cold-weather sports, the rinks are kept frozen using energy-intensive refrigeration, but which natural element is naturally solid in arctic climates?

A) Sand

B) Ice

C) Clay

D) Granite

8. Which marine animal's oil was historically used to lubricate gears in early mechanical sports equipment?

A) Whale

B) Dolphin

C) Seal

D) Shark

9. What natural resource, found in underground deposits, is used to manufacture the carbon fiber frames of high-end professional racing bicycles?

A) Coal

B) Gold

C) Copper

D) Silver

10. Which part of a cow is traditionally used to make the glue that binds together professional leather sports gloves?

A) Hooves

B) Tail

C) Ears

D) Teeth

11. What type of natural surface, made of crushed brick, is commonly used in professional tennis tournaments like the French Open?

A) Clay

B) Sand

C) Silt

D) Gravel

12. Which animal is primarily associated with the production of silk, which has been used in specialized sports clothing for its lightweight properties?

A) Spider

B) Silkworm

C) Caterpillar

D) Bee