Life in the UK Test practice: questions, audio and mock tests

Practice questions · United Kingdom

1. Which of these is a fundamental British value?

a) Democracy and the rule of law
b) Rule by a single party
c) Obedience to the monarch in all things

Answer: Democracy and the rule of law. British values include democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.

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2. What should you do if you see a crime happening?

a) Report it to the police
b) Ignore it
c) Take the law into your own hands

Answer: Report it to the police. Report crimes to the police. In an emergency call 999; for non-emergency matters call 101.

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3. What was the Domesday Book?

a) A survey of land and property ordered by William I
b) A book of laws
c) A religious text

Answer: A survey of land and property ordered by William I. William I ordered the survey in 1085–86 to learn what land and wealth his kingdom held, for tax purposes.

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4. In which year did the Act of Union join England and Scotland?

a) 1707
b) 1801
c) 1603

Answer: 1707. The 1707 Act of Union created the Kingdom of Great Britain. In 1801 Ireland joined, forming the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

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5. When was the National Health Service (NHS) founded?

a) 1948
b) 1918
c) 1979

Answer: 1948. The NHS began on 5 July 1948 under the Labour government, providing healthcare free at the point of use.

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6. Who is the Speaker of the House of Commons?

a) The MP who chairs debates and keeps order
b) The King's secretary
c) The leader of the opposition

Answer: The MP who chairs debates and keeps order. The Speaker is elected by MPs, must be politically neutral and ensures the rules of debate are followed.

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7. What is the most senior court in the UK?

a) The Supreme Court
b) The Crown Court
c) The Magistrates' Court

Answer: The Supreme Court. The Supreme Court, created in 2009, is the final court of appeal for civil cases and, in most cases, criminal cases, in the UK.

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8. Which festival marks the Scottish New Year?

a) Hogmanay
b) Halloween
c) Beltane

Answer: Hogmanay. Hogmanay is celebrated on 31 December, often with the song 'Auld Lang Syne' and first-footing at midnight.

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9. Which British scientist is famous for the theory of evolution?

a) Charles Darwin
b) Alexander Fleming
c) Stephen Hawking

Answer: Charles Darwin. Darwin's 'On the Origin of Species' (1859) set out natural selection.

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10. What is the capital of Wales?

a) Cardiff
b) Swansea
c) Newport

Answer: Cardiff. Cardiff became the capital of Wales in 1955.

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