

## Linguocultural Competence Assessment

Test 1 by M. Shanina

**I.** Write three words or phrases that come into your mind when you think of the following nationalities:

the Britishmen	the Americans	the Russians

**II.** Choose the right answer showing your knowledge of life in the UK:

1. The monarch is the head of the Church of England

a. True

b. False

2. A lot of People carve lanterns out of \_\_\_\_\_ and put a candle inside of them during Halloween

a. Melons

c. Coconuts

b. Pineapples

d. Pumpkins

3. 'The Enlightenment' is known as

a. The Industrial Revolution in the 18th century

c. New ideas about politics, philosophy and science that were developed in the 18th century

b. New laws introduced in the 18th century to protect workers

d. The abolition of slavery throughout the British Empire in the 19th century

4. What is the Grand National?

a. A tennis championship

c. A football cup competition

b. A horse race

d. A motor race

5. James I and his son Charles I believed in the 'Divine Right of Kings', the idea that the king was directly appointed to rule by \_\_\_\_\_

a. the Queen

c. the Church

b. the Prime Minister

d. God

6. The words 'Britain', 'British Isles' or 'British' are used to refer to everyone in (Choose any 4 answers)

a. England

d. Wales

b. The Isle of Man

e. Channel Islands

c. Republic of Ireland

f. Northern Ireland

7. The bell called Big Ben, housed in the Elizabeth Tower is over \_\_\_\_\_ years old and is a popular tourist attraction

a. 150

c. 200

b. 180

d. 210

8. \_\_\_\_\_ abolished slavery throughout the British Empire
- a. The Abolition Act
  - b. The Emancipation Act
  - c. The Freedom Act
  - d. The Slavery Act
9. There is no place in British society for extremism or intolerance
- a. True
  - b. False
10. It is \_\_\_\_\_ to carry a weapon of any kind, even if it is for self-defence
- a. your responsibility
  - b. your right
  - c. a criminal offence
11. St Andrew is the Patron Saint of \_\_\_\_\_
- a. Scotland
  - b. Wales
  - c. England
  - d. Northern Ireland
12. The major political parties are (choose any 3 answers)
- a. The Green UK Party
  - b. The Conservative Party
  - c. Traditional Voice
  - d. The National Party
  - e. The Liberal Democrats
  - f. The Labour Party
13. Famous British authors include (choose any 2 answers):
- a. Thomas Hardy
  - b. Henry Moore
  - c. Graham Greene
  - d. Mary Quant
  - e. Gustav Holst
14. Some people rent land called \_\_\_\_\_, where they grow fruit and vegetables.
- a. an rentment'
  - b. 'a shipment'
  - c. 'an allotment'
  - d. 'a tablement'
15. Which is a famous area in London for theatres?
- a. South End
  - b. East End
  - c. The City
  - d. West End

**III. Choose the right answer keeping the English etiquette in mind:**

1. Which of the topics is it better to avoid in a small talk?
- a. Hobbies
  - b. Weather
  - c. Personal finance
2. What shows that a person is no longer engaged in conversation?
- a. He/she stops making eye contact
  - c. He/she nods or interjects an occasional, "Yes, I agree," or "I know what you mean."

b. He/she acts like a know-it-all

3. What will you do when you see an English kid misbehaving?

- a. Tell his/her parents to stop the kid misbehaving      c. Speak to the child and ask him/her to behave properly

b. Will do nothing and keep silent

4. What form of reference is incorrect:

a. elderly people

c. senior citizens

b. old people

5. How would an Englishman answer this question: – How do you do?

a. – How do you do

c. – This way, that way and every way

b. – I'm fine, thank you

6. How would an Englishman react to a statement:– It's good weather for ducks!

a. – Yes, I saw a flock of ducks coming back from the south yesterday

c. – Yes, it's bucketing down

b. – Yes, a good master won't let the dog out

IV. Read the book quotes and guess what nations they refer to. Circle a letter next to each quote: A for the Americans, B for the British, R for the Russians and fill in each gap with a character trait the quote refers to, e.g. A, B, R politeness.

1. "His face was the sort of face from which emotion has been so carefully banished that a foreigner is apt to think the wearer of the face incapable of any sort of feeling; the kind of face which, if it has any expression at all, expresses principally the resolution to go through the world decorously, without intruding upon or annoying anyone". From "Lukundoo" by Edward Lucas White.

A, B, R \_\_\_\_\_

2. "She shows her emotions, doesn't hide them and tell you what you want to hear. She behaves genuinely and impulsively. That is part of her appeal." From "The Making of June" by Annie Ward

A, B, R \_\_\_\_\_

3. "We are rigid and formal in some ways, but we believe in the right to eccentricity, as long as the eccentricities are large enough... Woe betide you if you hold your knife incorrectly, but good luck to you if you wear a loincloth and live up a tree". From "Notwithstanding" by Louis de Bernières.

A, B, R \_\_\_\_\_

4. "Sometimes he'd get a very distant and apathetic look around his eyes and he'd sting her with some harsh truth. Always he apologized for it, but she had never blamed him, only the cold of his heritage." From "Second Coming" by Shannon Noelle Long.

A, B, R \_\_\_\_\_

Keys:

II. 1. a; 2. d; 3. c; 4 b; 5. d; 6. a, c, d, f; 7. a; 8. b; 9. a; 10. c; 11. d; 12. b, e, f; 13. a, c; 14. c; 15. d.

III. 1. c; 2. a; 3. b; 4. b; 5. a; 6. c. IV. 1. B; 2. A; 3. B; 4. R.

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