

Non-British History

No.	Question	Answer
1	What Roman was assassinated on 15 March 44BC?	Julius Caesar
2	What religious leader was born in Mecca in 570AD?	Muhammad
3	Who was known as the 'The Maid of Orléans'?	Joan of Arc
4	What explorer set out from Palos de la Frontera in 1492 on a voyage of discovery?	Christopher Columbus
5	What French prison did revolutionaries storm on the afternoon of 14 July 1789?	Bastille
6	What explorer led the expedition that was the first to arrive at the South Pole on 14 December 1911?	Roald Amundsen
7	What priest and professor of moral theology was excommunicated from the Roman Catholic Church in 1521 by Pope Leo X for his refusal to renounce his writings, in particular his 'Ninety-five Theses' of 1517?	Martin Luther
8	Who introduced mechanical movable type printing to Europe in 1439?	Johannes Gutenberg
9	What term was used to describe the hereditary military nobility and officer caste of medieval and early modern Japan?	Samurai
10	Who became Franklin D. Roosevelt's vice president on 20 January 1945?	Harry S. Truman
11	On Christmas Day 800AD who did Pope Leo III crown as Holy Roman Emperor?	Charlemagne
12	What President of Cuba was defeated by rebels under the command of Che Guevara at the Battle of Santa Clara on New Year's Day 1959?	Fulgencio Batista
13	Who was Emperor of Ethiopia from 1930 to 1974?	Haile Selassie
14	In 1095 what Pope in a sermon at Clermont called upon Christians to march against the Seljuk Turks and recover Palestine from the rule of the Muslims, thus launching the First Crusade?	Urban II
15	Who were the two foreign ministers who signed the non-aggression pact between Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union in 1939?	Joachim von Ribbentrop & Vyacheslav Molotov
16	What organisation was founded in Caracas, Venezuela, in 1961 with founding members being: Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and Venezuela?	OPEC (Organisation of Petroleum-Exporting Countries)
17	Who served as the first President of Turkey from 1923 until his death in 1938?	Mustafa Kemal Atatürk
18	What race of people built Machu Picchu?	Incas
19	Who was President of South Africa when Nelson Mandela was released in 1990?	F. W. de Klerk
20	Who in the 13 th century became the first Emperor of the Mongol Empire?	Genghis Khan
21	When Cyprus became independent in 1959 who became the first President and remained in that post until his death in 1977?	Archbishop Makarios
22	Who became President of the Palestine Liberation Organisation in 1969?	Yasser Arafat
23	What Spanish Conquistador led an expedition in 1519 that brought about the fall of the Aztec Empire?	Hernán Cortés
24	What organisation was established on 20 March 1602 as a chartered company to trade with Mughal India?	Dutch East India Company
25	What Irish king was killed at the Battle of Clontarf in 1014?	Brian Boru