

Practice test questions

Australia and its people

1. What do we remember on Anzac Day?

- a. The landing of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps at Gallipoli, Turkey
- b. The arrival of the first free settlers from Great Britain
- c. The landing of the First Fleet at Sydney Cove

2. What are the colours of the Australian Aboriginal Flag?

- a. Black, red and yellow
- b. Green, white and black
- c. Blue, white and green

3. Which official symbol of Australia identifies Commonwealth property?

- a. The national anthem
- b. Australia's national flower
- c. Commonwealth Coat of Arms

Australia's democratic beliefs, rights and liberties

4. Which of these statements about Australia's system of government is correct?

- a. The Queen of Australia chooses people to form the Australian Parliament
- b. The government is elected by the people
- c. The Prime Minister chooses our Members of Parliament

5. Which of these is an example of freedom of speech?

- a. People can peacefully protest against government decisions
- b. Men and women are treated equally in a court of law
- c. Australians are free to not follow a religion

6. Which of these statements about government in Australia is correct?

- a. The government does not allow some religions
- b. Government in Australia is secular
- c. Religious laws are passed by parliament

7. Which of these is an example of equality in Australia?

- a. Everyone follows the same religion
- b. Men and women have the same rights
- c. Everyone belongs to the same political party

8. Which of these is a responsibility of Australian citizens aged 18 years or over?

- a. To attend local council meetings
- b. To vote in elections
- c. To have a current Australian passport

9. Which of these is a responsibility of Australian citizens aged 18 years or over?

- a. To do local community service
- b. To carry a passport at all times
- c. To serve on a jury if called to do so

10. Which of these statements about passports is correct?

- a. Australian citizens can apply for an Australian passport
- b. Permanent residents can hold an Australian passport
- c. Australian citizens need a passport and visa to return to Australia





Government and the law in Australia

11. Which of these statements about voting in Australian elections is correct?
 - a. People are free and safe to vote for any candidate
 - b. Voting is by a show of hands
 - c. People must write their name on their vote
12. What happened in Australia on 1 January 1901?
 - a. The Australian Constitution was changed by a referendum
 - b. The Australian Constitution came into effect
 - c. The Australian and New Zealand Army Corps was formed
13. What is the name of the legal document that sets out the rules for the government of Australia?
 - a. The Australian Federation
 - b. The Australian Commonwealth
 - c. The Australian Constitution
14. What is a referendum?
 - a. A vote to change the government
 - b. A vote to change the Australian Constitution
 - c. A vote to change the Prime Minister
15. Which arm of government has the power to interpret and apply laws?
 - a. Legislative
 - b. Executive
 - c. Judicial
16. Which of these is a role of the Governor-General?
 - a. The appointment of state premiers
 - b. The signing of Bills passed by the Australian Parliament
 - c. The appointment of the Head of State
17. Which of these statements about state governments is correct?
 - a. All states have the same constitution
 - b. Each state has its own constitution
 - c. The states have no constitution
18. What is the name given to the party or coalition of parties with the second largest number of members in the House of Representatives?
 - a. The Government
 - b. The Opposition
 - c. The Senate
19. What is the name of a proposal to make a law in parliament?
 - a. Royal Assent
 - b. Bill
 - c. Debate
20. Who maintains peace and order in Australia?
 - a. Public servants
 - b. Police
 - c. Lawyers

Answers:

1a, 2a, 3c, 4b, 5a, 6b, 7b, 8b, 9c, 10a, 11a, 12b, 13c, 14b, 15c, 16b, 17b, 18b, 19b, 20b