



ZIMBABWE QUIZ

THE ANSWERS

1. In which continent is Zimbabwe?

- a) Africa
- b) Europe
- c) Asia
- d) South America

Zimbabwe is a country in southern Africa, formerly known as Southern Rhodesia and then as Rhodesia.

2. What is the official language of Zimbabwe?

- a) English
- b) Sindebele
- c) Shona
- d) Ndebele

The official language of Zimbabwe is English, but Shona, Sindebele and Ndebele are regional languages that are widely spoken.

3. Who is the Prime Minister of Zimbabwe?

- a) Morgan Tsvangirai
- b) Jacob Zuma
- c) Robert Mugabe
- d) Arthur Mutambara

Morgan Tsvangirai is the Prime Minister. Arthur Mutambara is the Deputy Prime Minister. The President is Robert Mugabe – he is the head of State and Commander in Chief of the armed forces. Jacob Zuma is the President of South Africa.

4. How many provinces does Zimbabwe consist of (excluding Bulawayo and Harare)?

- a) 14
- b) 8
- c) 12
- d) 6

The provinces are Manicaland, Mashonaland Central, Mashonaland East, Mashonaland West, Masvingo, Matabeleland North, Matabeleland South, and Midlands. Each of these provinces is headed by a governor. Bulawayo and Harare are cities with provincial status.

5. Which is the capital of Zimbabwe?

- a) Mutare
- b) Gweru
- c) Bulawayo
- d) Harare

Harare is the most important city in Zimbabwe since it is the capital. Bulawayo is the second most important city because it was the capital of the Ndebele kingdom in the 19th century and is now the main city of the southwest. Gweru and Mutare are just names of towns in Zimbabwe.

6. What is the currency unit of Zimbabwe?

- (a) Shilling
- (b) Dollar
- (c) Kwanzas
- (d) Ngultrums

7. In which year were the Portuguese defeated by the Rozwi chieftaincy of Changamire?

- a) 1588
- b) 1693
- c) 1715
- d) 1498

The whole of present-day Zimbabwe was brought under the control of Changamire and the new Shona state became known as the Rozwi Empire.

8. What does the word 'Rozwi' mean?

- a) Destroyers
- b) Demolishers
- c) Slayers
- d) Slaughterers

Relying on centuries of military, political and religious development, the Rozwi removed the Portuguese from the Zimbabwe plateau by force.

9. What does the word 'Zimbabwe' mean in the Shona language?

- a) House of stone
- b) Under one roof
- c) Unity
- d) People of the Sanyati River

The name Zimbabwe derives from 'Dzimba dza mabwe' meaning 'House of stone' in the Shona language.

The Shona people established their rule about AD 1000. They built a city called 'Zimbabwe', or 'Great Zimbabwe'. The city's ruins lie near the province of Masvingo.

10. What is Zimbabwe's greatest distance from North to South?

- a) 760 km
- b) 980 km
- c) 560 km
- d) 1120 km

From East to West its greatest distance is 820 km.

11. What colour is the bird on Zimbabwe's flag?

- a) Yellow
- b) There is no bird on Zimbabwe's flag
- c) Tan
- d) Grey

Zimbabwe's flag has seven horizontal stripes of green, yellow, red, black, red, yellow and green. A white triangle on the left contains a yellow Great Zimbabwe bird on a red star.

12. Zimbabwe is bordered by four countries:

- a) South Africa, Uganda, Zambia, Rwanda
- b) South Africa, Botswana, Zambia, Mozambique
- c) Uganda, Zambia, Rwanda, Tanzania
- d) Uganda, Zambia, Ethiopia, Mozambique

Zimbabwe is a landlocked country located in the southern part of the continent of Africa, between the Zambezi and Limpopo rivers. It is bordered by South Africa to the south, Botswana to the southwest, Zambia to the northwest and Mozambique to the east.

13. For many years Zimbabwe was a colony of:

- a) France
- b) Portugal
- c) Britain
- d) Spain

In the 1880s, the British arrived with Cecil Rhodes's British South Africa Company. In 1898, the name Southern Rhodesia was adopted. Zimbabwe gained independence from Britain in 1980.

14. What percentage of the population of Zimbabwe is living with HIV?

- a) 10%
- b) 14%
- c) 18%
- d) 22%

15. Hyper-inflation led to the introduction of which note value in 2008:

- a) 1 million
- b) 1 billion
- c) 10 billion
- d) 100 billion

In 2008, the central bank introduced a new 100 billion dollar note.

16. In 2009, this was then followed by a new note valued at:

- a) 100 billion
- b) 1,000 billion
- c) 10 trillion
- d) 100 trillion

In 2009, prices doubled every 1.3 days. This makes Zimbabwe's inflation crisis the second worst inflation spike in history, behind the hyperinflationary crisis of Hungary in 1946 in which prices doubled every 15.6 hours. Local residents have largely resorted to buying essentials from neighbouring Botswana, South Africa and Zambia.

17. The percentage of people unemployed in Zimbabwe is:

- a) 50 per cent
- b) 64 per cent
- c) 80 per cent
- d) 95 per cent

18. The main religion practised is:

- a) Islam
- b) Christianity
- c) Hindu
- d) Ancestral worship

19. How many teachers are thought to have left Zimbabwe since 2007?

- a) 5,000
- b) 10,000
- c) 20,000
- d) 40,000

The education department has stated that 20,000 teachers have left Zimbabwe since 2007 and that half of Zimbabwe's children have not progressed beyond primary school. School education was made free in 1980, but since 1988, the government has steadily increased the charges attached to school enrolment.

20. The most popular sport in Zimbabwe is?

- a) Cricket
- b) Rugby
- c) Hockey
- d) Football

Football is the most popular sport in Zimbabwe, although rugby union and cricket also have a following, traditionally among the white minority. Zimbabwe has won eight Olympic medals, one in field hockey at the (boycotted) 1980 Summer Olympics in Moscow, and seven in swimming – three at the 2004 Summer Olympics and four at the 2008 Summer Olympics.

Tie-breaker:

It is estimated that the number of people living in Harare, the capital of Zimbabwe, is:

1,587,028

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