

LIKE A FISH OUT OF WATER – QUIZ

JORNADAS CULTURALES “EL AGUA NOS UNE” – MARZO 08

1. Is the following statement TRUE or FALSE?
'The River Thames contains both seawater and freshwater' (T)
2. Which ocean is Hawaii located in?
 - a. The Pacific Ocean
 - b. The Southern Ocean
 - c. The Atlantic Ocean
3. Which famous American actress starred a 1953 film set in the Niagara Falls? **Marilyn Monroe**
4. Two-thirds of the Earth's surface is covered by water. How much of it is fresh?
 - a. one per cent
 - b. ten per cent
 - c. ninety per cent
5. What is the longest river in the British Isles?
 - a. Shannon
 - b. Severn
 - c. Thames
 - d. Tay
6. Which river forms a considerable part of the boundary between the USA and Mexico?
 - a. Río Grande
 - b. Red River
 - c. Mississippi
 - d. Colorado River
7. The Great Lakes are on which river?
 - a. Missouri
 - b. Hudson
 - c. St Louis
 - d. St Lawrence
8. The *Niagara falls* are probably the best-known in North America. But what is their right pronunciation?
 - a. /'Ni:ɡər/
 - b. /'ni:grə/
 - c. /naɪ'ægrə/
 - d. /'niðgrə/

9. "Father of Waters," "Old Man River," and "Big Muddy" are nicknames of which river?

- a. Colorado River
- b. **Mississippi River**
- c. Ohio River
- d. Potomac River

10. Approximately how many rivers are there in the United States greater than 25 miles in length?

- a. 5,000
- b. **10,000**
- c. 20,000
- d. 25,000

11. The Great Lakes contain how much of the world's freshwater supply?

- a. 1/6
- b. **1/5**
- c. 1/4
- d. 1/3

12. Which English-speaking Caribbean isle means "land of water"?

- a. Bahamas
- b. Bermudas
- c. **Jamaica**
- d. Trinidad

13. "Hard Rain" will be the official song of Expo 2008 in Zaragoza. Amaral will sing the Spanish version of this song written by...?

- a. Bruce Springsteen
- b. Bono
- c. **Bob Dylan**
- d. Paul McCartney

14. Rainwater is the purest form of water. True or False?

False. Distilled water is purer.

15. Who directed the film 'Mystic River' in 2003?

Clint Eastwood.

16. According to Professor Higgins in My Fair Lady:

'The rain in Spain stays mainly in the

- a. lake
- b. **plain**
- c. mountain

17. Lakes were formed thousands of years ago by
- comets
 - earthquakes
 - glaciers**
18. Which is the highest waterfall in the world?
- The Angel Falls (Venezuela, 979m)**
 - The Niagara Falls (between Ontario and NY, 51m)
 - The Tugela Falls (South Africa, 947m)
19. If you have a garden, you will probably need these things:
- A watering can and a hose**
20. Which novel by Joseph Conrad is set on an expedition along the river Congo? **Heart of Darkness**
(This book was the inspiration for the film "Apocalypse now")
21. In which American country are there geysers at 4,400 metres of altitude?
- Chile**
 - Mexico
 - Argentina
- (The Tatío Geysers are produced by an underground river which flows next to a volcano)
22. Which city in the USA was flooded after the hurricane Katrina as a result of an engineering disaster?
- New Orleans** (The drainage canal levees breached)
23. In which British city are the best preserved Roman religious spa from the ancient world?
- Bath** ("The Sacred Spring": More than a million litres of water at 46°C have been rising every day for thousands of years)
24. These boats were used to quickly deliver goods up and down the Mississippi river:
- wheelboats
 - steamboats**
 - riverboats

25. A river sometimes flows in a very slow, gentle way following a winding course. This is called

Meander (The International Expo in Zaragoza 2008 is located in the "Meandro Ranillas")

26. This was once the fourth largest lake on Earth. **The Aral Sea**
(It has shrunk dramatically over the past few decades as the rivers that fed the Aral Sea have been diverted for cotton growing)

27. Cities and full islands will disappear when the water level rises due to the thawing of the polar and glaciers

- a) **ice caps**
- b) ice caskets
- c) ice casks

28. This is the longest river in the world: The Nile. Why does the Nile not flood nowadays ?

Because the construction of the Aswan Dam in the 1960's allows that from 1970 the annual flood can be controlled.

29. What is punting?

- a) **going along the river in a punt, a special boat moved by pushing the bottom of the river with a long pole.**
- b) fishing in the open sea
- c) collecting shells and pebbles on the shore

30. A long period of dry weather when there is not enough water is called a **drought**

31. Do you know the name of a bridgelike structure of wood or metal built out into the sea at places where people go for holidays, with small buildings on it where people can eat and amuse themselves? **Pier**

32. Who wrote "Moby Dick", the famous novel about the sea and a great white whale?

- a) Ernest Hemingway
- b) **Herman Melville**
- c) George Orwell

33. The " Boat Race", held each year around Easter in England, attracts national attention. Which two universities participate being rivals?

Cambridge and Oxford

34. What is the name of the Holy city of the Indus, which is on the sacred river Ganges, where people go to wash away their sins?

- a) Calcuta
- b) Nueva Delhi
- c) **Benarés**

35. What is the largest island in the Inner Hebrides, off the coast of North west Scotland, which is connected by a bridge to the mainland of Scotland?

- a) Isle of Man
- b) **Skye**
- c) Shetland

36. The Pilgrims, people who left England to have a new life in America, started their voyage on the Mayflower. Do you know where did they sail from in England?

- a) Hastings
- b) Torquay
- c) **Plymouth**

37. St Patrick's day is an important religious day in Ireland, but it is also celebrated in many American cities; For example in Chicago, the Chicago river is coloured on St Patrick's day, Do you Know which colour?

- a) blue
- b) **Green**
- c) Orange

38. The film " The Beach", whose main actor was Leonardo Dicapprio was shot in the Phi- Phi island. What happened there in December 2004?

- a) An earthquake
- b) A terrorist attack
- c) **A tsunami**

39. Which Scottish Loch is larger than Loch Ness? **Loch Lomond**

40. Which fish is caught in the River Corrib in Galway (Ireland)? **Salmon**

41. Supertramp's hit 'It's Raining _____' was released as a single from their 1982 album Famous Last Words. **It's raining again.**
42. Which of these groups or singers didn't sing the song 'River Deep, Mountain High':
- a) **The Beatles**
 - b) Ike & Tina Turner
 - c) The Supremes
43. When was the film The Blue Lagoon released?:
- a) In the 1970's
 - b) **In the 1980's**
 - c) In the 1990's
44. What type of film is The Bridge on the River Kwai? **War**
45. Just south of the town of Page, Arizona, the Colorado River forms the dramatic:
- a) **Horseshoe Bend**
 - b) Apple Bend
 - c) Tear Bend