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Questions	Your answers
1 Did Cleopatra live closer in time to the building of the Great Pyramid or to the first Moon landing?	
2 Which is older: the University of Oxford or the Aztec city of Tenochtitlan?	
3 Which was invented first: the fax machine or the telephone?	
4 The Rosetta Stone helped experts read which ancient writing?	
5 What were the knotted strings the Inca used to keep records called?	
6 What is the name of the huge Inca road network, a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 2014?	
7 Which people were the first to settle New Zealand, around 700 years ago?	
8 In the 1440s, King Sejong created which alphabet?	
9 In the 1440s, King Sejong's Korea put bronze gauges in every province to measure what?	
10 Which navigation tool with a magnetised needle was first used in China?	
11 Which Chinese admiral led huge "treasure ship" fleets to East Africa in the 1400s?	
12 Which medieval stone city gave its name to a modern African country?	

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13 Which ancient Ethiopian city is famous for its giant carved stone obelisks?	
14 Which West African ruler holds a lump of gold on the Catalan Atlas map of 1375?	
15 Who founded al-Qarawiyyin in Fez in 859, often called the oldest existing university?	
16 Which Basra-born scientist wrote the Book of Optics about 1,000 years ago?	
17 Which film director made the first solo dive to the deepest point of the ocean, in 2012?	
18 Who was the first person to walk in space and also dive to the ocean's deepest point?	
19 In 2024, which became the first G7 country to stop making electricity from coal?	
20 In October 2025, Sanae Takaichi became the first woman prime minister of which country?	
21 In 2025, Egypt found the first pharaoh's tomb since Tutankhamun's. Whose was it?	
22 In 2023, AI read the first word in a scroll burnt by Vesuvius. What colour did it mean?	
23 Whose 1206 book of clever machines shows the famous "elephant clock"?	
24 Which scholar from Bukhara wrote The Canon of Medicine, used in Europe for centuries?	

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2 Which is older: the University of Oxford or the Aztec city of Tenochtitlan?	The University of Oxford
3 Which was invented first: the fax machine or the telephone?	The fax machine
4 The Rosetta Stone helped experts read which ancient writing?	Egyptian hieroglyphs
5 What were the knotted strings the Inca used to keep records called?	Quipu (khipu)
6 What is the name of the huge Inca road network, a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 2014?	Qhapaq Ñan
7 Which people were the first to settle New Zealand, around 700 years ago?	The Māori
8 In the 1440s, King Sejong created which alphabet?	Hangul (the Korean alphabet)
9 In the 1440s, King Sejong's Korea put bronze gauges in every province to measure what?	Rainfall
10 Which navigation tool with a magnetised needle was first used in China?	The compass
11 Which Chinese admiral led huge "treasure ship" fleets to East Africa in the 1400s?	Zheng He
12 Which medieval stone city gave its name to a modern African country?	Great Zimbabwe

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13 Which ancient Ethiopian city is famous for its giant carved stone obelisks?	Aksum (Axum)
14 Which West African ruler holds a lump of gold on the Catalan Atlas map of 1375?	Mansa Musa
15 Who founded al-Qarawiyyin in Fez in 859, often called the oldest existing university?	Fatima al-Fihri
16 Which Basra-born scientist wrote the Book of Optics about 1,000 years ago?	Ibn al-Haytham (Alhazen)
17 Which film director made the first solo dive to the deepest point of the ocean, in 2012?	James Cameron
18 Who was the first person to walk in space and also dive to the ocean's deepest point?	Kathy Sullivan
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21 In 2025, Egypt found the first pharaoh's tomb since Tutankhamun's. Whose was it?	Thutmose II
22 In 2023, AI read the first word in a scroll burnt by Vesuvius. What colour did it mean?	Purple
23 Whose 1206 book of clever machines shows the famous "elephant clock"?	Al-Jazari
24 Which scholar from Bukhara wrote The Canon of Medicine, used in Europe for centuries?	Ibn Sina (Avicenna)

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