



Philatelic Quiz #1

1. The world's first postage stamps appeared in England in 1840. They carried the image of the queen? Who was it?
(A) Charlotte
(B) Anne
(C) Victoria
2. What is the name of the organisation that organises and oversees the postal system around the world?
(A) Universal Postal Union
(B) World Post
(C) Global Postal Network
3. What is the only country in the world that does not include its name in the stamps they issue?
(A) The Vatican
(B) Great Britain
(C) Lichenstein
4. Stamps with self adhesive gum, which sticks to the envelope without water, are said to be what?
(A) Peel and Stick
(B) Instant Stick
(C) Security Stamps
5. The letters OHMS on government mail stand for On His/Her Majesty's what?
(A) Security
(B) Service
(C) Supply
6. If you posted an ordinary letter within Australia between 1913 and 1940, what colour stamp would it carry?
(A) Red
(B) Blue
(C) Green
7. Great Britain used this design of stamp from 1968 to 2022. Who was the designer of this image?

(A) Arnold Machin
(B) Dorothy Wilding
(C) Cecil Beaton
8. When the United States Post Office introduced a mail address code they called it 'zipcode'. It was the American equivalent of our postcode. It was publicised by a cartoon character. What was its name?

(A) Mr Zip
(B) Mr Code
(C) Mr Post
9. The Hutt River Province was proclaimed in 1970 when a farmer declared his farm to be a sovereign state. It issued its own stamps, some with the portrait of its ruler. Who was it?
(A) Prince Lionel
(B) Prince Leonard
(C) Prince Laurie
10. The stamps of the colony of Tasmania were originally inscribed with the name of the colony at that time. What was it?
(A) Van Diemens Land
(B) King Island
(C) Flinders Island
11. Perforations are the small holes which make it easier to separate stamps from each other on a sheet. If a stamp has a perforation of 12, this means that there are 12 holes in what length?
(A) ten millimetres
(B) twenty millimetres
(C) thirty millimetres

12. The number in the margin of this stamp is called what?



- (A) Serial number
- (B) Print number
- (C) Plate number

13. The stamp above shows the symbol of Western Australia. What kind of bird is it?

- (A) Duck
- (B) Goose
- (C) Swan

14. When (in the 1860s) stamps were first issued with gum, the gum was extracted from a plant that mainly grew in the desert regions of Africa. What was the gum called?

- (A) Gum Acacia
- (B) Gum Africa
- (C) Gum Arabic

15. These pictorial issues of Tasmania (1988-1912) are of slightly different colours. What is the colour variation called?



- (A) Shades
- (B) Tints
- (C) Varieties

16. A stamp that has holes perforated into the middle it, in the shape of letters, initials or a design or pattern, is called a what?

- (A) Perfin
- (B) Spif
- (C) Puncture stamp

17. A stamp was used as a receipt for the payment of a state tax, such as stamp duty or a special tax or levy, is called what kind of stamp?

- (A) Fiscal
- (B) Revenue
- (C) Back of Book

18. Tirrikiba Post Office was once a busy post office within Newcastle. In 1952 a new date stamp was issued with the name Mayfield East. What is this change called?



- (A) re-named
- (B) re-established
- (C) name-version 2

19. A date stamp, like that shown above, is usually known as a cds. What does the C stand for?

- (A) Circular
- (B) Control
- (C) Curricula

20. A stamp which looks like a postage stamp, but is not issued for postage by any government agency, is called a what stamp?

- (A) Fund raising
- (B) Cinderella
- (C) Poster