

# CULTURAL TRIVIA QUESTIONS

## Study Sheet

- Which comes first: l'école primaire or l'école maternelle?  
L'école maternelle
- Where would you most likely find *Par Avion* written?  
On an envelope
- Where would you find a *couchette*?  
On a train
- How many kilometers equal one mile  
1.6
- What are *santons*?  
Little clay figurines of the nativity scene
- What is the Sorbonne?  
A university
- In which hand do the French hold the fork while eating?  
Left
- What would you do at *Les Galeries Lafayette*?  
Shop
- When is the French Labor Day?  
May 1
- What is a *Bateau Mouche*?  
Tourist boat on the Seine
- What is Le Concorde?  
A very fast commercial airplane
- What is the age for getting a driver's license?  
18
- What is a carnet?  
A book of ten metro tickets
- What is une mairie?  
A town hall
- When was the first day Euros were used in France?  
January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2002
- What is a French high school called in French?  
Un lycée
- What does *service compris* mean?  
Tip is included
- Who invented the process of pasteurization?  
Louis Pasteur
- Who is Astérix' dog?  
Idéfix
- What was the profession of Coco Chanel?  
Fashion designer
- What was the profession of René Descartes?  
Writer, philosopher, Mathematician
- What body of water did Louis Bleriot fly over in 1909?  
The English Channel
- Who was the Maid of Orleans?  
Joan of Arc
- Who is considered the greatest writer of fables in France?  
Jean de la Fontaine
- Who wrote *Les Pensées*?  
Blaise Pascal
- Who was the husband of Marie Antoinette?  
Louis XVI
- What scientific principle did Antoine Lavoisier, a chemist, develop in the 18<sup>th</sup> century?  
The role of oxygen in combustion
- Of which king was the Man in the Iron Mask supposedly the twin brother?  
Louis XIV
- François I was the king during which period of history?  
The Renaissance
- Who wrote *Twenty Thousand Leagues under the Sea*?  
Jules Verne
- What Frenchman is the leading explorer of sea life?  
Jacques-Yves Cousteau
- What is "boules" or "pétanque"?  
Lawn bowling
- Who wrote *le Petit Prince*?  
Antoine de Saint-Exupéry
- Who is Guignol?  
A famous French puppet
- What would you do at a patinoire?  
Ice skate
- What is a chochonnet in the game of boules?  
The little ball the player tries to get near.
- How long does le Mans last?  
24 hours
- What was France called when the Romans invaded?  
Gaul
- Who was Louis Lumière?  
The man who invented moving pictures
- What is the nickname of the French flag?  
Le tricolore
- What is the French national anthem?  
La Marseillaise
- What unique thing is in a galette des rois?  
A bean, or porcelain figure
- Where can a person sit all day with only one or two drinks?  
At a French café
- When was the Métro built in Paris?  
1900
- What was the Bastille?  
A prison
- Who won the Nobel Prize for physics in 1903?  
Marie and Pierre Curie
- What is Camembert?  
Cheese
- What was the profession of Jacques Cartier?  
Explorer
- What did Monet, Manet and Renoir have in common?  
Impressionistic painters
- What was André Le Nôtre's job at Versailles?  
Gardener

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| 51. What was the profession of Edith Piaf?                        | Singer                                  |
| 52. During which month are the grapes gathered?                   | September                               |
| 53. What is a potage?   | Soup                                    |
| 54. What is a religieuse?   | A pastry                                |
| 55. What are fruits de mer?                                       | Seafood                                 |
| 56. What is ratatouille?  | Mixed vegetable dish                    |
| 57. When would one eat a goûter                                   | Snack-after school                      |
| 58. What is the third largest crop grown in France?               | Grapes (for wine making)                |
| 59. How often do the French buy bread?                            | Daily                                   |
| 60. What is a croque-monsieur?                                    | A grilled cheese sandwich with ham      |
| 61. In which province do they eat bouillabaisse?                  | Provence                                |
| 62. What is a bûche de Noël?                                      | Yule log made out of cake for Christmas |
| 63. How is café au lait served?                                   | With hot milk and cream                 |
| 64. What is the largest crop grown in France?                     | Wheat                                   |
| 65. What is the main ingredient of sauerkraut?                    | Cabbage                                 |
| 66. Which is stronger, un express or un crème?                    | Un express                              |
| 67. What is a tisane?   | Herbal tea                              |
| 68. What is mille-feuilles?                                       | Pastry                                  |
| 69. Who was Louis Renault?  | Founder of Renault autos                |
| 70. Who is la Joconde?  | Mona Lisa                               |
| 71. Where does France get its name?                               | From the Francs                         |
| 72. What did the French Constitution establish for women in 1946? | Equal pay for equal work                |
| 73. What is the number of the department that includes Paris?     | 75                                      |
| 74. How many hours ahead is France than New York?                 | 6 hours                                 |
| 75. What are the divisions of Paris called?                       | Arrondissements                         |
| 76. Where is the Latin Quarter, right or left bank?               | Left                                    |
| 77. Where is the Hall of Mirrors?                                 | Versailles                              |
| 78. Where is the most famous Roman arena in France?               | Nîmes                                   |
| 79. Which body of water is to the west of France?                 | The Atlantic Ocean                      |
| 80. What is the highest mountain France?                          | Mont Blanc                              |
| 81. Which region is famous for its butter?                        | Normandy                                |
| 82. From where does most of France's olive oil come?              | Provence                                |
| 83. For what is Limoges famous?                                   | Porcelain                               |
| 84. From where was William the Conqueror?                         | Normandy                                |
| 85. Where can you buy little saints, santons, for Christmas?      | Provence                                |
| 86. How many miles are 80 kilometers?                             | 50 miles                                |
| 87. What mountain range separates France and Spain?               | Pyrenees                                |
| 88. What famous cathedral is found on <i>l'Île de la Cité</i> ?   | Notre Dame                              |
| 89. What is Chartres famous for?                                  | The cathedral                           |
| 90. How many departments are there in mainland France?            | 95                                      |
| 91. In which region do they eat lots of sauerkraut?               | Alsace                                  |
| 92. Where is Jacques Cartier from?                                | Brittany                                |
| 93. What is the geometrical shape of France?                      | Hexagon                                 |
| 94. What is the English Channel in French?                        | La Manche                               |
| 95. Which is the longest river in France?                         | The Loire                               |
| 96. What is La Côte d'Azur ?                                      | French Riviera                          |
| 97. What city is at the mouth of the Seine?                       | Le Havre                                |
| 98. Where is Omaha Beach?   | Normandy                                |
| 99. What French island is located in the Mediterranean?           | Corsica                                 |
| 100. Where is the Mardi Gras celebrated wildly?                   | Nice                                    |
| 101. Where in France would you find Celtic traditions?            | Brittany                                |
| 102. What is the province in which Paris is located?              | L'Île-de-France                         |