

2010
SECOND GRADE KAT QUESTIONS

Language Arts

1. Name the four major characters in Charlotte's Web?
A: Charlotte, Fern Wilbur, and Templeton
2. What saying best describes the moral of the story "A Christmas Carol?"
A: Turn over a new leaf
3. Peter Pan never did what?
A: Grew up
4. Recite the first sentence of the poem, "Twas the night before Christmas."
A: Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house, not a creature was stirring not even a mouse.
5. What two birds are looking for the Cubird?
A: Owl and Roadrunner
6. Don't _____ a book by its cover.
A: judge
7. Who wrote "A Christmas Carol"?
A: Charles Dickens
8. Who was the tall tale hero who hammered his way through a mountain?
A: John Henry
9. Who was the tall tale hero who could eat a pancake the size of a house?
A: Paul Bunyan
10. Finish the saying: Where there's a will, _____.
A: there's a way.
11. What two letters are generally added to change a word from present to past tense?
A: e-d
12. Name an instance one would use a capital letter.
A: (any of the following): 1. first word of a sentence, 2. proper nouns, 3. pronoun "I", 4. holidays, 5. months, 6. days of the week, 7. names of countries, states, cities, 8. main words in titles, 9. initials
13. What is an antonym of happy?
A: Sad
14. "The children smiled at the teacher." What are the nouns?
A: Children, teacher

15. Is the word “children” singular or plural?
A: Plural
16. “The dog ran after its toy.” What is the verb?
A: Ran
17. Where were the ancient Greek gods supposed to have lived?
A: Mount Olympus
18. Who was the Plains Indian trickster?
A: Iktomi
19. Who was the ancient Greek God of the Underworld?
A: Hades
20. Who wrote the poems “Bed in Summer” and “Windy Nights”?
A: Robert Louis Stevenson

Science

21. What does “cycle” mean?
A: Circle
22. What causes the four seasons?
A: The tilt of the earth on its axis.
23. Name the components of the water cycle?
A: Evaporation, condensation, and precipitation
24. Why are simple machines important?
A: They can make hard jobs easier to do.
25. What did Elijah McCoy invent?
A: The oil cup (the real McCoy!)
26. A ramp is an example of what simple machine?
A: Inclined plane
27. What is the building block of all plants, animals, and human beings?
A: Cells
28. How long does food stay in your stomach?
A: Two to three hours
29. What are the three main body parts of any insect?
A: Head, thorax, and abdomen

30. Describe the stages of an insect's life cycle.
A: Egg, larva, pupa, adult
31. Why don't plants grow in the winter in cold climates?
A: They are dormant (sleeping).
32. What are the three main types of clouds from lowest to highest?
A: Stratus, Cumulus, Cirrus
33. What type of skeleton do insects have?
A: Exoskeleton
34. Name a social insect.
A: (Any) Ants, bees, termites, wasps
35. What is a naturally occurring magnet?
A: Lodestone
36. What direction does a compass always point?
A: North
37. When the northern hemisphere is having summer, what season is occurring in the southern hemisphere?
A: Winter
38. Which is longer – the small or large intestine?
A: The small intestine
39. Which of the following is NOT part of the digestive system? Teeth, saliva, esophagus, stomach, heart, small intestine, large intestine
A: Heart
40. Is the Earth a magnet?
A: Yes

American History and Geography

41. Is the world made up of mostly land or water?
A: Water
42. How many continents are there?
A: Seven
43. What two seas border the country of Greece?
A: The Mediterranean and the Aegean (Ah gee an) Seas
44. In the War of 1812, what continent did our opponent come from?
A: Europe

45. The Statue of Liberty was a gift from what country?
A: France
46. In which city and state was the constitutional convention held?
A: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
47. Which river in India is said to have healing powers?
A: The Ganges (gan geez) River
48. What does contiguous mean and name two countries that have a contiguous border with the United States?
A: Contiguous means touching. Canada and Mexico
49. What two states are NOT part of the contiguous United States?
A: Alaska and Hawaii
50. What city is named after the Greek goddess Athena?
A: Athens
51. Name two important rivers in China.
A: Yellow and Yangtze (yang zee)
52. What structure was built to keep the Mongols out of China?
A: The Great Wall
53. Who worked to gain the right of women to vote?
A: Susan B. Anthony
54. Who were the two most famous generals of the Civil War?
A: Ulysses S. Grant and Robert E. Lee
55. Who was the president of the United States during the Civil War?
A: Abraham Lincoln
56. What country did the U.S. fight in the War of 1812?
A: England
57. Who is known as the Father of the Constitution?
A: James Madison
58. What was the name of the canal that made travel westward much faster?
A: The Erie Canal
59. What is Harriet Tubman famous for?
A: She was a conductor on the Underground Railroad.
60. Who wrote the poem that the “Star Spangled Banner” was based on?
A: Francis Scott Key

61. What was the name of the document that freed all the slaves in the confederate states?
A: The Emancipation Proclamation
62. Who was known as “Old Hickory?”
A: Andrew Jackson
63. What does “E Pluribus Unum” mean?
A: Out of many – one.
64. Who refused to give up her seat on a segregated bus, sparking a year-long bus boycott in Montgomery, Alabama?
A: Rosa Parks
65. On what continent is China and India?
A: Asia
66. What is the nickname of the U.S.S. Constitution?
A: “Old Ironsides.”

Mathematics

67. How many are in a dozen?
A: 12
68. Is the number of 64 even or odd?
A: Even
69. Count by 5s to 50. Start with 0.
A: 0, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50
70. Count by 3s to 30. Start with 0.
A: 0, 3, 6, 9, 12, 15, 18, 21, 24, 27, 30
71. How many inches are in a foot?
A: 12 inches
72. What are the two words for 12:00?
A: Noon and midnight
73. What coin is worth 5 cents?
A: A nickel
74. In the number 673, which number is in the tens column?
A: 7
75. What coin is worth 10 cents?
A: A dime

76. Is the long hand of a clock the hour or minute hand?
A: The minute hand
77. What two things do you need in the answer when you are adding or subtracting money?
A: A dollar sign and a decimal point
78. What is a product?
A: The answer to a multiplication problem
79. What is a sum?
A: The answer to an addition problem
80. Double the number ten.
A: Twenty

Art

81. The direction of a line going straight up and down is called what?
A: Vertical
82. The direction of a line going side to side is called what?
A: Horizontal
83. The line that runs in a slanted direction is called what?
A: A diagonal
84. Who painted the piece called *Mother and Child*?
A: Picasso
85. Who created the sculpture, *The Thinker*?
A: Rodin
86. What is the name of the type of art that illustrates scenery such as mountains, valleys, trees, rivers, and forests?
A: Landscape
87. Who painted, *Starry Night*?
A: Van Gogh
88. Is the painting, *Cat and Bird* by Paul Klee (pronounced "Clay") an example of abstract or lifelike art?
A: Abstract art
89. What two objects make Picasso's sculpture, *Bull's Head*?
A: Bicycle seat and handlebars
90. The art of designing buildings is called?

A: Architecture

Music

91. To what family of instruments does the cello belong?

A: Strings

92. Cymbals belong to what family of instruments?

A: Percussion

93. Name two keyboard instruments.

A: Any two from piano, organ, electronic keyboard, harpsichord, celesta, clavichord, accordion, synthesizer

94. Who wrote “The Four Seasons?”

A: Vivaldi

95. Who wrote “Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring?”

A: Bach

96. Who wrote “Für Elise?”

A: Beethoven

97. How many quarter notes equal a half note?

A: Two

98. Who was Casey Jones?

A: A train engineer

99. Sing or say the notes in a major scale starting with do, re, mi.

A: Do, re, mi, fa, so, la, ti, do

100. In the song “When Johnny Comes Marching Home,” who is Johnny?

A: A Civil War soldier from the South