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1. What is one of the fundamental principles of British life?

- A. Compulsory military service
- B. The rule of law
- C. A single state religion for all
- D. A one-party political system

2. Which TWO of the following are fundamental principles of British life?

- A. Democracy
- B. Censorship of the press
- C. Individual liberty
- D. Banning of religion

3. Tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs is best described as what?

- A. A legal obligation only for new citizens
- B. A fundamental principle of British life
- C. A rule that applies only in England
- D. An optional courtesy

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4. When you apply to become a permanent resident or citizen of the UK, you agree to do what?

- A. Give up your previous nationality
- B. Respect the laws, values and traditions of the UK
- C. Join a political party
- D. Live only in England

5. Is the statement TRUE or FALSE? 'Looking after the area you live in and the environment is one of the values expected of residents.'

- A. True
- B. False



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6. At a citizenship ceremony, new citizens make a pledge to do what?

- A. Serve in the armed forces
- B. Uphold the UK's democratic values and observe its laws
- C. Pay an annual loyalty fee
- D. Renounce all foreign travel

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7. Which of these is a responsibility you should respect as a resident of the UK?

- A. Treating others with fairness
- B. Reporting your neighbours' beliefs
- C. Only speaking English at home
- D. Voting for the governing party

8. Respecting and obeying the law is described in the handbook as what?

- A. A value that everyone in the UK should support
- B. A rule only for people born abroad
- C. A guideline that is optional
- D. A requirement only when in court

9. Is the statement TRUE or FALSE? 'Individual liberty is one of the values underpinning British society.'

- A. True
- B. False

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10. The right of people to take part in community life is linked to which principle?

- A. Participation
- B. Taxation
- C. Devolution
- D. Censorship



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11. Why is it important that people respect the opinions of others, even when they disagree?

- A. It is a legal requirement enforced by police
- B. Respecting the rights and opinions of others is a shared value
- C. It is required only during elections
- D. Disagreement is forbidden by law

12. Which document do many people refer to in order to learn the values needed for the citizenship test?

- A. The Magna Carta
- B. 'Life in the United Kingdom: A Guide for New Residents'
- C. The Bill of Rights
- D. The Domesday Book

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13. Being self-reliant and looking after yourself and your family reflects which expectation of residents?

- A. A shared value of taking responsibility
- B. A condition for voting
- C. A rule only for homeowners
- D. A requirement to attend church

14. Is the statement TRUE or FALSE? 'Everyone in the UK has the legal right to be protected from unfair treatment.'

- A. True
- B. False

15. Which of these best reflects 'participation in community life'?

- A. Avoiding contact with neighbours
- B. Volunteering and helping in your local area
- C. Paying for private services only
- D. Refusing to vote

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16. Which countries make up the United Kingdom?

- A. England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland
- B. England, Scotland and Wales only
- C. Great Britain and the Republic of Ireland
- D. England and Wales only

17. What does the term 'Great Britain' refer to?

- A. England, Scotland and Wales
- B. The whole of the UK
- C. England and Northern Ireland
- D. All the British Isles including Ireland

18. What is the capital city of the UK?

- A. Manchester
- B. London
- C. Birmingham
- D. Edinburgh

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19. What is the capital city of Scotland?

- A. Glasgow
- B. Aberdeen
- C. Edinburgh
- D. Dundee

20. What is the capital city of Wales?

- A. Swansea
- B. Cardiff
- C. Newport
- D. Bangor

21. What is the capital city of Northern Ireland?

- A. Londonderry
- B. Belfast
- C. Armagh
- D. Lisburn



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22. What is the currency of the UK?

- A. The euro
- B. The pound sterling
- C. The dollar
- D. The crown

23. Is the statement TRUE or FALSE? 'The Channel Islands and the Isle of Man are part of the UK.'

- A. True
- B. False

24. How many pence are there in a pound sterling?

- A. 50
- B. 100
- C. 10
- D. 1,000

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25. Is the statement TRUE or FALSE? 'Scotland and Northern Ireland issue their own banknotes.'

- A. True
- B. False

26. Which of these is NOT one of the four nations of the UK?

- A. Wales
- B. Scotland
- C. Republic of Ireland
- D. Northern Ireland

27. The UK is governed by a Parliament that sits where?

- A. Edinburgh
- B. Cardiff
- C. Westminster, in London
- D. Belfast



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28. Is the statement TRUE or FALSE? 'The official name of the country is the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.'

- A. True
- B. False

29. What were the first people to live in Britain mainly?

- A. Farmers in towns
- B. Hunter-gatherers
- C. Roman soldiers
- D. Factory workers

30. How was Britain connected to the continent for much of the Stone Age?

- A. By a bridge built by the Romans
- B. By a land bridge
- C. By a network of tunnels
- D. It was never connected



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1. B — The rule of law

The fundamental principles include democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, tolerance and participation in community life.

2. A — Democracy

Democracy and individual liberty are fundamental principles, along with the rule of law, tolerance and participation.

3. B — A fundamental principle of British life

Tolerance of people with different faiths and beliefs is one of the shared fundamental principles of British life.

4. B — Respect the laws, values and traditions of the UK

Applicants agree to respect British laws, values and traditions, and to support the country and its way of life.

5. A — True

Looking after yourself and your family, and looking after the area you live in and the environment, are expected of residents.

6. B — Uphold the UK's democratic values and observe its laws

New citizens take an oath or affirmation and a pledge to respect rights and freedoms, uphold democratic values and observe the laws faithfully.

7. A — Treating others with fairness

Treating others with fairness, respecting the rights of others and obeying the law are responsibilities of those living in the UK.

8. A — A value that everyone in the UK should support

Respecting and obeying the law is a core value that everyone in the UK, citizens and residents alike, should support.

9. A — True

Individual liberty is one of the values and principles underpinning British society.

10. A — Participation

Participation in community life is one of the fundamental principles, encouraging people to get involved in their community.

11. B — Respecting the rights and opinions of others is a shared value

Respecting the rights of others, including their right to their own views, is a shared value of British life.

12. B — 'Life in the United Kingdom: A Guide for New Residents'

The official handbook 'Life in the United Kingdom: A Guide for New Residents' sets out the values and knowledge tested.



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13. A — A shared value of taking responsibility

Taking responsibility for yourself and your family is among the values and responsibilities expected of those who live in the UK.

14. A — True

The law protects people from discrimination and unfair treatment, reflecting the values of fairness and equality.

15. B — Volunteering and helping in your local area

Getting involved, such as volunteering and helping locally, is an example of participating in community life.

16. A — England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland

The UK is made up of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

17. A — England, Scotland and Wales

'Great Britain' refers to England, Scotland and Wales only — not Northern Ireland.

18. B — London

London is the capital city of the UK and of England.

19. C — Edinburgh

Edinburgh is the capital of Scotland.

20. B — Cardiff

Cardiff is the capital of Wales.

21. B — Belfast

Belfast is the capital of Northern Ireland.

22. B — The pound sterling

The currency of the UK is the pound sterling (£), divided into 100 pence.

23. B — False

The Channel Islands and the Isle of Man are Crown dependencies, linked to the Crown but not part of the UK.

24. B — 100

There are 100 pence (100p) in one pound (£1).

25. A — True

Banks in Scotland and Northern Ireland can issue their own banknotes, valid throughout the UK.

26. C — Republic of Ireland

The Republic of Ireland is an independent country and is not part of the UK.

27. C — Westminster, in London

The UK Parliament sits at the Palace of Westminster in London.

28. A — True

The full official name is the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

29. B — Hunter-gatherers

The first people to live in Britain were hunter-gatherers during the Stone Age.



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30. B — By a land bridge

For much of the Stone Age Britain was connected to the continent by a land bridge; it later became permanently separated by the sea.



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