Elizabeth: Quiz Questions

Court and Parliament

1. Who was Elizabeth I’s mother?
2. What happened to Elizabeth during her sister Mary’s reign?
3. Name three members of the Privy Council.
4. Who was Elizabeth’s main advisor?
5. Who was Elizabeth’s ‘spymaster’?
6. What was the role of the Lord Lieutenants?
7. What was a Justice of the Peace?
8. What was the title of the leader of the Privy Council?
9. What was patronage?
10. Why was taxation a problem when Elizabeth acceded to the throne?
11. What were the two main religions in England?
12. Who was the leader of the Catholic Church?
13. Who was the leader of the Church of England?
14. Who was the next in line to the throne after Elizabeth?
15. Why did Mary Queen of Scots pose problems for Elizabeth? (2 reasons)
16. Why was there nearly a crisis in 1562?
17. Of which other country did Elizabeth consider herself queen, and why was this a problem?
18. Who were Elizabeth’s three main suitors?
19. Give two reasons in support of Elizabeth marrying.
20. Give two reasons against Elizabeth marrying.
21. Who was imprisoned in 1566 for arguing that Parliament should be able to discuss what it liked?
22. What did Elizabeth ban Parliament from discussing in 1566?
23. What was the name of the Earl of Essex?
24. What was a monopoly?
25. Why did Essex fall out with the queen? Give two reasons.
26. Who was Essex’s main rival at court?
27. What happened to Essex, and why?

Troubles at Home and Abroad

1. Which Tudor monarchs were Catholic?
2. Which Tudor monarchs were Protestant?
3. Give three differences between Protestantism and Catholicism.
4. How did Elizabeth try to achieve a ‘middle way’? Give two methods.
5. Which country was England’s main rival?
6. What was the name for Catholics who refused to attend Protestant services?
7. What did Pope Pius V issue in 1570, and why was this a problem for Elizabeth?
8. How did Elizabeth’s excommunication change her attitude to Catholicism? Give examples.
9. After 1585, what happened to Catholic priests?
10. How did the law passed in 1593 restrict Catholics?
11. What was a missionary?
12. Who was Edmund Campion, and what happened to him?
13. List three Catholic plots to dethrone Elizabeth.
14. Who was the Duke of Norfolk, and how was he involved in plots against Elizabeth?
15. Which was the first major plot against Elizabeth and when did it take place?
16. Which plot took place in 1571 was led by an Italian?
17. Which plot involved the Spanish ambassador and when did it take place?
18. Who were the Puritans?
19. Who was the Archbishop of Canterbury who encouraged prophesyings?
20. What did Elizabeth do to deal with the threat of Puritanism? Give three reasons.
21. Why did Mary Queen of Scots come to England?
22. What did Elizabeth do with her cousin, and for how long?
23. Which plot to replace Elizabeth with Mary Queen of Scots took place in 1586?
24. How was the Babington Plot foiled?
25. Why was the execution of Mary Queen of Scots problematic for Elizabeth?
26. What is the word for someone who dies for their faith?
27. What were the consequences of Mary Queen of Scots’ death? Give two consequences.
28. Who was the King of Spain?
29. Why was there tension between England and Spain? Give three reasons.
30. Who was assassinated in 1585, leading Elizabeth to send troops to the Netherlands?
31. What was a fireship?
32. What were the new triangular sails called, and why were they important?
33. What was the new invention that made navigation easier called?
34. How many ships were in the Spanish Armada?
35. What was the main battle against the Armada called?
36. Who was the leader of the Spanish Armada?
37. Who was the leader of the English fleet?
38. Why was the Spanish Armada defeated? Give three reasons.
39. Where was the Spanish Armada intending to land on the way to England, and why?
40. What were the consequences of the defeat of the Armada? Give two consequences.

Life in Elizabethan England

1. What was the Great Chain of Being?
2. Who were the gentry?
3. How did someone become a noble?
4. What were the privileges of nobility? Give two.
5. Which item, worn around the neck, is the most distinctive feature of Elizabethan fashion?
6. What does the word ‘Renaissance’ mean?
7. What was the name for someone who funded theatres?
8. Name two Elizabethan theatre companies.
9. Name two figures connected to the Elizabethan theatre.
10. List three features of an Elizabethan theatre.
11. Give three reasons for the popularity of the Elizabethan theatre.
12. Why were some people opposed to the theatre? Give three reasons.
13. Which religious group wanted the theatres to be closed?
14. Why were theatres outside the city walls? Give two reasons.
15. What was a ‘Golden Age’?
16. How did Elizabeth promote the idea of the Golden Age to help her? Give examples.
17. What was the word for a person who had no work and relied on charity?
18. What had Henry VIII closed that made things worse for the poor, and why did it do this?
19. What does it mean to ‘debase’ a coin, and why is it a problem?
20. Why were there food shortages and starvation in 1594 and 1598?
21. Why was the change from crop farming to sheep farming a problem?
22. What was the population of London by 1600?
23. What is rack renting?
24. What did Whitgift establish in Croydon to help the ‘deserving poor’?
25. List two types of ‘vagabond’ and the tricks they used to get money.
26. Name the three categories into which the poor were placed.
27. What was the Poor Law?
28. Why was Francis Drake important? Give two reasons.
29. Why did Francis Drake circumnavigate the globe?
30. What is a privateer?
31. Who was John Hawkins, and what did he establish?
32. Why did England want a direct route to India and the Far East?
33. Who was Walter Raleigh, and why was he important?
34. How successful were the early colonies? Give an example.
35. How did the voyages of discovery increase tension with Spain?