

ANCIENT OLYMPICS QUIZ - ARE YOU UP TO STANDARD?

Do you want to test yourself? Well, try this easy-peasy quiz, then check your answers, add up the total and find out if you are an Olympic boffin or a total dimwit!

- 1) Where were the Olympics held?
a) Rome
b) Crete
c) Olympia
d) Athens
- 2) In what year did the first Games commence?
a) 776BCE
b) 168 AD
c) 16BCE
d) 2AD
What would the winner of an event receive?
a) A gold cup
b) A medal
c) An ivy wreath
d) An olive wreath
What months were they held in?
a) January or February
b) April or May
c) July or August
d) September or October
How long did the games last for?
a) 3 days
b) 4 days
c) 5 days
d) 6 days
Which of these was a real athlete?
a) Richard of Akron
b) Milo of Kroton
c) Augustus of Penthesus
d) Diagoras of Caria
How many laps did a chariot do?
a) 5
b) 8
c) 12
d) 15
What was a tethrippon?
a) A 12 lap running race
b) A 4 horse chariot race
c) A throwing
d) A mixture of throwing, running, riding and wrestling.
- 9) Who was the first Olympic games held in honour of?
a) Hercules
b) Titus
c) Zeus
d) Hades
- 10) What events did the Pentathlon consist of?
a) Wrestling, discus, javelin, stadion and long jump
b) Riding, high jump, long jump, stadion and javelin
c) High jump, long jump, stadion, wrestling and chariot racing
d) Wrestling, javelin, discus, long jump and chariot racing.

Answers:

- 1) C
2) A
3) D
4) C
5) C
6) B
7) C
8) B
9) C
10) A

1-3 Total dimwit
You really should brush up on your knowledge about the ancient Olympics - you might soon be competing in a major competition and won't you be embarrassed!
4-7 On the way
You're doing 5K but a bit of revision won't hurt. You would feel good against a dimwit, but against a boffin you would struggle!
8-10 Boffin
Well done - you obviously know your stuff, but steady on - not everyone can cope with too many boffins!