

INDIANA
CHINESE CULTURE CONTEST
PREPARATION KIT FOR LEVELS 3 & 4

Part I: Multiple Choice:

1. July 7th on the Chinese Lunar calendar is equivalent to what holiday in America?

- A. July 4th B. Valentine's Day C. Thanksgiving

2. When do Chinese people eat moon cakes?

- A. Lantern Festival B. Dragon Boat Festival
C. Mid-Autumn Festival

3. What gift is offensive to give to a Chinese man?

- A. A green hat B. Money C. A tie

4. According to the tradition, who should Chinese people pay a visit to on the first day of the Chinese New Year?

- A. Extended family members B. Oldest family members
C. Youngest family members

5. Which emperor ruled China for the longest time (61 years)?

- A. Kangxi B. Xianfeng C. Tongzhi

6. What does the word "Dao" or "Tao" in Daoism or Taoism mean?

- A. To go to B. To arrive C. The way

7. What is the first Chinese zodiac animal?

- A. Dragon B. Rat C. Tiger

8. Where is the Museum of the Terracotta Warriors and Horses?

- A. Xi'an, Shaanxi B. Xihu, Zhejiang C. Datong, Shanxi

9. What was often given as a gift to rulers of other countries in ancient China?

- A. Silk B. Chopsticks C. Qipao

10. What do Chinese people eat during the Lantern Festival?

- A. Dumplings/Jiaozi B. Noodles/Miantiao
C. Sweet rice cakes/Tang Yuan

11. What do most Chinese people do before the Chinese New Year?

- A. Sing and dance B. Clean and decorate their homes
C. Make red envelopes

12. Which of the following animals is NOT included in the Chinese zodiac?

- A. Snake B. Lion C. Rat

13. How many Chinese characters are there in the Chinese language?

- A. About 20,000 B. About 30,000 C. About 50,000

14. Which food is a traditional Chinese dish, but not an Americanized Chinese dish?

- A. Orange chicken B. Sweet and sour pork C. Dumplings

15. How many people in the world speak Chinese as their native language?

A. 1/3

B. 1/4

C. 1/5

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17. What was the first dynasty in China according to the written record?

A. Qin

B. Shang

C. Han

18. Which dynasty was established by Kublai Khan in about 1271?

A. Tang Dynasty

B. Song Dynasty

C. Yuan Dynasty

Part II: True or False

1. Some ancient Chinese characters directly evolved from pictographic drawings.
2. Beijing Opera is the traditional Chinese art performance combining music, dance, mime, vocal, and acrobatics. It is also known as Chinese Opera.
3. Yellow River/Huanghe River is called the cradle of the Chinese civilization.
4. The current Chinese leaders live in the Forbidden City.
5. Silk Road is the trade and cultural transmission routes that have connected China to the Mediterranean Sea since Qin Dynasty.
6. The Han ethnic group is the second largest ethnic group in China.
7. The purpose of building the Great Wall of China was for people to have a beautiful view.
8. Confucius/Kong Zi was a philosopher in ancient China and was the central figure of the *Analects*.
9. Yin-Yang represents opposites.
10. Qing Dynasty was the last dynasty in China.
11. The world's highest mountain peak is in China.
12. According to the Chinese tradition, people usually visit elders in the family on the first day of the Chinese New Year.
13. The most developed cities in China are located in the northeast.
14. All Chinese characters evolved from pictographs.
15. Emperor Qin had the Great Wall built.

16. Traditionally Chinese people would eat cakes when celebrating birthdays.
17. China is famous worldwide for its invention of bamboo.
18. Chinese people usually eat soup after all dishes are served.
19. The first full moon between the end of January and the middle of February is the start of the Chinese New Year.
20. The Chinese Memorial Day/Qing Ming Festival is in April.
21. Most Chinese people believe in Christianity.
22. In recent years, it has become popular for Chinese people to send "electronic red envelopes".
23. During the Qing Ming Festival, family members usually will burn various items made of paper as part of the memorial ceremony.
24. The pronunciation of "fish" in Chinese is the same as the word that means "surplus". To have fish means the family will a surplus in the next year.
25. Taichi/Taiji Quan is characterized by its graceful and slow movements. It is a traditional Chinese sport and an exercise for the mind and the body.
26. On Chinese New Year's Eve, if you eat a dumpling with a coin in it, it means you will have a bad fortune in the coming year.
27. Filial piety is one of the most important Chinese virtues.

Answer Keys to the Indiana Chinese Culture Preparation Kit
Levels 3-4

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1. B 2. C 3. A 4. B 5. A 6. C 7. B 8. A 9. A 10. C 11. B
12. B 13. C 14. C 15. C 16. C 17. A 18. C

Part II: True or False:

1. T 2. T 3. T 4. F 5. T 6. F 7. F 8. T 9. T 10. T 11. T
12. T 13. F 14. F 15. T 16. F 17. F 18. F 19. F 20. T
21. F 22. T 23. T 24. T 25. T 26. F 27. T