60 True or False Questions for Seniors

Circle T for true or F for false. The answer key is at the end.

Round 1: Easy warm-up

1. A spider has eight legs. **T F**

2. The sun rises in the west. **T F**

3. A dozen is 12. **T F**

4. Bats are blind. **T F**

5. A tomato is a fruit. **T F**

6. There are 52 weeks in a year. **T F**

7. The Pacific is the largest ocean on Earth. **T F**

8. Lightning never strikes the same place twice. **T F**

9. A leap year has 366 days. **T F**

10. Penguins can fly. **T F**

11. The Statue of Liberty stands in New York Harbor. **T F**

12. Thomas Edison patented the telephone. **T F**

13. At sea level, water boils at 212°F. **T F**

14. A rainbow has seven named colors in the classic list. **T F**

15. A goldfish forgets everything after three seconds. **T F**

Round 2: The good old days

16. Elvis Presley was born in Tupelo, Mississippi. **T F**

17. “I Love Lucy” starred Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz. **T F**

18. The Beatles first appeared on The Ed Sullivan Show in 1964. **T F**

19. John F. Kennedy was the first U.S. president born in the 20th century. **T F**

20. Hawaii became a state before Alaska. **T F**

21. Ray Kroc opened his first McDonald’s in Des Plaines, Illinois, in 1955. **T F**

22. Disneyland first opened in Florida. **T F**

23. Marilyn Monroe’s birth name was Norma Jeane. **T F**

24. The Barbie doll went on sale in 1959. **T F**

25. The first person in space was an American. **T F**

26. Frank Sinatra was nicknamed “Ol’ Blue Eyes.” **T F**

27. Wham-O started the hula hoop craze of the late 1950s. **T F**

28. Dorothy’s slippers in the 1939 film The Wizard of Oz were silver. **T F**

29. Jackie Robinson first played for the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1947. **T F**

30. Swanson introduced its famous TV dinner in the 1950s. **T F**

Round 3: Animals and nature

31. A camel stores water in its hump. **T F**

32. An ostrich buries its head in the sand when it is scared. **T F**

33. Dolphins are mammals. **T F**

34. The color red makes bulls angry. **T F**

35. Koalas are bears. **T F**

36. The cheetah is the fastest land animal. **T F**

37. Sunflowers are native to North America. **T F**

38. Owls can turn their heads all the way around. **T F**

39. Diamonds are made of carbon. **T F**

40. Antarctica is the largest desert in the world. **T F**

41. Mount Everest is the tallest mountain above sea level. **T F**

42. Hummingbirds can fly backward. **T F**

43. If you cut an earthworm in half, you get two worms. **T F**

44. Sharks are fish. **T F**

45. A brown egg is more nutritious than a white egg. **T F**

Round 4: Food and the kitchen

46. Peanuts grow underground. **T F**

47. The holes in Swiss cheese are called “eyes.” **T F**

48. Fortune cookies were made popular in the United States, not China. **T F**

49. Coffee beans are the seeds of a fruit. **T F**

50. A watermelon is more than 90% water. **T F**

51. Microwave ovens cook food from the inside out. **T F**

52. Pound cake got its name from a pound each of its main ingredients. **T F**

53. Cashews grow on trees. **T F**

54. Vanilla comes from an orchid. **T F**

55. Jell-O was invented in the 1890s. **T F**

56. The Caesar salad is named after Julius Caesar. **T F**

57. Eating lots of carrots lets you see in the dark. **T F**

58. Ice cream cones became popular at the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair. **T F**

59. George Washington Carver invented peanut butter. **T F**

60. Butter is made by churning cream. **T F**

Answer key

Round 1: Easy warm-up

1. True. Spiders have eight legs; insects have six.

2. False. The sun rises in the east and sets in the west.

3. True. A baker’s dozen is 13.

4. False. Bats can see. Many also find their way in the dark by echolocation.

5. True. Botanically, a tomato is a fruit because it holds seeds.

6. True. A year is 52 weeks plus one day (two in a leap year).

7. True. The Pacific is larger than all of Earth’s land put together.

8. False. NASA calls this a myth; the Empire State Building is hit about 23 times a year.

9. True. The extra day is February 29.

10. False. Penguins can’t fly, but they are excellent swimmers.

11. True. It stands on Liberty Island.

12. False. Alexander Graham Bell received the telephone patent in 1876.

13. True. That is 100°C.

14. True. Red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo and violet.

15. False. Goldfish can learn and remember things for months.

Round 2: The good old days

16. True. He was born there in 1935.

17. True. They were married in real life too.

18. True. Their first appearance was on February 9, 1964.

19. True. He was born in 1917.

20. False. Alaska joined in January 1959 and Hawaii in August 1959.

21. True. The original McDonald brothers’ restaurant was in California.

22. False. Disneyland opened in Anaheim, California, in 1955.

23. True. She was born Norma Jeane Mortenson.

24. True. Mattel introduced Barbie in March 1959.

25. False. Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin was first, in 1961.

26. True. He was also called “The Voice.”

27. True. Wham-O launched its hula hoop in 1958.

28. False. They were ruby in the film; they were silver in the original book.

29. True. He broke Major League Baseball’s color line that year.

30. True. Swanson’s TV dinners arrived in 1953.

Round 3: Animals and nature

31. False. The hump stores fat.

32. False. Ostriches don’t do this; they lie low or run.

33. True. They breathe air and feed their young milk.

34. False. Bulls react to the movement of the cape, not its color.

35. False. Koalas are marsupials, like kangaroos.

36. True. It can sprint at up to about 70 miles an hour.

37. True. They were grown by Native Americans long before Europeans arrived.

38. False. Owls can turn their heads about 270 degrees, not 360.

39. True. Diamond is pure carbon, the same element as pencil graphite.

40. True. A desert is defined by how little rain or snow falls, not by heat.

41. True. It rises about 29,000 feet above sea level.

42. True. They are the only birds that can do it in sustained flight.

43. False. At most the head end may survive and regrow a tail.

44. True. Sharks are fish with skeletons made of cartilage.

45. False. Shell color depends on the breed of hen; Cornell scientists note any difference is slight.

Round 4: Food and the kitchen

46. True. The pods form and ripen in the soil.

47. True. Cheesemakers call a Swiss cheese without holes “blind.”

48. True. They are an American restaurant tradition.

49. True. They grow inside a red fruit called a coffee cherry.

50. True. That is how it got its name.

51. False. Microwaves heat the outer layers first; heat then spreads inward.

52. True. Traditionally a pound each of flour, butter, sugar and eggs.

53. True. Each cashew hangs below a fruit called a cashew apple.

54. True. Vanilla beans are the seed pods of a vanilla orchid.

55. True. It was introduced in 1897.

56. False. It is named after restaurateur Caesar Cardini.

57. False. Carrots support healthy eyes, but they don’t give you night vision.

58. True. Vendors there helped make them famous.

59. False. The National Peanut Board says he did not, though his peanut work helped make it a staple.

60. True. Churning separates the butterfat from the buttermilk.