

Chinese Culture Quiz



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- What is the official Chinese language called?
a. Cantonese b. Hakka c. Mandarin Chinese
- The earliest Chinese writing scripts were symbols often marked on
a. paper b. bamboo pieces c. oracle bones and shells
- The earliest characters evolved as symbols that look like objects seen in the natural world, for example, sun, moon, tree, mountain, water, field and so on. These symbols are called pictographs, many of which are still in use today. Guess what the script 日 represents in Chinese:
a. window b. morning c. sun
- Pinyin is the term for Mandarin Chinese speech sounds using Romanisation system. It is a supplementary tool to Chinese characters. How many possible pinyin syllables are there in Chinese?
a. about 400 b. over a million c. 26
- Both Mandarin Chinese and Cantonese belong to the Chinese language family. There are 9 tones in Cantonese. How many tones are there in Mandarin Chinese?
a. 4 b. 5 c. 12
- Like many cultures where numbers are often associated with connotations, numbers in Chinese culture have rich meanings, most of which are positive whereas some are negative. Among the five numbers, 2, 4, 7, 8 and 9, which is considered bad that people try to avoid, especially in business and service industries?
a. 4 b. 7 c. 9
- The common terms used when expressing dates in Chinese are 'year - 年 (nián)', 'month - 月 (yuè)', and 'day of the month - 日 (rì)'. Take today (4th Feb 2019) as an example, which of the following order of expressing date is correct in Chinese?
a. 4 日 2 月 2019 年 b. 2 月 4 日 2019 年 c. 2019 年 2 月 4 日
- There are 12 animals used as Chinese zodiac symbols. This year is the Year of The Pig. Which animal below is NOT in the Chinese zodiac?
a. Dog b. Cat c. Rat
- Chinese names usually start with the:
a. given name b. title c. family name /surname
- Which of the following does not originate from Chinese culture?
a. calligraphy b. weiqi/go c. table tennis/ping pong

Instructions:

On completion of this quiz, please email your answers following the order of the questions and your name to language@qub.ac.uk with 'Chinese Culture Quiz' in the subject line. The cut-off date is Friday 15th February. The correct answers will subsequently be made available on our Facebook @LanguageCentreAtQueens. Those participants with **ALL** answers correct will be eligible for a prize draw, which will be announced through our Facebook and the winners (up to 3) will be contacted via emails.

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