

18 quick revision questions about the Rugby World Cup

Use a piece of scrap paper to write your answers on. Time yourself so that you only spend four minutes trying to get through all the questions.

1. What date is the first match of the next Rugby World Cup?

- (a) Friday 9th September 2011
- (b) Saturday 10th September 2011
- (c) Sunday 2nd October 2011
- (d) Sunday 23rd October 2011

2. The Rugby World Cup trophy is called ?

- (a) The Rugby World Cup
- (b) The Lloyd Webber Cup
- (c) The Webb Ellis Cup
- (d) The William Wallace Cup

3. Where is the game of rugby is said to have been invented?

- (a) at Eden Park in New Zealand
- (b) at Rugby School in England
- (c) at Rugby Park in New Zealand
- (d) no one really knows

4. The first Rugby World Cup was held in what year? _____

5. The first team to win the Rugby World Cup were the

- (a) All Blacks
- (b) Wallabies
- (c) Springboks
- (d) Lions

6. What is the name of the stadium which hosted the World Cup final in 1987 and will host the World Cup final in 2011?

7. Which two countries have won the Rugby World Cup twice?

- (a) New Zealand and Australia
- (b) New Zealand and South Africa
- (c) Australia and England
- (d) Australia and South Africa

8. How many teams will compete at the 2011 Rugby World Cup?

- (a) 8
- (b) 12
- (c) 20
- (d) 32

9. How many matches are played at a Rugby World Cup?

- (a) 32
- (b) 48
- (c) 50
- (d) 100

10. Teams can qualify to play in a Rugby World Cup by:

- (a) coming in the top twelve of the previous Rugby World Cup tournament AND winning their place at continental qualifying matches
- (b) coming in the top twelve of the previous Rugby World Cup tournament OR winning their place at continental qualifying matches

- (c) All nations that play rugby get to send a team to the Rugby World Cup
- (d) The country that is hosting the tournament chooses which other nations are invited to come and play
11. There are four 'pools' at the Rugby World Cup. These are
- (a) different swimming areas where the players can go to relax after the games
- (b) teams which combine to share buses in order to get to the stadiums
- (c) the last teams remaining for the semi-finals
- (d) groups of teams that play each other in the first part of the competition
12. How many teams reach the quarter finals at a Rugby World Cup?
- (a) 4
- (b) 8
- (c) 12
- (d) 16
13. Between the semi-finals and the final, one other match is played. This is the
- (a) demi-semi final
- (b) the playoff match for third place
- (c) the quarter-final
- (d) the President's Cup benefit match
14. The Rugby World Cup differs from competitions like Super Fifteen rugby because?
- (a) more teams are involved
- (b) the teams which play are the countries' national rather than regional teams
- (c) the competition is play only once every four years
- (d) all of the above
15. The Rugby World Cup is a very big international sports event. The only international sports events which are bigger are:
- (a) The Summer Olympic Games, the Winter Olympic Games and the Commonwealth Games
- (b) The Summer Olympic Games, the X Games and the US Tennis Open
- (c) The Summer Olympic Games, the FIFA World Cup and the Commonwealth Games
- (d) The FIFA World Cup, the Summer Olympic Games and the Tour de France cycle race
16. Countries hosting a Rugby World Cup need to ensure that they have?
- (a) stadiums that are up to standard for the players and spectators
- (b) plans for coping with the numbers of people who will travel to watch the games and support their teams
- (c) enough accommodation, restaurants and entertainment venues to host the overseas visitors
- (d) all of the above
17. The MAIN reasons countries campaign to try to host the Rugby World Cup are because
- (a) They want rugby to become a more important game in their nation and they want the All Blacks to play in their country
- (b) They are tired of the Rugby World Cup always being hosted in the same place and they missed out on hosting the FIFA World Cup
- (c) Their country's economy will benefit from all the tourists who come to support the teams and they can show off their country to the world
- (d) Most of their people haven't got pay-to-view TV, so they want to be able to go and see the matches live at the sports grounds
18. The 2015 Rugby World Cup will be hosted by which country?
- (a) New Zealand
- (b) England
- (c) Japan
- (d) South Africa