

# How much do you know about the Arab world?

1. How many countries does the Arab world consist of?

- a) 7                      b) 40                      c) 22

2. Which country boasts the Hanging Gardens of Babylon, one of the seven wonders of the ancient world?

- a) Iraq                      b) Egypt                      c) Turkey

3. The Arab World covers an area \_\_\_\_\_ the size of Europe.

- a)  $\frac{1}{2}$                       b) 1.5 x                      c) 2 x

4. Which of these countries gave women the vote first?

- a) **Tunisia**                      b) Switzerland

5. Which city is sacred to three monotheistic religions?

- a) Bethlehem                      b) Mecca                      c) **Jerusalem**

6. About how many Arabic words are used in Spanish?

- a) 100    b) 700    c) 1,000    d) **7,000**

7. Which six words below are Arabic in origin?

- |        |          |        |              |
|--------|----------|--------|--------------|
| cotton | muslin   | eerie  | alcohol      |
| syrup  | algebra  | coffee | trigonometry |
| palm   | calendar | museum | ambassador   |

8. True or False: Morocco was the first country to recognise the United States

9. Which of the following was an Egyptian invention?

- a) Paper                      b) **glass**                      c) canals

10. Bedouins (nomadic people) make up about \_\_\_ percent of Arab people

- a) 2                      b) 10                      c) 25

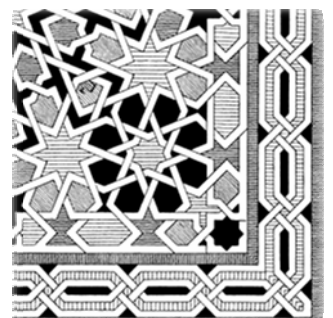
11. Ibn Khaldun of Tunisia was the founder of

- a) **sociology**    b) pharmacology    c) economics

12. Palestinians make up \_\_\_\_\_ of the world's refugees

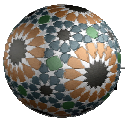
- a) a tenth    b) a fifth    c) **a third**

Palestinians are the largest refugee population in the world



## Did you know?

Many Hollywood blockbusters have been filmed in the Arab world, including: all five Stars Wars films and Gladiator (Morocco), the Indiana Jones Trilogy (Tunisia and Jordan), and the English Patient (Tunisia)



13. Arabs are defined as being a...

- a) Racial group   **b) language group**   c) religious group   **d) ethnic group**   e) national group

14. Some Arabs are secular, but there are 3 religions Arabs usually follow – these are....

- a) **Christianity**   b) Hinduism   **c) Islam**   d) Sikhism   **e) Judaism**   f) Buddhism

**Interestingly, Christianity existed in that part of the world well before it came to Europe**

15. Where did Islam originate?

- a) In modern day Saudi Arabia**   b) In modern day Israel   c) In modern day Yemen

16. Which of these photos were taken in an Arab country?

**All**



17. Which 5 of the following are pillars of Islam, forming the basis of practicing the religion?

- a) to give a certain proportion of your wealth to charity every year  
b) to pray 5 times a day  
c) to fast – not eat or drink – during the sunlight hours during the month of Ramadan  
d) to try to convert non-Muslims to Islam  
e) to perform pilgrimage at least once to the holy city of Mecca  
f) to fight jihad or holy war against non-believers and those who attack Islam  
g) to say and believe the basic tenet of Islam which is ‘There is no God except Allah and Muhammad is the messenger of Allah’  
h) to learn the Qu’ran by heart

18. What is Kuwait’s main export?

- a) ammunitions   **b) oil**   c) agricultural products (such as wheat, cotton, lentils etc)

19. What is Syria’s main export?

- a) ammunitions   b) oil   **c) agricultural products (such as wheat, cotton, lentils etc)**

**These two questions show how different Arab countries are from each other.**