

Darts501TM

Darts Big Quiz

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FOR CLUB OR PUB QUIZ – QUIZ MASTER SHEET

QUESTIONS (MULTIPLE CHOICE AND NON-MULTIPLE CHOICE ANSWERS)

1) Where was the first BDO World Championships held?

A. Lakeside B. Alexandra Palace C. Heart of Midlands Club D. Jollees Club, Stoke-on-Trent

C: Heart of Midlands Club, Nottingham

2) Name the three darts players who have received an MBE?

A. Bristow, Lowe, Taylor B. Bristow, Gulliver, Lowe C. Ashton, Bristow, George D. Wilson, Taylor, Priestley

B: Eric Bristow, Trina Gulliver and John Lowe

3) Which dart player walks onto 'I'm too sexy' by Right Said Fred?

A. Andy Fordham B. Devon Peterson C. Deta Hedman D. Steve Beaton

A: Andy Fordham

4) What is Dennis Nilsson's nickname?

A. The Sheriff B. Rocky C. Excalibur D. Iron Man

D: Iron Man

5) Who had the first 100 plus televised average score?

A. Eric Bristow B. John Lowe C. Keith Deller D. Phil Taylor

C: Keith Deller, scored an average of 100.29, 1985 BDO World Championship Qty-Finals

6) Over the last 100 years, dartboards have been commercially made and sold using four different types of material. Excluding the plastic used in the construction of soft-tip dartboards can you name four?

A. wood, clay, paper, sisal B. straw, paper, wood, pig bristle C. horse hair, wood, straw, pig bristle D. cotton, MDF, foam, compressed fur

A: Wood (Elm or Poplar count as one), Clay (Modelling Clay or Plasticine) Paper (Paper coil), Sisal (Bristle not accepted unless explained the bristle is sisal!)

7) What is the highest three-dart average that can be scored in a single leg of 501 double finish?

A. 132 B. 147 C. 152 D. 167

D: A leg of 501 can be completed in 9 darts $501/9 = 167$

8) James Wade holds a World record for hitting the most inner and outer bullseyes in 60 seconds on a standard dartboard, throwing from a normal oche length 2.37M. He achieved this record in 2016. How many did James manage to hit?

A. 19 B. 21 C. 15 D. 11

C: James hit a total of 15 Bullseyes. The achievement was recorded at the Motorpoint Arena on the 23rd September 2016

9) Nine-dart legs are becoming more common thanks to Blade construction dartboards. But who first hit a televised nine-dart leg?

A. Paul Lim B. Mervyn King C. Phil Taylor D. John Lowe

D: John Lowe MBE, achieved the first televised nine-dart leg on 13th October 1984

10) To date (2020) who is the only player to have hit a nine-dart leg in the BDO World Darts Championships?

A. Mervyn King B. John Lowe C. Paul Lim D. Phil Taylor

C: Paul Lim, 1990. Paul achieved the nine-dart finish in the second round of the BDO World Professional Darts Championships against Jack McKenna

11) James Wade's nickname is 'the Machine' but what was he known as before changing his old nickname?

A. The Mechanic B. 009 C. The Young One D. Mr Fix-it

B: James was known as 009 for hitting nine-dart legs!

12) In what year were the darts recognised as a sport by the English Sports Council?

A. 1998 B. 2001 C. 2005 D. 2008

C: 2005

13) How many scoring segments does a dartboard have?

A. 22 B. 58 C. 62 D. 82

D: 82.

Easy question I expect any dart player to know, however, the detail here is in the question, first of all, there is an inner and outer bullseye (2) then each number has four segments to it: A double, large single, treble, small single. Some people may argue that the large and small single is one, not two, but they are two separate areas which have the same value. Therefore $1-20 \times 4 = 80$ + the inner and outer bullseye 2 answer: 82!

14) Beside Oche or Throw-line / Toe-Line, what was the Oche first known as?

A. Throw Spot B. Hockey C. The Crow Line D. The Placement

B: The Oche was originally called the 'hockey'.

Hockey was the original name for the Oche and can be seen in print in many dart books dating back to the 1920s and in the News of the World Championships (Now). At some point during the (NoW), the name was changed. It is believed to have been a mistake, possibly a journalist misunderstanding or miss heard the word 'hockey' and wrote 'Oche' the name seems to have stuck ever since!

15) Toe the oche is a phrase dart player of old may have heard but is it essential for a player to have the foot on the oche line?

A. Yes always B. Only When Throwing for Doubles C. The First Dart you Throw D. No Never

D: NO

16) Are you allowed to play with different weight darts or should all three be of the same weight?

A. Yes B. No C. If the Ref Allows D. Only at the Start of a New Set

A: Yes

You are, nothing in the rules to say you can't.

17) Are you allowed to change your darts mid-match?

A. Yes B. No C. If the Ref Allows D. Only if you break your Dart

A: Yes

There are nothing in the rules to say you can't.

18) The Manchester Log-End Dartboard has its unique numbering system. Although it does have 20 numbered areas plus an inner and outer bull. There is only one number 1-20 that is in the same location as a London or standard clock dartboard, what is it?

A. 4 B. 8 C. 17 D. 19

D: 19

19) Why does Trina Gulliver MBE have a nickname 'Golden Girl'? Is it:

A. She has Blonde Hair B. She Won Three Gold Medals at the World Cup C. Used after she won her Seventh World Title D. She Wears Gold on Stage

B: She Won Three Gold Medals at the World Cup

Trina has used the name after Darts World Magazine dubbed her 'Golden Girl' for winning three gold medals at the World Cup in Durban.

20) Who first said, "Keith Deller is like Long John Silver – He's badly in need of another leg!"

A. John Rawling B. Dave Lanning C. John Gwynne D. Sid Waddell

D: Sid Waddell

There is only one person that this could be and it is the late and great 'Sid Waddell' Known for his one-liners and educated Geordie accent he was the commentator's commentator! Sid was unique, and his enthusiasm for the sport of darts shone through.

21) How many players have won the BDO World Professional Darts Championship and the PDC World Darts Championships?

A. 2 B. 3 C. 4 D. 5

C: 4. To date 2020, there have only been four players that have completed this feat.

22) Who was the first player to win the BDO World Professional Dart Championship and the PDC World Darts Championship?

A. Phil Taylor B. John Part C. Dennis Priestley D. Eric Bristow

C: Dennis Priestley

23) The World Disability Darts Association held their first team World Cup in 2019, which country won?

A. England A Team B. England B Team C. Wales D. Netherlands

A: England (A) Team they beat Wales in the final 9-7, the Netherlands and Belgium were joint in third place.

24) What is the recognised dartboard height for a wheelchair user measured from the ground to the centre bullseye?

A. 1.73m B. 1.56m C. 1.37m D. 1.25m

C: 1.37m

1.37 or 4ft 6ins. The normal height for a dartboard is 1.73m. The wheelchair dartboard height is lower and is relatively easy to remember the three digits are the same standard height just in a different order!

25) Who originally hosted the darts Gameshow 'Bullseye'?

A. Dave Spikey B. Bob Monkhouse C. Arthur Lowe D. Jim Bowen

D: Jim Bowen was the original host 1981-1985. He was replaced by Dave Spikey when it returned for a new series in 2007.

26) Most darts are made from a Tungsten Alloy but what is the chemical symbol for Tungsten?

A. Tn B. W C. Tg D. Hs

B: W – Stands for Wolfram. Tungsten in Swedish means 'heavy stone.'

27) Slang terms in darts have always been part of the pub game but what does 'Bed and Breakfast' mean?

A. A Long-Played Game B. Marathon Leg C. Double One D. Scoring 26

D: Bed and Breakfast is a term given to a score of '26'.

The term comes from a typical price for paid bed-and-breakfast in times gone by! 2 Shillings and Sixpence, or two and six in old English money.

28) What is the highest score that can be obtained with one dart on a quad dartboard?

A. 200 B. 80 C. 60 D. 50

B: 80! The quad dartboard has a quadruple ring, therefore, $4 \times 20 = 80$

29) What is the longest dart you are allowed to use in a BDO / PDC organised darts match?

A. 6" B. 12" C. 15" D. 24"

B: 12 "/ 30.5cm.

This may seem rather long, and it is! Most darts measured from the point to the end of a flight are between 6-7."

30) In which Country is Winmau Based?

A. England B. Scotland C. Wales D. Northern Ireland

C: Bridgend in 'Wales'

31) What is the name of the first women to win a darts match at the PDC World Darts Finals?

A. Deta Hedman B. Trina Gulliver MBE C. Lisa Ashton D. Fallon Sherrock

D: Fallon Sherrock

Fallon Sherrock Made history betting Ted Everts in round one and then the No.11 seed Mensur Suljovic in the second

32) In what year did Phil 'The Power' Taylor retire from professional darts?

A. 2016 B. 2017 C. 2018 D. 2019

C: 2018

Phil retired from the professional darts seen in January 2018 after the PDC World Championships. Phil reached the final yet again but lost to Englishmen Rob Cross

33) Who has the nickname 'Gladiator', Clue? This player has played in both the BDO and PDC darts events!

A. Alan Tabern B. Andrew Gilding C. Cristo Reyes D. Mark McGeeney

D: Mark McGeeney

34) The News of the World individual Darts Championships run from 1927 – 1997. The events had a few years that it wasn't played due to the second world war and later between 1990 -1997. The games were unique for a few reasons one was their only played three legs each round but what was the other?

A. They Played from 8ft B. The Darts thrown had to be made from Brass C. They used a Manchester Dartboards D. They started on a Bull

A: They Played from 8ft

8ft! The 'hockey' as it was known then was 8ft not 7' 9 ¼ "that is used as standard today

35) Darts Historian 'Patrick Chaplin' has what nickname?

A. Postman Pat B. Doctor Darts C. The Writer D. Master Mind

B: Doctor Darts

Patrick was awarded a PhD in 2006 for his work and self-funded research of the social history of darts in England 1900-1939.

In 2009 Patrick and along with the Manchester University Press, published based book 'Darts in England 1900-1939 – A social History' based on his citation.

36) What are the two differences between a standard 'London Clock' or 'Standard' dartboard and a regional 'Yorkshire' dartboard?

A. Coloured Segments and No Bullseye B. It has no Trebles or Outer Bullseye C. The Dartboard is 2" wider and it is Black D. It only has 12 scoring segments and No Doubles

B: It has no Trebles or Outer Bullseye

The 'Yorkshire' dartboard has no trebles and only an inner bullseye unlike the 'London Clock' or 'Standard' dartboard which has a treble bed and an inner and outer bullseye!

37) In what year was Bullseye TV game show first shown on TV?

A. 1977 B. 1979 C. 1981 D. 1983

C: 1981

... and Bullseye has been on our screens ever since will repeats have been shown on Challenge TV

38) Who won the first WDC / PDC world championship take place. The WDC (World Darts Council) later became the 'Professional Darts Corporation'?

A. Phil Taylor B. Dennis Priestly C. Eric Bristow D. John Lowe

B: Dennis Priestley won the first WDC / PDC event in 1984 beating Phil Taylor 6 – 1!

39) Sid Waddell was a famous TV Darts Commentator and writer and sadly missed within by all that played darts during his commentary years. But who was Sid referring to in one of his darts commentaries were he said What an athlete!

A. Phil Taylor B. Wayne Mardle C. Adrian Lewis D. Jocky Wilson

D: Jocky Wilson

Sid was famous for his one-liners, and some of the one-liners such as this one is more recognisable than others. Sid was referring to Jocky Wilson!

40) Due to the nature of a soft-tip dartboard, most players know there is a darts weight restriction to prevent damage to the plastic boards. There is also darts weight restriction playing on sisal (bristle board) do you know the limit?

A. 30g B. 36g C. 42g D. 50g

D: 50g

Although not that uncommon to see people throwing darts up to 30g, it is unusual for people to throw heavier darts. Heavy darts to some feel easier to hold and throw and when playing on a board that don't contact trebles, such as the Yorkshire dartboard the thickness of the dart had little impact on the game. The introduction of the treble bed encourages the player to use thinner darts and with the introduction of tungsten darts a player can throw with a thin, heavy dart, but not as the rules state as heavy as 50g

41) Since darts was recognised as a sport, there has been a push for the game to be played at the Olympics. Regardless of your viewpoint, which county advertised darts as an Olympic Event? (FYI Darts has never been played to date as an Olympic event)

A. Berlin 1936 B. Paris 1924 C. Yemen 1964 D. Melbourne 1956

C: Yemen 1964

In 1964, the Yemen Arab Republic produced a set of four Olympic themed sports events to promote the games. The sports they featured were Table Tennis, Running, Volleyball and Darts. At the time Table Tennis wasn't a sporting event featured in the Olympics and darts has never been!

42) Which player has the darts nickname 'Frosty the Throw Man.'

A. Alan Glazier B. Mark Frost C. Damon Heta D. Gary Robson

B: Mark Frost

Mark Frost uses the nickname 'Frosty the Throw Man'. It is recognised as one of the best-conceived nicknames in the sport, playing on Mark's surname and the game in general.

43) What slang term is used for a score of 57?

A. Three Short of Sixty B. The Cats Whiskers C. The Old Man D. Verities

D: Verities

Not as common as most slag terms but the number '57' is sometimes called 'Verities'. It is a reference to Heinz 57 Verities used on their tinned products. Most know show the number 57, and when first applied, there weren't even 57 different versions of their products. However, today there are more verities than there have ever been or should that be Beanz! LOL

44) Who were the first two players to be inducted into the PDC Hall of fame?

A. Whitcombe & Deller B. Priestley & Harrington C. Wilson & Anderson D. Bristow & Lowe

D: Bristow & Lowe

The Late Eric Bristow MBE and John Lowe MBE were the first two players to receive this honour in 2005. They have been followed by fellow players Dennis Priestley (2009), Phil Taylor (2011), John Part (2017) and Rod Harrington (2019).

45) Do you know your checkouts? Although a player can check out 170 with tree darts (double finish) they cannot checkout 169, it is known as a boggy number. Less than the highest checkout but cannot be achieved within one throw. There are several 'boggy numbers' like 169, but what is the lowest boggy number that can not be checked out with three darts?

A. 167 B. 168 C. 159 D. 149

C: 159

For any dart player, this must be one of the more straightforward questions I have set. The lowest boggy number is 159. Other boggy numbers are 168, 166, 165, 163, 162 and of course the answer to this question 159!

46) Fives dartboards are not as common as they used to be. Each feature twelve scoring segments with numbers ranging from 20,15,10 and 5. The boards have a double and treble bed plus an inner and outer bullseye. The difference between the two is one has standard width (wide) doubles and trebles while the other is thinner (narrow). What are the two boards common names?

A. Coventry / Bristol 5s B. Ipswich / London 5s C. Stafford / Tunbridge 5s D. Colchester / Norwich 5s

B. Ipswich / London 5s

The two boards are commonly known as the Ipswich 5's (wide double and treble version) and the London 5's (narrow doubles and treble version)

47) To date (2020) who holds the record for the most BDO World Championship victories?

A. Eric Bristow B. John Lowe C. Martin Adams D. Trina Gulliver

D. Trina Gulliver

Trina current hols ten world titles, Eric won five

48) Who won the last men's News of the World Darts Championship in 1997?

A. Dave Whitcombe B. Mike Gregory C. Bobby George D. Phil Taylor

D: Phil Taylor

The News of the World (NoW) famous for its three-leg rounds from start to finish was this biggest title in darts until the introduction of the BDO World Championships. Phil Taylor won the last event to be staged after a break of seven years. Those smart enough to remember the lady's version that was only played twice was last won by Linda Jones in 1997.

49) Who won the first BDO World Darts Championship in 1978?

A. John Lowe B. Leighton Rees C. Eric Bristow D. Alan Evans

B. Leighton Rees

Leighton beat John Lowe in the first BDO World Darts Championships

50) These questions have been set by David King, the owner, writer and designer of the Darts501.com website, but when was the darts website first established?

A. 2001 B. 2004 C. 2009 D. 2011

B: 2004

The first version of Darts501.com was set up in 2004. It has undergone a few changes over the years to make the website PC, Tablet and mobile-friendly. It has, of course, expanded the information that first featured on the earlier version. The website

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has always gained the support of the major darts authorities, manufactures and professional players. It is considered one of the best sources of general darts information on the web.

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