

ISRAEL IQ

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Part I – Israel: the place and the politics

- The Israeli national anthem is called:
 - Shalom (peace)
 - Yisrael (Israel)
 - Mahar (tomorrow)
 - Hatikvah (the hope)
- What is the name of Israel's currency?
 - Shekel
 - Pound
 - Euro
 - Dollar
- Which of these does Israel *not* have?
 - Declaration of Independence
 - Written constitution
 - Judicial branch
 - Executive branch
- Which is the only country in the Middle East that has free and fair elections for all its citizens?
 - Syria
 - Saudi Arabia
 - Israel
 - Egypt
- Which of these is *not* a political party in Israel?
 - Likud
 - Labor
 - Shas
 - Shalom
- In what year was the Palestine Liberation Organization founded?
 - 1948
 - 1964
 - 1967
 - 1978
- At the time of the PLO's founding, Israel was in possession of the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

True
False
- The man featured in the picture below was Israel's first prime minister. What was his name?
 - Chaim Weizmann
 - David Ben-Gurion
 - Levi Eshkol
 - Yitzhak Shamir



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- What are the four quarters of Jerusalem's old city?
 - Jewish, Turkish, Muslim, and Christian
 - Jewish, Armenian, Muslim, and Christian
 - Jewish, Buddhist, Christian, and Greek Orthodox
 - Jewish, Catholic, Muslim, and Protestant
- Where is Israel's capital?
 - Jerusalem
 - Haifa
 - Tel Aviv
 - Eilat
- Which city is associated with Jewish mysticism and Kabbala since the fifteenth century?
 - Bethlehem
 - Haifa
 - Safed
 - Lydda



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12. What territory gained in a defensive war in 1967 did Israel return to Egypt after signing a peace treaty in 1979?

- a. Sinai Peninsula
- b. Gaza Strip
- c. Golan Heights
- d. West Bank

13. With reference to the prior question, how large was the returned land compared to the size of Israel?

- a. Half the size
- b. Same size
- c. Twice the size
- d. Three times the size

14. In 1967, which two Arab countries publicly called for Israel's destruction, leading to the Six-Day War?

- a. Algeria and Morocco
- b. Sudan and Saudi Arabia
- c. Egypt and Syria
- d. Yemen and Qatar

15. What is the name of the desert in Israel?

- a. Negev
- b. Sahara
- c. Gobi
- d. Mojave

16. Israel is approximately the same physical size as:

- a. California
- b. New Jersey
- c. Florida
- d. Maine

17. Which body of water does not border Israel?

- a. Dead Sea
- b. Sea of Galilee
- c. Aegean Sea
- d. Mediterranean Sea

18. Estimates of how many Arabs left their homes or were displaced during the War of Independence, when Israel was founded, range from 500,000 to 750,000. The number of Jewish refugees from Arab lands is estimated to be approximately:

- a. 100,000-200,000
- b. 300,000-400,000
- c. 500,000-600,000
- d. 700,000-800,000

19. The name of the radical wing of Arafat's Fatah party is:

- a. Hamas
- b. Islamic Jihad
- c. Hizballah
- d. Al-Aksa Brigades

20. According to the Institute for Counter-Terrorism, what percentage of Israelis killed by terrorism between September 2000 and September 2002 have been non-combatants, or civilians?

- a. 5 percent
- b. 20 percent
- c. 50 percent
- d. 80 percent

21. Which Israeli prime minister worked with President Clinton to broker an agreement between Israel and the Palestinian Authority offering to create a Palestinian state on Gaza and 97 percent of the West Bank, and to share Jerusalem, an offer which was ultimately rejected by Yasir Arafat?

- a. Yitzhak Rabin
- b. Benyamin Netanyahu
- c. Ehud Barak
- d. Ariel Sharon



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22. Arab nations rejected which international plan to create two states—one Arab, the other Jewish—when they declared war on Israel in 1948?

- a. UN Partition Plan
- b. Camp David
- c. Oslo Peace Accord
- d. UN Security Council Resolution 338



23. What unique cooperative living and working community is associated with Israel from the days of the pioneers?

- a. Moshav
- b. Kibbutz
- c. Ganenet
- d. Chalutz

24. The Oslo Accords signed by Israel and the Palestinian Authority in 1993 required all of the following *except*:

- a. The creation of a Palestinian police force that would prevent terror attacks and keep internal order
- b. The gradual transfer of land on which the majority of Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza lived from Israeli to Palestinian sovereignty
- c. A freeze on the growth of Jewish settlements in the West Bank and Gaza
- d. The formal recognition of Israel as a state by the Palestinian Authority

25. Yasir Arafat has been implicated not only in inciting, but also in involvement in terrorism against Israel.

- True
- False

26. Which public official delivered a June 2002 speech proposing a "road map" to peace negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians, which called for new Palestinian democratic leadership, and, in return, the creation of a Palestinian state living side by side in peace with Israel within three years?

- a. Kofi Annan
- b. Tony Blair
- c. Jacques Chirac
- d. George W. Bush

BONUS QUESTION

UN Resolution 242 requires Israel to withdraw from territories, if and only if, Arab states recognize Israel within secure borders (the exact lines of which are to be negotiated).

- True
- False

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