



## Scotland Quiz

There are two Scotland quizzes here, both made at Konstanz University. The first was made as a starter to the Area Studies Scotland class, where most of the participants were Germans, and most were majoring in English. The class met once a week for approximately 13 weeks. The second quiz is one of several made for an Open Day at Konstanz University, where the general public could come along and 'test' themselves.

### (1) Area Studies Scotland quiz

This quiz is just for fun. I don't expect you to know the answers; I just hope that you will enjoy guessing and become curious. By the end of the course you will know all the answers.

1. What size is the population of Scotland?
2. The name of the capital.
3. Two other cities.
4. Roughly how much of Scotland has a population density of 0-15 people per square kilometer:

1/4            1/3            1/2            2/3            3/4

5. Which of the following does Scotland have:

Church  
legal system  
foreign policy

Assembly (Parliament)  
education system  
flag

army  
language  
nationality (passport)

currency  
football team

6. Name four major sources of national income in Scotland today.

7. Can you rank the following sectors in terms of the number of people they employ, from most to least:

manufacturing;  
services;  
construction.

energy and supply;  
agriculture, forestry and fishing;

8. How many speakers are there of Scotland's other language?

9. "Whisky" derives from the Gaelic words "Uisghe beatha". What does it mean?

10. With what country was Scotland closely linked under the "Auld Alliance"?

11. What is the meaning and source of the word "ashet"?

12. What is the Scottish equivalent of the English word "a lake"?

13. What is the Scottish equivalent of the German diminutive "...-chen", "...-erl"?

14. What is the international English for "Do you ken?" and "Aye"?

15. How many universities does Scotland have?

16. Which is the oldest, and when was it founded?

17. The name of the 18th century poet whose birth is celebrated world wide every year on 25th January.

18. Who wrote "Treasure Island" and "Kidnapped"?

19. Who wrote "Peter Pan"?

20. Which Scots discovered / pioneered the following:

penicillin

TV

the Victoria Falls in Africa

anaesthesia

the Northwest Passage

the Bank of England

the telephone

the postage stamp

the bicycle

the American Navy

21. With what field of learning are the following connected:

Lord Kelvin

James Watt

Sir Walter Scott

Adam Smith

Thomas Telford

David Hume

22. Two well-known film actors.

23. Where is the Roman Wall?

24. What is the importance of 843?

25. What Scot is commemorated because of victory over the English at Bannockburn in 1314?

26. What was the "Declaration of Arbroath"?

27. What were the consequences of the 1715 and 1745 rebellions?

28. What figure became romanticised in connection with the '45 rebellion?

29. When was the Union of the Parliaments?

30. Who is the patron saint?

31. Name three traditional instruments.
32. What is Scotch Broth?
33. What is Black Bun, and what festival is it associated with?
34. Which Scottish newspaper is in the Guinness Book of Records?
35. Which Scottish Queen was queen of two countries?
36. Which Scottish King was king of two countries?
37. Who / what are the best known inhabitants of Scottish castles?

(I could have asked many more questions, from the about when children start school, or drug-related , or women MPs but we'll leave that for another time ...)

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NOTES: Having to guess was a really good icebreaker. The students worked in pairs or small groups and always enjoyed it once they realised that they were genuinely not expected to know the answers. It was also very interesting for the students to see in the end that they as a class had lots of ideas to offer, especially when there were students with interesting study combinations such as English and a science, or History, or Politics, and also when there were students from other countries, in Konstanz on an exchange programme.

I collected all their answers only to the first four or five questions, and gave them the right answers (with maps and other illustrations). Each student could then wish for the answer to any one other question they found particularly interesting. We did not work our way through the answers to the whole quiz as the idea was that they would gradually find out the answers themselves as the course progressed.

The questions here are all quite superficial and harmless. The in-depth treatment of topics and big issues came later during the term.

**(2) Open Day quiz July 2009**

# SCOTLAND QUIZ

**1. Baden-Württemberg and Scotland:  
BaWü is - the same size as – Scotland**

**twice as big  
half the size**

**The population of BaWü is - the same size as – Scotland**

**twice as big  
half the size**

2. Edinburgh, Perth, Banff and Calgary are places in Scotland - and in what other countries?

3. Roughly how much of Scotland has a population density of 0-15 people per square kilometer:  $\frac{1}{3}$   $\frac{1}{4}$   $\frac{1}{2}$   $\frac{2}{3}$   $\frac{3}{4}$   
0-50 people per square kilometre:  $\frac{1}{3}$   $\frac{1}{4}$   $\frac{1}{2}$   $\frac{2}{3}$   $\frac{3}{4}$

**4. Which of the following does Scotland have?**

**Its own:**

**Parliament  
legal system (Rechtswesen)  
education system  
(Bildungswesen)  
flag (Fahne)**

**currency (Währung)  
language  
football team  
nationality (passport)  
patron saint (Schutzpatron)**

5. With what European country was Scotland closely linked for hundreds of years under the "Auld (= Old) Alliance".

6. "Ein See" is called "a lake" in English. What is the Scottish equivalent?

7. What is the Scottish equivalent of the German diminutive "...-chen", "...-erl" as in *Mäuschen* and *Zuckerl*?

8. How many universities does Scotland have? Which is the oldest, and when was it founded?

9. "Whisky" comes from the Gaelic words "Uisghe beatha". What does it mean?

10. There is an 18th century poet whose birth is celebrated world wide every year on 25th January (with food, drink, poetry and music). Who is he?

11. Who wrote "Treasure Island" (Die Schatzinsel) and who wrote "Peter Pan"?

12. Which of the following are **not** Scots: the composer of the film music for "Moulin Rouge" with Nicole Kidmann; the "bad guy" in "Mission Impossible 2"; the director ("Regisseur") of "Braveheart"; the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom; "Pippin" in "The Lord of the Rings"; the new James Bond?

13. **"For so long as a hundred of us remain alive we are resolved never to submit to the domination of the English. It is not for glory, wealth or honour that we are fighting, but for freedom, and freedom only, which no true man ever surrenders except with his life."**

Is this a Hollywood invention or an authentic text?

14. Which of the following were discovered/pioneered by Scots:

penicillin  
the Bank of England  
TV  
the telephone  
the Victoria Falls in Africa  
anaesthesia  
the American Navy  
the historical novel  
Economics  
the documentary film  
radar  
Yosemite National Park (USA)  
the steam engine  
Sherlock Holmes detective stories

**15. What do the Island of St Kilda in Scotland and the Island of Reichenau have in common?**

16. Can you name some traditional instruments? Here is some help:

acc.....; ba.....;  
ha.....; fi.....

**17. What is Scotch Broth? (I've seen it sold at S-Bahn stations in Berlin, in winter.)**

18. Which Scottish Queen was queen of two countries?

19. Which Scottish King was king of two countries?

20. Who are the best known inhabitants of Scottish castles?

**21: In which sports have Scots had international success recently?**

**football**

**tennis**

**track cycling**

**sailing**

**running**

22. What do the following have in common: Franz Ferdinand, Simple Minds, Snow Patrol, Travis?

23. Where is the second biggest heliport in the world?

(And now for some absolute nonsense –silly jokes popular in Scotland, passed on to me by a student who has just come back after a year teaching German in a Scottish school :)

**Q: How can you tell if Nessie is in your fridge?**

A: There is no bloody food left.

**Q: What two things do bagpipes and the Loch Ness Monster have in common?**

A: They attract tourists and frighten little children.

**Q: What is the difference between the bagpipes and an onion?**

A: No one cries when you chop up the bagpipes.

Question 14 answers: All of them!

Sir Alexander Fleming, William Paterson, John Logie Baird, Alex. G. Bell, David Livingstone, William Simpson, John Paul Jones, Sir Walter Scott, Adam Smith, John Grierson, Robert Watson-Watt, John Muir, James Watt, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

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Of course quizzes need to be adapted to the interests of the 'audience' at a particular time. What was relevant for the visitors to Konstanz University in 2009 is not necessarily suitable for visitors in 2014, or in another part of Germany. I always tried to offer a range of questions so that everyone could find something they could answer, and something which aroused their curiosity!

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