

# 2016 Summer Olympics Quiz Bowl

## Questions

1. Which country is hosting the 2016 Summer Olympic Games?
  - a. France
  - b. Chile
  - c. Brazil
  - d. Nicaragua
2. For the last 150 years, Brazil has been the largest exporter of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. Rice
  - b. Coffee
  - c. Corn
  - d. Fabric
3. How many South American countries have hosted the Olympic Games before this year?
  - a. 25
  - b. 0
  - c. 15
  - d. 5
4. \_\_\_\_\_ is exclusively a Paralympic event.
  - a. Track and Field
  - b. Swimming
  - c. Rowing
  - d. Boccia (Hint: game of strategy and accuracy played indoors on a flat surface using two leather balls.)
5. Which Greek Goddess of Victory is featured on the Olympic bronze, silver, and gold medals? (Hint: it is a major sporting brand)
  - a. Persephone
  - b. Lyssa
  - c. Dione
  - d. Nike
6. Which of the following is **not** one of the events in the modern pentathlon?

- a. Swimming
  - b. Horse riding
  - c. Cross country skiing
  - d. Fencing
7. The Rio Olympics is predicted to be the most-watched television event in U.S. history, surpassing the London 2012 Olympics. How many people viewed the London 2012 Olympics?
- a. Less than 50,000
  - b. Between 50,000-70,000
  - c. Between 100,000-500,000
  - d. More than 200 million
8. Which two sports are returning to the Olympics this summer after nearly a century hiatus?
- a. Golf and rugby
  - b. Gymnastics and arena football
  - c. Lacrosse and boxing
  - d. Long jump and equestrian
9. How many sports will be featured in the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio?
- a. Less than 10
  - b. About 20
  - c. About 30
  - d. More than 40
10. Which women's soccer team won the World Cup in 2015 and is predicted to win the gold medal in the Rio Olympics?
- a. Mexico
  - b. Great Britain
  - c. Germany
  - d. United States
11. The official language of Brazil is \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. Portuguese
  - b. French
  - c. Dutch
  - d. Spanish

12. Which river, known as the second longest river in the world, flows through Brazil?
- Amazon River
  - Nile River
  - Yangtze River
  - Danube River
13. What Olympic symbol represents peace, unity and friendship?
- Rings
  - Medal
  - Torch
  - Flame
14. What do the five rings on the Olympic Games flag represent?
- Primary colors
  - Sports
  - Inhabited Continents
  - Athletes
15. Prior to the 1960 Rome Olympics, what is not one of the ways that winners were recognized?
- Received a crown of laurel leaves
  - Received a silver medal and diploma in addition to the crown
  - Received a medal and ribbon pinned to the athletes' chests
  - Received a medal hung around the winners' neck
16. Which USA swimmer set the record for most gold medals earned at a single Olympics?
- Abebe Bikila
  - James Connelly
  - Michael Phelps
  - Mark Spitz
17. \_\_\_\_\_, known as the fastest sprinter in the world, will be making his last appearance at the upcoming Summer Olympic Games.
- Usain Bolt, *Jamaica*
  - Asafa Powell, *Jamaica*
  - Tyson Gay, *United States*
  - Asafa Powell, *Jamaica*

18. After winning all-around gold in the London 2012 Olympics, this gymnast has the chance to be the first all-around champion to compete at back-to-back Olympics.
- Jordyn Wieber, *United States*
  - Gabrielle "Gabby" Douglas, *United States*
  - Yang Yillin, *China*
  - McKayla Maroney, *United States*
19. Which women's basketball team will enter the Rio Games with seven gold medals and a winning streak of 41 games at the Olympics?
- Australia
  - Yugoslavia
  - United States
  - Switzerland
20. Which of the following competitions do not require a ticket to attend?
- Golf
  - Basketball
  - Sailing
  - Tennis

## Answers

- (c) Brazil – The 2016 Summer Olympic Games are hosted by Brazil, and will be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
- (b) Coffee – Brazil has been the highest global producer of coffee beans for over 150 years.
- (b) 0 – This will be first Olympic Games held in South America.
- (d) Boccia – Boccia is a Paralympic event played by men and women with motor skill impairments.
- (d) Nike – The Goddess of Victory, Nike, is pictured on one side of the medal, while an Olympic stadium is pictured on the other side.

6. (c) Cross Country Skiing – The five events in the modern pentathlon are: fencing, swimming, horse riding, shooting, and running.
7. (d) More than 200 million – More than 219 million people viewed the London 2012 Olympics, which is the current viewing record for a single event.
8. (a) Golf and rugby – Golf (returning after 112 years) and rugby (returning after 92 years) will be considered new sports of the Olympic Games in Rio.
9. (d) More than 40 – Athletes will compete in 42 different sports over 17 days in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
10. (d) United States – The U.S. women’s soccer team has a good chance to become the first team to win the World Cup and the Olympic gold medal back-to-back.
11. (a) Portuguese – The official language of Brazil is Portuguese.
12. (a) Amazon River – The Amazon River is the world’s second longest river, only slightly shorter than the Nile River.
13. (d) Flame – The Olympic flame is lit between 90 and 100 days before each Olympics, and is carried in a relay to reach the opening ceremony.
14. (c) Inhabited continents – The five rings on the Olympic flag represent the five inhabited continents of the world: Africa, Americas, Asia, Europe, and Australia.
15. (d) Received a medal hung around the winners’ neck – Winners began to be recognized with a medal being hung around their necks during the Rome 1960 Olympic games.
16. (c) Michael Phelps – Michael Phelps earned eight gold medals at the 2008 Beijing Olympics. He surpassed Mark Spitz, who won seven gold medals at the 1972 Munich Olympics.

17. (a) Usain Bolt, *Jamaica* – The Rio Olympics will be Bolt's last Olympic games; he will be running in the 100 meters, 200 meters and 4X100 meter relay.
18. (b) Gabrielle Douglas, United States – Another win at this summer's Olympic Games would make Gabrielle Douglas the first-all around champion to compete at back-to-back Olympics since Nadia Comaneci in 1980.
19. (c) United States – The 2016 U.S. Olympic women's basketball team has an Olympic competition record of 58-3, and a 41 game winning streak since the 1992 Barcelona Olympics.
20. (c) Sailing – Sailing is one out of nine sports that a person without a ticket can attend in the Olympics.