NYC Tour Guide Practice Test (Sample)

Study Guide



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Questions



- 1. Which President regularly used a pew at St. Paul's Chapel?
 - A. Antonio Meucci
 - **B.** George Washington
 - C. Peter Stuyvesant
 - D. John D. Rockefeller Jr. and Baptist Minister Harry Emerson Fosdick..Allen, Collins, and Pelton
- 2. How did the Brooklyn Dodgers get their name?
 - A. Named after the team owner's favorite animal
 - B. Derived from an old Native American word
 - C. Representing the team's speed and agility
 - D. The players and fans had to dodge trolley cars on their way to practice and games.
- 3. To What does the Hess triangle refer?
 - A. NYC tallest building
 - B. A historic church in Brooklyn
 - C. The Statue of Liberty
 - D. NYC smallest plot of land, fought for by the Hess family, when 7th Ave. was rerouted. In front of a cigar store. There will be a picture of it.
- 4. Why does steam rise up from vents and other areas of the city's streets?
 - A. Geothermal activity
 - **B.** Underground chemical reactions
 - C. Water leakage
 - D. Huge steam plants heating nearby buildings
- 5. In which NYC borough would you find the United Nations Headquarters?
 - A. Brooklyn
 - **B.** Queens
 - C. Manhattan
 - D. The Bronx

- 6. Which NYC neighborhood is strongly connected to the hip-hop movement?
 - A. Manhattan
 - B. Brooklyn
 - C. The Bronx
 - D. Staten Island
- 7. What New York City event honors authors and the literary arts during the summer?
 - A. Brooklyn Book Festival
 - B. New York Art Fair
 - C. Film Forum Festival
 - D. American Writers' Festival
- 8. Throg's Neck bridge connects which two boroughs?
 - A. Brooklyn and Staten Island
 - B. Manhattan and Brooklyn
 - C. Queens and the Bronx
 - D. The Bronx and Manhattan
- 9. What is the name of the famous New York City food market located in the Meatpacking District?
 - A. Union Market
 - **B.** Chelsea Market
 - C. Smorgasburg
 - D. Food Hall NYC
- 10. Where is "Swedish Broadway"?
 - A. Atlantic Ave. Brooklyn.
 - B. Chinatown, Canal Street.
 - C. Tribeca, Hudson Street.
 - D. Upper West Side, Amsterdam Avenue.

Answers



- 1. B 2. D 3. D 4. D 5. C 6. C 7. A 8. C 9. B 10. A



Explanations



1. Which President regularly used a pew at St. Paul's Chapel?

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George Washington regularly used a pew at St. Paul's Chapel. This historical fact is significant because St. Paul's Chapel is located in Lower Manhattan and is the oldest surviving church building in Manhattan. As the first President of the United States, George Washington's presence in such a historic church adds to the significance of the site for visitors and tourists. The other options provided, such as Antonio Meucci, Peter Stuyvesant, and John D. Rockefeller Jr. and Baptist Minister Harry Emerson Fosdick..Allen, Collins, and Pelton, do not have a historical connection to using a pew at St. Paul's Chapel.

2. How did the Brooklyn Dodgers get their name?

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- C. Representing the team's speed and agility
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The Brooklyn Dodgers got their name because the players and fans had to dodge trolley cars on their way to practice and games. This nickname was a nod to the challenging urban environment in Brooklyn, where trolley cars were a common mode of transportation in the early 20th century. It became a fitting and enduring name for the team, symbolizing their perseverance and agility both on and off the field. Options A, B, and C do not accurately explain how the Brooklyn Dodgers got their name and are therefore incorrect.

3. To What does the Hess triangle refer?

- A. NYC tallest building
- B. A historic church in Brooklyn
- C. The Statue of Liberty
- D. NYC smallest plot of land, fought for by the Hess family, when 7th Ave. was rerouted. In front of a cigar store. There will be a picture of it.

The correct answer is D. The Hess Triangle refers to NYC's smallest plot of land, which was a piece of property that the city condemned in the early 1900s to make way for the extension of Seventh Avenue. The Hess family, the rightful owners of the land, fought in court to retain ownership and were granted this small triangle back. This historic event became known as the Hess Triangle, located at the corner of Seventh Avenue and Christopher Street in Greenwich Village, and a bronze plaque outlines the story of this tiny piece of land.

4. Why does steam rise up from vents and other areas of the city's streets?

- A. Geothermal activity
- **B.** Underground chemical reactions
- C. Water leakage
- D. Huge steam plants heating nearby buildings

Steam rising up from vents and other areas of the city's streets is primarily due to huge steam plants heating nearby buildings. In New York City, many buildings are connected to district steam heating systems, where steam is produced in centralized plants and then distributed through underground pipes to buildings for heating purposes. When the steam cools down or leaks out of the system, it rises up through vents and grates on the streets, creating the characteristic steam clouds seen throughout the city. Geothermal activity, underground chemical reactions, and water leakage are not common reasons for the steam seen in the streets of NYC.

5. In which NYC borough would you find the United Nations Headquarters?

- A. Brooklyn
- **B.** Queens
- C. Manhattan
- D. The Bronx

The United Nations Headquarters is located in Manhattan, an area known for being the vibrant heart of New York City. Established in 1945, the UN complex is situated along the East River and consists of several iconic buildings, including the General Assembly and the Secretariat. Manhattan was chosen for its accessibility and its status as a major international center, aligning with the global mission of the United Nations. Brooklyn, Queens, and The Bronx, while culturally rich and significant, do not host the UN Headquarters. Each of these boroughs has its own unique attraction and identity, but Manhattan's central role in international diplomacy makes it the correct answer for the location of this important global institution.

6. Which NYC neighborhood is strongly connected to the hip-hop movement?

- A. Manhattan
- B. Brooklyn
- C. The Bronx
- D. Staten Island

The Bronx is strongly connected to the hip-hop movement as it is widely recognized as the birthplace of hip-hop culture. In the 1970s, the Bronx emerged as a hub for this revolutionary musical genre, influenced by the socio-economic conditions and vibrant community life of the area. Key elements of hip-hop, such as DJing, rapping, graffiti art, and breakdancing, took root in this neighborhood, particularly with the formation of block parties and local gatherings where artists could showcase their talents. Iconic figures like DJ Kool Herc, who is often credited with pioneering hip-hop music, began his work in the Bronx, solidifying its role in the history of hip-hop. While other neighborhoods, including parts of Manhattan and Brooklyn, later contributed significantly to the hip-hop scene, the origins and initial movements that shaped the genre are deeply intertwined with the Bronx. Therefore, the recognition of the Bronx as the birthplace of hip-hop emphasizes its cultural importance and influence in the evolution of this art form.

7. What New York City event honors authors and the literary arts during the summer?

- A. Brooklyn Book Festival
- B. New York Art Fair
- C. Film Forum Festival
- D. American Writers' Festival

The Brooklyn Book Festival is recognized as the event that honors authors and the literary arts during the summer in New York City. This annual festival celebrates both established and emerging writers, providing a platform for authors to engage with their readers and for discussions about literature to flourish. Events typically include author readings, panel discussions, and book signings, attracting a diverse audience of book lovers and literary enthusiasts. In contrast, the New York Art Fair primarily focuses on visual arts and not specifically on literary contributions; the Film Forum Festival showcases films and cinematic presentations, which are unrelated to literature; while the American Writers' Festival emphasizes playwrights and screenwriters rather than a broader literary context that encompasses authors across various genres. Thus, the Brooklyn Book Festival stands out as the dedicated celebration of literary arts in the summer calendar of events in NYC.

8. Throg's Neck bridge connects which two boroughs?

- A. Brooklyn and Staten Island
- B. Manhattan and Brooklyn
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The other options provided are incorrect because they do not match the two boroughs that the Throg's Neck bridge actually connects. Option A is incorrect because Brooklyn and Staten Island are connected by the Verrazzano-Narrows Bridge, not the Throg's Neck bridge. Option B is incorrect because Manhattan and Brooklyn are connected by the Brooklyn Bridge, not the Throg's Neck bridge. Option D is also incorrect because the Bronx and Manhattan are connected by the Triborough Bridge, not the Throg's Neck bridge. Therefore, the only correct answer is option C, which correctly states that the Throg's Neck bridge connects Queens and the Bronx.

9. What is the name of the famous New York City food market located in the Meatpacking District?

- A. Union Market
- **B.** Chelsea Market
- C. Smorgasburg
- D. Food Hall NYC

Chelsea Market is the correct answer because it is a renowned food hall located in the Meatpacking District of New York City. Originally built as a factory in the late 1800s, it has since been transformed into a vibrant indoor marketplace that features a diverse array of food vendors, restaurants, and specialty shops. Chelsea Market is particularly famous for its artisanal food offerings, fresh produce, gourmet goods, and eateries that showcase both local and international cuisine. Other choices, while related to food markets in New York City, do not specifically refer to the one in the Meatpacking District. Union Market is a food hall located in a different part of the city, and Smorgasburg primarily refers to an outdoor food market that operates in various locations during warmer months. Food Hall NYC is a more general term and does not pinpoint the iconic location of Chelsea Market.

10. Where is "Swedish Broadway"?

- A. Atlantic Ave. Brooklyn.
- B. Chinatown, Canal Street.
- C. Tribeca, Hudson Street.
- D. Upper West Side, Amsterdam Avenue.

"Swedish Broadway" refers to Atlantic Ave. in Brooklyn. This nickname was given to Atlantic Ave. due to the significant number of Swedish businesses and residents in the area. This part of Brooklyn has a rich Swedish cultural presence, hence the comparison to the famous Broadway in Manhattan. The other options provided do not have a significant Swedish cultural presence like Atlantic Ave. in Brooklyn, making them incorrect choices.