

NYC Tour Guide Practice Test (Sample)

Study Guide



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Questions

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 - B. A, C, E.**
 - C. 1, 2, 3.**
 - D. L, M, N.**

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 - B. It is known for its artist lofts, boutiques, and cast-iron architecture**
 - C. It has the tallest buildings in Manhattan**
 - D. It is mainly a commercial district**

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 - B. Gowanus Canal**
 - C. Harlem River**
 - D. Newtown Creek**

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 - A. The Frick Collection**
 - B. The Guggenheim Museum**
 - C. The Metropolitan Museum of Art**
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 - C. An African goods market in Harlem at 52 W. 116th St.**
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- A. Financial district landmarks**
 - B. Transportation hubs**
 - C. Healthcare services for the poor**
 - D. Civic buildings and monuments**
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- A. New York Film Festival**
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 - C. Brooklyn Film Festival**
 - D. Soho Film Festival**
- 8. What great painters are on display in the Hispanic Society of America?**
- A. Picasso, Monet, Van Gogh**
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- 9. Who provides funding for public arts in the subway?**
- A. Brooklyn Arts Council**
 - B. MTA's Arts For Transit**
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- A. Empire State Building**
 - B. One World Trade Center**
 - C. Flatiron Building**
 - D. Citicorp Office building in Queens, at 663' , or 48 stories tall.**

Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. Which three trains will take you to Yankee Stadium?

A. B, D, 4.

B. A, C, E.

C. 1, 2, 3.

D. L, M, N.

The correct answer is A. The B, D, and 4 trains will take you to Yankee Stadium. These trains run on different lines but all have stops close to the stadium, making them convenient options for getting to the game or events at Yankee Stadium. Options B, C, and D are incorrect as the trains listed do not have stops near Yankee Stadium. The A, C, and E trains (Option B) do not go directly to Yankee Stadium. The 1, 2, and 3 trains (Option C) do not have stops at or near Yankee Stadium. The L, M, and N trains (Option D) also do not have stops in close proximity to Yankee Stadium.

2. Why is the area known as SoHo well-regarded?

A. It features a subway station

B. It is known for its artist lofts, boutiques, and cast-iron architecture

C. It has the tallest buildings in Manhattan

D. It is mainly a commercial district

SoHo, which stands for South of Houston Street, is highly regarded for its distinct character and offerings. The area is celebrated for its artist lofts, which were once warehouses and factories converted into living and working spaces for artists. This transformation fostered a vibrant arts community that has now become a key aspect of SoHo's identity. Additionally, the neighborhood is known for its unique boutiques and high-end retail shops, attracting visitors looking for specialty items and fashion. The presence of cast-iron architecture also contributes to SoHo's charm, as many of the buildings showcase this historic architectural style. These features create a culturally rich atmosphere, making SoHo a popular destination for both locals and tourists interested in art, shopping, and history. The combination of these elements rather than any single aspect makes SoHo a well-regarded area in New York City.

3. The Kosciusko Bridge spans what waterway between Brooklyn and Queens?

A. East River

B. Gowanus Canal

C. Harlem River

D. Newtown Creek

The Kosciusko Bridge spans Newtown Creek between Brooklyn and Queens. This waterway is an industrial waterway that separates the two boroughs, providing a vital transportation link for vehicles traveling between the two areas. The bridge is named after Tadeusz Kościuszko, a Polish military engineer who fought in the American Revolutionary War. Option A (East River) is incorrect because the East River is a separate waterway in New York City that flows between Manhattan and Brooklyn/Queens. Option B (Gowanus Canal) is incorrect because the Gowanus Canal is a different waterway located in Brooklyn, not between Brooklyn and Queens. Option C (Harlem River) is incorrect because the Harlem River separates Manhattan from the Bronx, not Brooklyn and Queens.

4. What is the newest museum on Museum Mile?

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- B. The Guggenheim Museum**
- C. The Metropolitan Museum of Art**
- D. Neue Galerie 1048 5th Ave. Austrian and German art, donated by Ronald Lauder, a cosmetics mogul. In C. Vanderbilt's old house.**

The newest museum on Museum Mile is the Neue Galerie. This museum is located at 1048 5th Ave and specializes in Austrian and German art. It was donated by Ronald Lauder, a cosmetics mogul, and is housed in the former mansion of Cornelius Vanderbilt. The other options listed, such as The Frick Collection, The Guggenheim Museum, and The Metropolitan Museum of Art, are not the newest museums on Museum Mile as compared to the Neue Galerie.

5. What and where is Malcolm Shabbaz?

- A. An African restaurant in Manhattan**
- B. A clothing store in Brooklyn**
- C. An African goods market in Harlem at 52 W. 116th St.**
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Malcolm Shabbaz is an African goods market located in Harlem, specifically at 52 W. 116th Street. This market is named after Malcolm X's grandson, Malcolm Shabazz. It is a culturally significant space that showcases a variety of products reflecting African heritage and culture, including traditional crafts, clothing, and art. The location in Harlem is particularly relevant, as Harlem has historically been a center for African American culture and community. The market serves as a hub for both locals and visitors looking to explore and purchase goods that celebrate African identity and history. In contrast, while the other options reference establishments that may exist in New York City, they do not accurately describe Malcolm Shabbaz or its significance. The correct choice highlights both the name's cultural relevance and the specific, recognized location where it can be found.

6. To what does the Dispensary Triangle refer?

- A. Financial district landmarks**
- B. Transportation hubs**
- C. Healthcare services for the poor**
- D. Civic buildings and monuments**

The Dispensary Triangle refers to an area in downtown Manhattan that was once known for its concentration of healthcare services for the poor. There are many other areas in the financial district known for their landmarks and civic buildings, such as Wall Street and Battery Park, but the Dispensary Triangle specifically refers to the healthcare services that were provided in this area. While transportation hubs can also be found in the financial district, they are not the main focus of the Dispensary Triangle. Therefore, C is the correct answer.

7. What is the name of the annual film festival held in Tribeca, NYC?

- A. New York Film Festival**
- B. Tribeca Film Festival**
- C. Brooklyn Film Festival**
- D. Soho Film Festival**

The annual film festival held in Tribeca, NYC, is known as the Tribeca Film Festival. This festival was established in 2002, primarily as a response to the events of September 11, 2001, with the aim of revitalizing the Tribeca area and promoting the downtown film community. It showcases a diverse range of films, including independent features, documentaries, and short films, and has become a significant cultural event attracting filmmakers, celebrities, and audiences from around the world. The other film festivals mentioned, such as the New York Film Festival, Brooklyn Film Festival, and Soho Film Festival, take place in different locations and have distinct focuses and histories, but they are not associated with the Tribeca area specifically. The Tribeca Film Festival's strong connection to the local community and its unique origin story contribute to its prominence as a celebrated event in the New York City cultural calendar.

8. What great painters are on display in the Hispanic Society of America?

- A. Picasso, Monet, Van Gogh**
- B. Rembrandt, Da Vinci, Michelangelo**
- C. El Greco, Velasquez, Goya**
- D. Warhol, Pollock, Rothko**

The correct answer is C. El Greco, Velasquez, Goya. The Hispanic Society of America is known for its collection of Spanish art, particularly from the golden age of Spanish painting. El Greco, Velazquez, and Goya are all iconic Spanish painters from different periods in art history, making them significant artists to be displayed in the Hispanic Society of America. The other options include artists who are not typically associated with Spanish art or those who belong to different artistic movements or nationalities.

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MTA's Arts For Transit is the correct answer because it is the specific program within the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) responsible for overseeing and funding public arts initiatives in the subway system. The other options are incorrect because they do not have direct involvement or authority over funding public arts in the subway. The Brooklyn Arts Council focuses on arts funding in Brooklyn, the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs supports cultural initiatives citywide, and The Metropolitan Museum of Art is a renowned museum but does not provide funding for public arts in the subway system.

10. What is the tallest structure in NYC outside of Manhattan?

A. Empire State Building

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C. Flatiron Building

D. Citicorp Office building in Queens, at 663' , or 48 stories tall.

The tallest structure in New York City outside of Manhattan is indeed the Citicorp Office building in Queens, which stands 663 feet tall and consists of 48 stories. This building is a significant landmark in Queens and highlights the architectural development that extends beyond Manhattan. In the context of NYC's skyline, while the Empire State Building and One World Trade Center are iconic symbols of the city, they are both located in Manhattan. The Flatiron Building, also situated in Manhattan, is famous for its unique shape but is notably shorter than the Citicorp Office building. Recognizing the geographical distinctions is important for understanding the overall skyline of New York City and the height of its various structures throughout the boroughs.