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So You Think You Know the World Cup?

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INTRODUCTION

So you think you know all there is to know about the biggest prize in world football? Reckon you can recall all the great players, great teams and moments of magic and controversy over the years? Contained in this book are over 1000 questions on qualifying and playing in the tournament – the World Cup finals. Kick off with the easy questions and work your way through the rounds to reach the tough to tackle questions at the end. We hope you enjoy attempting the questions as much as we enjoyed researching and compiling them.

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EASY QUESTIONS

QUIZ 1

1. In which country is the 2006 World Cup held?
2. Which European team are in England's group at the 2006 World Cup?
3. How many times have England hosted the World Cup?
4. Who managed England at the 2002 World Cup?
5. Which side won the 2002 World Cup?
6. Was the smallest nation ever to win a World Cup: Italy, Uruguay, Brazil or France?
7. England's last two 2006 qualifying matches were played at which ground?
8. What number shirt did the legendary Brazilian player, Pele, tend to wear?

9 Which England player was sent off at the 1998 World Cup?

10 The King of Romania picked his country's team to play in the 1930 World Cup: true or false?

11 Can you unscramble the letters AAPLMRD to spell out the surname of a current England midfielder?

12 Which nation has won the World Cup the most times?

13 Who scored the infamous 'Hand of God' goal against England at the 1986 World Cup?

14 In which country was the 1994 World Cup held?

15 England striker Jermain Defoe plays club football for West Ham, Tottenham Hotspur or Birmingham City?

16 A referee at the 1962 World Cup was called Edward Charles Faultless; was he English, Scottish, Welsh or Irish?

17 Can you unscramble the letters UUUYRGA to find the winner of the very first World Cup?

18 In which year did the Women's World Cup begin: 1987, 1989 or 1991?

19 Shay Given appeared at the 2002 World Cup playing for which team?

20 What position did Italian World Cup winner Dino Zoff play?

21 Was Jules Verne, Jules Holland or Jules Rimet a pioneer in the invention of the World Cup?

22 Which England player is the son of ex-England striker, Ian Wright?

23 Can you unjumble the letters AOOLNRD to find the name of the star striker of the 2002 World Cup?

24 Which English player was sent off in the second-from-last World Cup 2006 qualifying game?

MEDIUM QUESTIONS

QUIZ 1

1. Will England's first game of the 2006 World Cup be in Frankfurt, Munich or Berlin?

2. Turkey won their second play-off game 4-2, but did they qualify or not for the 2006 World Cup?

3. Who knocked the Republic of Ireland out of the 2002 World Cup?

4. What nationality was World Cup pioneer, Jules Rimet?

5. At which World Cup finals did just over 300 supporters watch a game, the lowest attended match in World Cup history?

6. Which Brazilian striker was voted best player of the 1998 tournament even though he did not score the most goals?

7 In qualifying for the 2002 World Cup, which famous side did the Republic of Ireland beat 1-0 and draw with 2-2, to help knock them out?

8 How many of the seventeen World Cups have been won by South American teams?

9 Who topped the 2002 World Cup group containing the teams Portugal, USA, South Korea and Poland?

10 Who scored a hat-trick in the 1966 World Cup Final?

11 Was Gerd Muller, Gregorz Lato or Johan Cruyff the top scorer at the 1974 World Cup?

12 In which continent will the 2014 World Cup be held?

13 Gauchito was the mascot at the World Cup held in Argentina, Spain or USA?

14 Lothar Matthaus is the only outfield player to appear in five World Cups. For which country did he play?

15 What was the first name of the father of Paolo Maldini, who managed his son at the 1998 World Cup Finals?

16 Can you name either of the England midfielders who missed penalties in the 1998 shoot-out with Argentina?

17 Which 2006 World Cup nation's famous clubs include Benfica and Porto?

18 Which country has been a World Cup runner-up more often than any other side?

19 Who was the last England national team manager to play in a World Cup?

20 Was Alan Shearer, Kevin Keegan or Malcolm McDonald the last player to score five goals in a game for England?

21 Were all four goals in England's epic 1998 World Cup game versus Argentina scored in the first half, the second half or in extra time?

HARD QUESTIONS

QUIZ 1

1. When was the last time England beat Sweden in a competitive match?

2. Against which British team did Iran gain their first ever point at a World Cup finals?

3. Which European team qualified for 2006 letting in only one goal in their ten games?

4. How many Women's World Cups have England qualified for?

5. What was the name of the smiling cockerel which was the mascot at the 1998 World Cup?

6. Five nations bid to host the first World Cup. Can you name three of them?

7. At the first World Cup, only one non-South American nation was seeded. Who was it?

8 Of the thirteen teams at the 1999 Women's World Cup, how many were from Asia?

9 Brazil's first ever World Cup finals game ended in a 2-1 defeat to which European team?

10 Which coach received four years of free first class air travel and had a street named after him after an excellent 2002 World Cup campaign?

11 Which team scored 49 goals in sixteen 2006 World Cup qualifying games to make it to the finals?

12 Which Chelsea player came on as a substitute for his dad in an international match in 1996?

13 Against which side was the fastest goal in international football scored?

14 Who is the only player in international football to be approaching 300 international caps?

15 Who played for West Germany or Germany a total of 150 times?

16 Which team has been involved in two World Cup penalty shoot-outs and only scored one of their penalties each time?

17 Can you name any of England's three midfielders who came on as substitutes in the 1998 World Cup match versus Colombia?

18 Which European team conceded 48 goals in their 2006 World Cup qualifiers?

19 Which team scored a whopping 66 goals in their qualifying games yet still did not make the 2002 World Cup finals?

20 Before the 2002 World Cup, what was the last World Cup Turkey managed to qualify for?

21 There were 20 years between the USA's first and second World Cup finals appearance. How many years between their second and third?