

Koori IQ Test

The main point is to show non-Indigenous people two things: how the value of knowledge is culturally constructed; and what it is like to be assessed and graded on the basis of alien criteria.

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1. The late Mac Silva was famous for playing what?
 - a) flute
 - b) tennis
 - c) drums
 - d) golf

2. If someone referred to you as “Binghi”, would it mean....
 - a) you’re white
 - b) like a brother
 - c) you’re a baker
 - d) you’ve got dough

3. If you saw a gungibal, would you be looking at a....
 - (a) soldier
 - (b) policeman
 - (c) centrelink officer
 - (d) gunsmith

4. Dr. Ruby Langford Ginibi is....
 - (a) a Koori anthropologist
 - (b) a film producer
 - (c) a newspaper editor
 - (d) an author

5. If you were called a Gubba, would it mean you were a....

- (a) white person
- (b) brother
- (c) Koori Elder
- (d) government official

6. Narwan is....

- (a) a narwhal
- (b) a political party
- (c) a football team
- (d) a mythical being

7. Which is the odd one out?

- (a) Wiradjuri
- (b) Thungutti
- (c) Womboin
- (d) Gomilaroi

8. A Koori's meat is....

- (a) a get together
- (b) a leg of lamb
- (c) sex appeal
- (d) a totem

9. Where does Nathan Blacklock come from originally?

- (a) Moree
- (b) Boggabilla
- (c) Tingha
- (d) Guyra

10. From what language does the word 'Munyar!' come from?

- (a) Yuin
- (b) Wonnarua
- (c) Bundjalung
- (d) Thungutti

11. Who is Michael O'Loughlin?

- (a) A NSL player
- (b) A NRL footballer
- (c) An AFL player
- (d) A NBL player

12. If you were playing 'coon-can', would you be playing

- (a) a card game
- (b) the spoons
- (c) a children's game
- (d) a musical instrument made out of cans

13. What are munyas?

- (a) money
- (b) scabies
- (c) head lice
- (d) swollen feet

14. Deb Mailman is

- (a) a postal worker
- (b) an athlete
- (c) a news reader
- (d) an actor -3

15. Which colour is not on the Koori flag?

- (a) red
- (b) green
- (c) yellow
- (d) black

16. If a wharki caught you, what would have you?

- (a) an old man
- (b) a policeman
- (c) an evil spirit
- (d) a welfare officer

17. What would you do with a Wilcannia boomerang?

- (a) throw it
- (b) hang it on your wall
- (c) tackle it
- (d) paint it

18. Linda Burney is.....

- (a) Chairperson of ATSIC
- (b) President of NSW AECG Inc.
- (c) Chairperson of NACCHO
- (d) A Government Minister

19. Where is Dodge City?

- (a) near Singleton
- (b) near Texas, Queensland
- (c) near Brewarrina
- (d) near Wallaga Lake

KOORI IQ TEST ANSWERS

The following norms are statistically relevant. Five points for each correct response.

High intelligence

85 to 100 points A gifted and talented student

Above average intelligence

70 to 80 Will readily comprehend difficult material

Average intelligence

55 to 65 May experience difficulty with higher order concepts

Below average intelligence

40 to 50 Remedial work needs to be introduced immediately

Severely below average intelligence

Below 50 There is a place for this student in society but not here!

Answers to test:

1. C

2. B

3. B

4. D

5. A

6. C

7. C*

8. D

9. C

10. C

11. C

12. A

13. C

14. D

15. B

16. C

17. C

18. D

19. C

*Womboin is a Wonnarua word for kangaroo the others are Indigenous Nations.