

## OU Essentials quiz

How much do you know about the university you are studying with?

Over the course of the next five rounds we will find out just how much you know.

There will be prizes available for the winners of each round.

# Round One

# Open University history

All information has been taken from the OU digital archive

# Question 1

The establishment of the Open University was announced by which Labour Prime Minister in parliament in 1969.

- Harold Macmillan
- Alec Douglas-Home
- Harold Wilson
- Edward Heath
- James Callaghan
- Margaret Thatcher

## Question 2

The Open University was granted a royal charter on which day in 1969. This date is now celebrated as “charter day” within the Open University.

- 23 April
- 15 September
- 4 October
- 1 April

## Question 3

In 1970, Open University programs began being broadcast from.....

Pebble Mill in Birmingham

Alexandra Palace

BBC Television Centre in London

# Question 4

The first four courses offered by the Open University were:

- M100 - Mathematics a foundation course
- W100 – Introducing Law
- D100 - Understanding Society a foundation course
- S100 - Science foundation course
- B100 – Business foundation course
- L100 – Introducing language studies
- A100 - Humanities a foundation course

## Question 5

The Open University library is named after which politician?

- Jenny Lee
- Harold Wilson
- Michael Young
- Betty Boothroyd

## Question 6

In 1972, the second year in operation, the number of students studying with the Open University was approximately how many?

- 6,000
- 16,000
- 26,000
- 36,000
- 46,000



# Round Two

## Being an OU student

Information in this section has been taken from the open, learn course “Being an OU student “

# Question 1

As an OU student you are able to apply for a **???????** Card, which enables you to access a range of student discounts including software and IT equipment.

- Totum
- NUS
- Loyalty

## Question 2

?????? is available to all registered OU students. It's your personal page that contains all the links and information you'll need in your learning journey with the OU.

- Student Home
- Student Hub Live

# Question 3

The **??????** shows the module activity week-by-week. You're given the date that the week starts and any specific resources you need to access.

- calendar
- study planner
- student home page
- qualifications page

# Question 4

Your module website is the key focus for your studies. It's where you'll find your module-specific material. Common features on the module website are:

- The study planner
- Your tutor's details
- Assessments
- Tutorials
- Forums
- Resources
- News
- Specimen Answers
- Details of future courses booked

## Question 5

Where do you find the cut-off dates for assignments:

- Computing Guide
- Module website or Student Home
- Module website
- Student Home
- Help Centre
- Library website

# Question 6

Where do you find a breakdown of the entire module by week:

- Module website
- Computing Guide
- Module website or Student Home
- Student Home
- Help Centre
- Library website

## Question 7

Where do you find help and support with referencing:

- Module website
- Computing Guide
- Module website or Student Home
- Student Home
- Help Centre
- Library website



# Question 8

Where do you update your contact details:

- Module website
- Computing Guide
- Module website or Student Home
- Student Home
- Help Centre
- Library website

# Round Three

## Who at the OU?

Information in this section has been taken from the open, learn course “Being an OU student “

# Question 1

Run by students, for students. Who is the community and voice for all Open University students?

- Tutor
- Careers and Employability Services
- OU Students Association
- SST adviser
- Computing and Distribution Helpdesk

## Question 2

Who provides personal feedback on your assignment to help you improve?

- Tutor
- Careers and Employability Services
- OU Students Association
- SST adviser
- Computing and Distribution Helpdesk

## Question 3

Who is best to offer help if you have technical problems submitting an assignment?

- Tutor
- Careers and Employability Services
- OU Students Association
- SST adviser
- Computing and Distribution Helpdesk

## Question 4

Who provides advice on how to define your goals and make the most of your skills and interests?

- Tutor
- Careers and Employability Services
- OU Students Association
- SST adviser
- Computing and Distribution Helpdesk

## Question 5

Who should you contact for help to resolve funding issues?

- Tutor
- Careers and Employability Services
- OU Students Association
- SST adviser
- Computing and Distribution Helpdesk

## Question 6

Who runs webinars on writing CVs?

- Tutor
- Careers and Employability Services
- OU Students Association
- SST adviser
- Computing and Distribution Helpdesk



# Round Four

## Studying at the OU

Information has been taken from the Open Learn course “Being an OU student” and from the Help centre.

# Question 1

Online tutorials will take place in our online rooms, using software called **??????**.

- tutorials
- classes
- zoom
- website
- Teams
- Adobe Connect
- OU Live

## Question 2

The three main reasons why your work is assessed are:

- To make sure you are not cheating.
- To show how well you've developed the knowledge and skills taught in the module.
- To give tutors something to do.
- To gain feedback from your tutor to see what you've done well and what you might need to improve.
- To demonstrate to the University that you've met the requirements of the module.

## Question 3

The **?????** is completed remotely.  
This means that, rather than coming to a special centre, you'll complete it online (e.g. at home).

- Exam
- TMA
- emTMA
- EMA
- iCMA

## Question 4

The **?????** is a larger assignment, not marked by your tutor. You do at the end of a module and is completed and submitted electronically.

- Exam
- TMA
- emTMA
- EMA
- iCMA

## Question 5

An **??????** is an assignment that is marked by your tutor at the end of the module and will count towards your overall module score.

- Exam
- TMA
- emTMA
- EMA
- iCMA

## Question 6

Modules may use the **?????** as part of assessment. Often you get instant feedback, and if you haven't answered the question correctly you may also be given the chance to try again.

- Exam
- TMA
- emTMA
- EMA
- iCMA

## Question 7

?????? are spread across the study time for your module. You will be given time in your study planner to prepare them and guidance to help you. Your allocated tutor will provide feedback and a mark for these assessments

- Exam
- TMA
- emTMA
- EMA
- iCMA



# Round Five

## OU fun facts

Information has been taken from the annual report and the main OU website

# Question 1

The Open University has four faculties: FASS, FBL, STEM, WELS

What do the letters WELS stand for?

- Wellbeing, Education and Language Studies
- Law, Education, Language and Sport
- Web Development, Education, Law and Social Science
- World History, Engineering, Logistics and Statistics
- Writing (Creative), English Literature, Literature (modern), Social History

## Question 2

If you wanted to study, sport and fitness, which of the faculties would deliver your module?

- FASS
- FBL
- STEM
- WELS

## Question 3

The Open University works quite closely with a range of broadcasters. He has a very particular relationship with the BBC. Which of the following are co-productions with the BBC?

- The Green Planet
- Patrick Kietly: One Hundred Years of Union
- Inside the Supermarket
- Blue Planet II
- Earth from Space
- Universe
- Secret Science of Sewage
- Autumnwatch
- Equinox
- Horizon

## Question 4 - 8

Which subjects did these famous former Open University students study?

Gordon Brown

Myleen Klass

Sir Lenny Henry

Holly Willoughby

Nadiya Hussain

- Physics
- Was an OU tutor
- English Literature
- Psychotherapy
- Humanities
- Childhood and Youth Studies
- Astronomy
- English

## Question 5

In 2022, Open Learn, the Open University's free, learning platform Open Learn celebrated its:

- 100 thousandth user
- 1 millionth user
- 10 millionth user
- 100 million user

## Question 6

In 2021/22 **??????** undergraduate and postgraduate degrees were awarded

- 5,000
- 11,000
- 13,000
- 160,000
- 188,000
- 208,000