

# Quiz

## Black History Month 2009

**Black History Month** (BHM) is held every October in the United Kingdom, and each February in USA and Canada. In the UK, BHM aims to:

- promote knowledge of Black history, culture and heritage;
- disseminate information on positive Black contributions to British society;
- heighten the confidence and awareness of Black people to their cultural heritage.

The origins of BHM go back to 1926 when Carter G Woodson, Editor of the *Journal of Negro History*, established African Caribbean celebrations in America. To find out more, visit: [www.black-history-month.co.uk](http://www.black-history-month.co.uk)

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### Round one

**15 x two-point questions = 30 points**

- 1 Name the Black woman who, on 1 December 1955 in Montgomery, Alabama, refused to give up her bus seat to a White man.
- 2 Who wrote the novel, *The Color Purple*?
- 3 Which Welsh athlete held the 110 metres hurdles world record for 11 years between 1993 and 2004?
- 4 Who was released from prison in 1990, won a Nobel Peace Prize in 1993 and was elected President of South Africa in 1994?
- 5 Which South African Bishop said, 'When the missionaries came to Africa they had the Bible and we had the land. They said, "Let us pray." We closed our eyes. When we opened them we had the Bible and they had the land'?
- 6 Which Jamaican-born reggae star recorded albums including: *Exodus* (1977), *Uprising* (1980) and *Confrontation* (1983)?
- 7 Which St Kitts-born British singer/songwriter recorded albums including: *Whatever's for Us* (1972), *Wild Geese* (1976) and *Me Myself I* (1980)?
- 8 Which American rapper recorded albums including: *Thug Life: Volume 1* (1994), *Me Against the World* (1995) and *All Eyez on Me* (1996)?
- 9 Which Welsh singer recorded albums including: *Let's Face The Music* (1962), *Big Spender* (1971) and *Never Never Never* (1973)?
- 10 Which American pop star recorded albums including: *For You* (1978), *Purple Rain* (1984) and *Musicology* (2004)?
- 11 Martin Luther King Jr was assassinated on 4 April in which year?  
(a) 1965 (b) 1966 (c) 1967 (d) 1968
- 12 Who was the first Black person to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize?  
(a) Martin Luther King Jr  
(b) Desmond Tutu  
(c) Ralph Johnson Bunche  
(d) Nelson Mandela
- 13 Malcolm X was assassinated on 21 February in which year?  
(a) 1965 (b) 1966 (c) 1967 (d) 1968

- 14 Who was the first Black writer to receive a Pulitzer Prize?  
 (a) Alice Walker  
 (b) Gwendolyn Brooks  
 (c) Maya Angelou  
 (d) Dawn Turner Trice
- 15 In which year did 'Negro History Week' become 'Black History Month' in the USA?  
 (a) 1966 (b) 1976 (c) 1986 (d) 1996

## Round two

### 10 x four-point questions = 40 points

- 16 Which famous 19th century Jamaican-born nurse was awarded the British Crimea Medal, the French Legion of Honour and the Turkish Medjidie?
- 17 Name the Black Canadian who created and patented the lawn sprinkler and invented the world's first portable ironing board.
- 18 Which Anglo-African political activist, academic, conductor and composer wrote the musical *Hiawatha's Wedding Feast*?
- 19 In which year was the book *The Interesting Narrative of the Life of Olaudah Equiano, or Gustavus Vassa, the African* first published?  
 (a) 1776 (b) 1767 (c) 1789 (d) 1798
- 20 Who was the world's first Black international soccer player, and which country did he play for?  
 (2 points + 2 points)
- 21 In 1948, who became the first Black woman to win an Olympic gold medal, and which event did she compete in? (2 points + 2 points)
- 22 Black men won the 'best actor in a supporting role' Oscar for films released in 1982, 1989, 1996 and 2004. Name *one* of these actors and the corresponding film title. (2 points + 2 points)
- 23 Black men won the 'best actor in a leading role' Oscar for films released in 1963, 2001, 2004 and 2006. Name *one* of these actors and the corresponding film title. (2 points + 2 points)
- 24 Black women won the 'best actress in a supporting role' Oscar for films released in 1939, 1990 and 2006. Name *one* of these actresses and the corresponding film title. (2 points + 2 points)
- 25 Halle Berry was the first Black woman to win the 'best actress in a leading role' Oscar. What is the film title and when was it released?  
 (2 points + 2 points)

## Round three

### 5 x six-point questions = 30 points

- 26 On 11 June 1987, Britain elected its first three Black MPs. Name one of these MPs, their constituency and the political party they represented.  
 (2 points + 2 points + 2 points)
- 27 In October 1996, the first Black person was appointed to the House of Lords. What is his name, his official title and which political party did he represent?  
 (2 points + 2 points + 2 points)
- 28 Who, for a film released in 1946, was the first Black person ever to win an *honorary* Oscar? Name the role played and the film title.  
 (2 points + 2 points + 2 points)
- 29 Which American abolitionist leader is sometimes referred to as the 'Black Moses'?
- 30 Name the first Black female Police Officer to serve in the Metropolitan Police (London, England)?

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