

Citizenship test questions shared by applicants who attended the test (Last update: 21/09/24)

1. Which is Australia's capital city?

Canberra

2. Who is above the law in Australia?

The Rule of Law means that no person, group or religious rule is above the law.

3. What is the another name of the House of representatives

The Lower House or the People's House.

4. What is another name for the Senate?

The Upper House, the House of Review or the States' House

5. How many officially recognised flags Australia has?

3 - The Australian National Flag, The Australian Aboriginal Flag and the Torres Strait Islander Flag

6. What are the colors in the Australia national flag

Blue, white and red

7. Give an example of freedom of speech

People can criticise the government

People can protest peacefully against government decisions

People can campaign to change laws.

8. Given an example of equality in Australia

Equal rights of all people, regardless of gender, sexual orientation, age, disability, religion, race, or national or ethnic origin

Equal opportunity and Fair go (Achievement as a result of their talents, work and effort, rather than their wealth or background)

9. Which statement is correct wrt Australia passport

Australian citizens can apply for Australian passport, travel overseas and and re-enter freely without visa

Australian officials can provide consular assistance to help Australian citizens in overseas with the issue of an emergency passport

10. Which is the legal document that sets out the basic rules for the government of Australia?

The Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act 1900 (Australian Constitution)

11. Who is Australia's Head of state?

King of Australia, His Majesty King Charles III.

12. Should people make an effort to learn English in Australia?

13. Why it is important to learn English?

Yes, in keeping with Australian values, migrants should learn and use English to help them participate in Australian society (Education, job and integrate to the community)

14. Can you encourage violence in Australia?

No. It is never acceptable to promote violence against another person or group of people (such as because of their culture, ethnicity, religion or background) because it is against Australian values and law. Violence by husband is not allowed. Violence to change other's opinion or a law is not allowed.

15. Example of contributing to Australia community

Paying tax, Volunteering or fundraising for a charity, helping someone in need (Mateship), reporting crime activities/ child abuse etc.,

16. Which is the smallest state in Australia?

Tasmania

17. Who is the leader of an Australian state government?

Premier

18. Which of these is Torres Islander flag?

The flag of colour "Green-Black-Blue-Black-Green" and with White dancer's headdress and white star in the middle.

Green=Land

Black =Torres islander people

Blue=Sea

White= Peace

White dancer's headdress = symbol for all Torres Strait Islanders.

Five points of the white star = Five island groups in the Torres Strait

19. What is the federation of states and Territories called?

20. What do you call the 6states and 2territories?

The Commonwealth of Australia

21. Which year did the first fleet arrive?

26 January 1788

22. Who approves a new law in parliament?

The members of both houses of Parliament - the House of Representatives and the Senate, **debates** bills for new laws or change in laws and if majority **agrees**, then the bill goes to Governor General for **signing** to make it a law.

23. Who can seek election to Australia parliament?

Australian citizens who are aged 18 years or over, and who are not dual citizens.

24. What has happened to the population in Australia in the last two centuries ?

The diversity of Australia's population has increased over the last two centuries.

25. When you should not break Australian law

Should not break the law at any time

- even if no one watching,
- even while following religious practices
- some laws are to be followed even while in overseas (sexual activity with a child less than 16 years)

26. What are the consequences of breaking the law in Australia

People can be fined or sent to prison or face penalties or go to court for breaking laws

27. The prime minister chooses government ministers from where?

From both house of representatives and senate (MPs and Senators – both can become ministers)

28. What are the colors of Aboriginal flag?

Black in the top representing Aboriginal people

Red in the bottom represents Earth and its ceremonial significance and

Yellow circle in the middle representing the sun.

29. When a non-Australian citizen comes to Australia what rules should they obey? (answers were like, only rules from his country, only rules in Australia...)

Rules in Australia

30. Should Men & Women have the same rights?

Yes, as per Gender equality

31. Can people criticise the government and others?

Yes, People can criticise the government, so long as they are still obeying Australian laws. This is allowed as per Freedom of speech.

32. Which is the largest city in Australia

Sydney

33. Who are the first inhabitants of Australia?

First inhabitants are the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples

34. Who were the first settlers?

35. Where was the early free Settlers from?

Early free settlers came from Great Britain and Ireland

36. How many houses are in the Australian parliament

Two Houses: • the House of Representatives • the Senate

37. Which day is Anzac day?

25th April each year

38. Which important event happened in 1901 in Australia?

In 1901, the separate colonies were united into a federation of states called the Commonwealth of Australia. Separate colonies became one country.

Australian Constitution came into effect in 1901

Parliament, government and the High Court were established in 1901

39. Does each state have their own floral emblem

Yes, Each of the states and territories of Australia also has its own floral emblem.

40. High court of australia is in which city?

Canberra

41. How many states and territories are in Australia?

There are six states and two mainland territories.

42. What are the obligations of citizens of australia?

43. Which of these is a responsibility of Australian Citizen?

- Obey the laws of Australia
- Vote in federal and state or territory elections, and in a referendum
- Defend Australia should the need arise
- Serve on a jury if called to do so.
- Pay correct tax
- Not to undermine Australia's interests and security is a shared obligation

44. In which elections, voting is compulsory?

Voting is compulsory for all Australian citizens of age 18 or more, in federal elections, state or territory elections and referendum for constitution change, but may or may not be compulsory to vote in local elections in some states.

45. Why compulsory voting is needed?

This is to make sure that the people have a say in who will govern and represent them in parliament.

46. When is Australia Day celebrated?

On 26th January each year

47. Who is the leader of the Australian government?

Prime Minister

48. What is meant by freedom of association?

Freedom of association is the right to form, join or not join any associations to pursue common goals – such as a political party, trade union, religious, cultural or social group.

49. Is it legal for a 20 year old man to have sexual relation with a 15 year old?

No, because having sex with a child less than 16 years age is against the law in all Australian states and territories. This is applicable even when the citizens are in overseas.

50. Who has the power to make laws?

Members of both houses of parliament – MPs and Senators

51. How is power of Australian Govt. divided? And Why it is divided?

The Australian Constitution divides the power of government between

- Legislative power (Parliament),
- Executive power (for example the Prime Minister and the Cabinet) and
- Judicial powers (judges),

This is to stop one person, or one group, from holding all the power.

52. Can 2 men marry in Australia?

Yes, marriage between two men or two women are allowed. But, being married to more than one person at the same time (Polygamy) is against the law.

53. What is the privilege of being Australian citizen?

- Vote in elections or seek election to parliament
- Apply for job in the Australian Public Service or in the Australian Defence Force
- Apply for passport, travel overseas and re enter freely without the need for a visa
- Ask for consular assistance while **overseas- emergency passport**, support during civil unrest, natural disasters, accident, serious illness or death
- Apply for children born overseas to become Aus citizens by descent

54. Which flag has blue, black, white and green?

The Torres Strait Islander Flag

55. Legislative(Parliament) has power for what?

To introduce bill to make laws or change existing laws.

56. Who debates and votes on the bill?

Both houses of the parliament - The House of Representatives and the Senate- consider, debate and vote on whether they agree with the Bill.

57. When should you follow police instruction?

You should obey a lawful request from the police, because all Australians commit to following the law.

58. How and why Racism has no place in australia?

Yes, Racism is against the law in Australia and should be reported to the police. Complaints can also be made to the Australian Human Rights Commission.

59. What activities should be reported to police?

You should report to police if you suspect a friend or neighbour may be planning to commit a serious crime or there are instances of child abuse.

60. What are the national colours of Australia?

Australia's national colours are green and gold—the colours of the Golden wattle.

61. Freedom possessed by Newspapers, television and radio outlets is ----

Freedom of speech

62. Who is a Jury?

A jury is a group of ordinary Australian men and women (18 years or over age, Australian citizens who are on the electoral roll can be called to serve on a jury), who listen to the evidence in a court case and decide if a person is guilty or not guilty.

63. Who is eligible for a Jury?

- 18 years or over age
- Australian citizens
- Must be on the electoral roll
- Must be called to serve on a jury

64. As Australian citizen you must ---

-obey laws of Australia

65. What can you seek as an Australian when you are overseas (job, passport)

Emergency passport, support during civil unrest, natural disasters, accident, serious illness or death

66. How to raise our concerns about government policy

Australian citizens can contact their elected representative to raise their concerns about government policy.

Options and correct answer: -Local MP/Police/Court

67. What should the representative do if an Australian suggests to change the law?

The elected representative should consider the suggestion

68. Which colours are present on an official flag in Australia?

"Blue, white and red "

"Black, red and yellow"

"Blue, black, white and green"

69. What are the colours in Aboriginal flag?

"Black, red and yellow"

70. What are the colours in Torres Strait Islander flag?

"Blue, black, white and green"

71. Who can determine whether you committed a crime?

Court

72. The government is formed by...

--the party or coalition of parties with the **majority** of members in the Houses of Representatives

73. Who makes the opposition?

The party or coalition of parties with the **second largest** number of members in the House of Representatives forms the Opposition

74. Privilege of Australian citizens

can apply for citizenship of children born overseas

75. Something about having a difference in opinion (OR) Democratic belief

As per Mutual respect and tolerance for others, You must respect others listening to others and respecting their views and opinions even if they are different from your own.

76. A question about obeying the law

Answer is that you must always obey the law

77. What is the Senate

The Senate is one of the House in the Australian Parliament, where elected representatives called Senators, consider, debate and vote on new laws or changes to the laws, and discuss matters of national importance.

78. What is the capital city of NSW

Sydney

79. How many convict ships arrived in the first fleet

Eleven (11)

80. Who can be appointed as ministers

A Member of either houses of the Parliament (MP or senator) can be chosen by Prime minister to be as minister

81. Is it legal to marry more than one?

No, it is illegal being married to more than one person at the same time (polygamy)

82. Why government power is distributed?

83. Why the Australian Constitution divides the power of government between the legislative, executive and judicial?

To stop one person, or one group, from holding all the power.

84. How can you participate in democracy?

By voting for people to represent us in parliament

By voicing your concerns to your elected representative about government policy

85. The parliament or legislative system has the power to ----?

Make laws

86. Who is an elected member of a local council?

Councillor

87. Who is the leader of the local government or local council?

Mayor or Shire President

88. Which is the state with largest land size?

Western Australia

89. What is the national anthem of Australia?

'Advance Australia Fair' is Australia's national anthem

90. Which is the the official symbol that represents property and authority of the commonwealth of Australia? OR Which is the legal symbol of Australia?

The Commonwealth Coat of Arms

91. What is the freedom that is permitted for newspapers and media to do?

Freedom of speech : free to say and write what they think about any topic and to discuss their ideas with others

92. What is correct under equality?

Buddhists have the same opportunity as Christians

93. What is not permitted under freedom of speech

Promote violence against another person or group of people

Make false allegations

Encourage others to break the law

94. Does Aboriginal flag have stripes of green?

No, it has only Black and Red stripes

95. What can the Consulate help for an Australian citizen with when overseas

Emergency passport, support during civil unrest, natural disasters, accident, serious illness or death

96. Where there is a conflict between an Australian law and a religious practice, what prevails?

Australian law prevails.

97. Which is the National language of Australia?

English

98. Canberra is the capital city of?

Australia (Canberra is also the capital city of Australian Capital Territory-ACT)

99. Why is peaceful protest accepted in Australia?

Because tolerance of peaceful public protest is an essential part of democracy.

100. All equal under law means

Buddhist and all other religions are given the same status as Christians

- 101. What are the powers of Australian government?**
Legislative, Executive and Judicial powers
- 102. What is the meaning of Fair-Go?**
Achievement as a result of their talents, work and effort, rather than their wealth or background
- 103. Maintaining peace and order is under which department?**
Police
- 104. What privileges does an Australian child by descent (i.e., citizen's kids born overseas) have?**
Obtain Australian citizenship and passport even if born Overseas
- 105. Can you enter Australia without a visa?**
Australian citizens do not need a visa for entering into Australia.
- 106. Who signs the bill to become law**
The Governor-General
- 107. Which flag is black, red and yellow?**
Aboriginal flag
- 108. What to do when neighbor plans to commit crime or suicide?**
- 109. What to do when you see a child being abused?**
Report to Australian police/ Australian Government Authorities
- 110. How can australians participate in making laws? OR How do you have a say in Australian laws?**
By voting and electing their representatives for parliament
- 111. What happens if you break the law even if you dont know it?**
You could be charged, as not knowing the law is no excuse.
- 112. Example of having fair treatment?**
Europeans are treated equally as asians
- 113. Example of democratic belief?**
Being able to protest but no violence
Belief in parliamentary democracy
Everyone obey's laws
Treating each other with dignity and respect
- 114. What are the other names for Australian Government?**
Federal Government or the Commonwealth Government
- 115. What does Yellow colour represent in Aboriginal Flag?**
Sun

- 116. What does Blue colour represent in Torres Islander Flag?**
Sea
- 117. What are the colours in Australian National Flag?**
Blue, white and red
- 118. Who is the Leader representing the party of second largest members party in parliament house of representatives?**
opposition leader
- 119. Can a woman with additional qualification be selected for a job than a man?**
Yes, as per gender equality and fair go, Woman with additional qualification is to be selected.
- 120. At what age an Australian citizen can vote? Who is required to vote in Australia?**
Australian citizens aged 18 years or over
- 121. In Australian Flag, where is Union Jack is located?**
The 'Union Jack', which is the flag of the United Kingdom is in the top left corner of Australian national flag.
- 122. Which government manages the immigration/ border force ?**
The Australian Government (or Federal Government or The Commonwealth government)
- 123. What's the age of sexual consent in Australia?**
16 or 17 depending on which state or territory you reside in
- 124. How is the government in Australia elected ?**
In a federal election, Australian citizens vote to elect representatives to each House of Parliament. After a federal election, the Australian Government is generally formed by the party or coalition of parties with the majority of members in the **Houses of Representatives**. The leader of this party becomes the leader of the Australian Government: the Prime Minister.
- 125. What's the role of judge ?**
Judges have the power to interpret and apply the law. They are the highest authority in a court, who will decide if a person has or has not broken the law based on the evidence before them and decide the penalty.
- 126. Who appoints the governor general ?**
The King of Australia appoints the Governor-General as his representative in Australia, on advice from the Australian Prime Minister
- 127. During Meeting and events who delivers Acknowledgement of Country?**
Anyone can deliver an Acknowledgement of Country. At meetings/events, this would generally be done by the Chair or Master of Ceremonies.

128. Give examples for cyber abuse

- Sharing sexual photos or videos online without consent,
- Stalking a person online
- Making racially abusive comments about a person online

129. What should you do if you witness a cyber abuse?

Many types of cyber abuse are against the law in Australia and should be reported to

- the police and
- the online service, such as social media platform, that it occurred on.

130. Under which freedom, People are free to meet in public or private places for social or political discussion?

Freedom of expression and Freedom of speech – both seem to be the correct answers based on different sections of the Our common bond booklet. So, Applicants are advised to decide on their own for this confusing question.

131. Which culture is the oldest continuous tradition in the world?

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples

132. How is the rule of law applied?

All Australians are equal under the law. Everyone, including people who hold positions of power in the Australian community, must obey Australia's laws. This includes government, community and religious leaders, as well as business people and the police.

133. What do Australians do with disagreement in views and opinions?

Australians believe in peaceful disagreement and above all the right to be safe and free from violence and intimidation. They listen to others and respect their views and opinions and be tolerant of each other where they find that they disagree.

134. Who decides if a person has broken the law?

The court/ Judge / Magistrate

135. When is a person proven to be guilty?

After a trial in which the facts and evidences are heard by the court (Judge/ Magistrate/Jury) and then it is decided someone is guilty or not guilty.

136. What level of government does the Mayor work for?

Local government

137. What is an example of freedom of association?

Freedom to form, join or not join any associations to pursue common goals – such as a political party, trade union, religious, cultural or social group.

Australians can **gather** freely with others, including to lawful and non-violent protest against a government action or an organisation.

- 138. What is an example of freedom of speech?**
Australians are allowed to peacefully **protest** against the actions of the government
People are also free to say and write what they think about any topic and to discuss their ideas with others.
- 139. How is racism considered in Australian values?**
Mutual respect and tolerance for others is an Australian value that prevents racism of any kind. This includes creating or sharing racially offensive material on the internet or other publications and making racially abusive comments in a public place or at a sporting event.
- 140. What language should people learn in Australia?**
English
- 141. Who are part of the executive branch?**
Prime Minister, Australian government ministers and the Governor-General
- 142. What is the purpose of referenda?**
To change the Australian Constitution
- 143. What's the significance of ANZAC Day.**
Anzac Day is commemorated Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (ANZAC) landed at Gallipoli in Türkiye during World War I on 25 April 1915, during which we remember the sacrifice of all Australians who served and died in wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations.
- 144. Is there any significance of doing community service/volunteer work?**
Volunteering is a great opportunity to share knowledge, learn new skills, and increase your integration into and sense of belonging to the Australian community.
- 145. What characterises Australia's system of government?**
Parliamentary democracy
- 146. What is the role of government in religion?**
Australia is secular, which means it operates separately from churches or other religious entities. Australia has no official national religion. People in Australia are free to follow any religion they choose.
- 147. How voting is done in Australia?**
Secret ballot
- 148. What is meant by Democracy in Australia?**
Government by the people through elected representatives is called Democracy. In Australia, people elect representatives for parliament.
- 149. Which are the two animals present in The Commonwealth Coat of Arms or in the legal symbol of Australia?**
A kangaroo and an emu

- 150. How is the Prime minister of Australia elected?**
After a federal election, the Australian Government is generally formed by the party or coalition of parties with the majority of members in the Houses of Representatives. The leader of this party becomes the the Prime Minister.
- 151. What does it mean by “Respect for all individuals regardless of background”?**
Every individual, regardless of their background, has rights and equality under Australian law. All Australians are expected to treat each other with dignity and respect, , regardless of their race, country of origin, gender etc.,
- 152. What rights does a children born to Australian parent in overseas hold?**
Can apply for “Citizenship by descent” if born overseas to Australian parent.
- 153. What do you understand by “Mutual respect and tolerance for others”?**
This means listening to others and respecting their views and opinions, even when they are different from your own. People should be tolerant of each other where they find that they disagree.
- 154. Australian government has to get majority of which house to pass a bill?**
The house of representatives and The Senate.
- 155. Which of the three levels of the government, responsible for 'roads'?**
State/Territory
- 156. Which of the three levels of the government, responsible for 'local roads'?**
Local council.
- 157. What's the main difference between the three levels of government?**
Although some responsibilities may overlap, generally each level of government provides different services.
- 158. Who do people vote for in a federal election?**
Options and correct answer: ~~Head of state~~, Premier, MPs
- 159. What can be said about cyber abuse?**
Cyber abuse is illegal and can have many different forms.
- 160. Is violence okay if carried out under religious law?**
Correct answer: Violence is never tolerable.
(Caution: one wrong option was “it is okay bcoz Australia has freedom of religion”- don't select this thinking that freedom of religion is mentioned)