

Paris Olympics Quiz

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1. Who was the 'father' of the modern Olympics?
2. When were the first modern Olympics and where did they take place?
3. How many athletes were there in the 1896 Athens Olympics?
4. Which country finished top of the medal table in the first modern games?
5. Which European country finished second? and won the most medals overall?
6. How many times have the Summer Olympics been held in Paris before 2024.
7. When was the last time?
8. Where in Paris were the athletic Olympic events held in previous games?
9. How many athletes were there in the 1924 Paris Olympics to the nearest thousand?
1,000, 3,000, or 5,000?
10. In which Games was the term "Olympic Games" was replaced by "*Concours internationaux d'exercices physiques et de sport*" and later termed 'The Farcical Games'? And why?
11. Which of the following events were not part of the 1900 Olympics Polo, Golf, Cricket, Croquet, Basque pelota, tug of war?
12. Which countries finished first and second in the medal table in 1900?
13. Which of the following was considered as an Olympic for the 1908 Olympics: fishing, poetry, rock climbing, knitting?
14. Which Summer Olympics were featured in the film 'Chariots of Fire'?
15. Why did the Scottish athlete who won the 400 metres have to switch from his best event, the 100 metres?
16. In 1924 the USA again finished top of the metal table (with 45 gold), which country finished second (hint it begins with an F).
17. Are Olympic gold medals actually made of gold?
18. Which athlete won three track golds in the 1936 games?
19. In what way did she or. he 'upset the apple cart' in 1936?
20. What has been the longest standing modern Olympic athletics record?
21. Where will the 2024 Olympics opening ceremony take place?
22. How many athletes are expected to participate?
23. Where will the beach volleyball take place?
24. Where will the equestrian and modern pentathlon take place?
25. Which events are scheduled to take place in the river Seine?
26. Where will the closest Olympic venue be to Maisons Laffitte?
27. What part will Maisons Laffitte play in the games?
28. Which sport will not be held in France but will be part of the games?
29. When was the first paralympic games?
30. When and where were women first allowed to compete in the Olympics?

Answers

1. Pierre de Coubertin.
2. 1896 Athens.
3. 241.
4. The USA won 11 gold medals.
5. Greece finished second with 10 golds and won the most medals overall with 47.
6. Twice.
7. In 1924 and before that 1900.
8. 1900 Bois de Vincennes - 1924 Colombes.
9. 3089.
10. 1900, the organisation was very poor. Let's hope 2024 will be better!
11. They all were!
12. France was top with 27 gold (102 medals in all,) and the USA in second with 19 gold (48 medals in total).
13. Knitting was, but was ultimately not included due to the lack of a competitive element, difficulties in standardizing rules and judging, and concerns about perception.
14. 1924 in Colombes.
15. Eric Liddell was a devout Christian and missionary who refused to run the 100 metres heats because they were on a Sunday. Fortunately, a teammate who had already won a medal gave up his place in the 400 metres.
16. Finland with 14 gold! France was in third place with 13 golds.
17. Yes, and no. They are required to be at least 92.5% silver, and are plated with about 6 grams of pure gold.
18. Jesse Owens.
19. The games were a world showcase for Nazi supposed white Aryan supremacy but Owens, a black athlete, was by far the most successful in the stadium thereby giving the lie to that odious doctrine.
20. Bob Beamon's men's long jump at the 1968 Summer Olympics at 8.90 metres in Mexico City, which also broke the existing world record by 55 cm, and stood as the world record for 23 years until compatriot, Mike Powell, jumped farther in the 1991 World Championships in Athletics in Tokyo. Beamon was greatly assisted by the fact that Mexico City is at an altitude of 2,240 metres above sea level and therefore the air much less dense, whereas Tokyo is at about 40 metres.
21. Along the river Seine with boats carrying athletes along famous landmarks, climaxing at the Eiffel Tower. The plan calls for 160 boats to traverse nearly four miles in front of an estimated half million spectators. Maybe!
22. Your guess is as good as mine if not better. Figures won't be known until after the games. There were 11238 in Rio and 11087 in Tokyo.
23. In the shadow of the Eiffel Tower.
24. In the grounds of the Palace of Versailles.
25. Pollution levels permitting, Triathlon, marathon swimming and paratriathlon.
26. The La Défense Arena for swimming and water polo.
27. At time of writing, practice for the equestrian events but to be confirmed.
28. Surfing in Tahiti.
29. 1960.
30. In 1900 in Paris.