

HIV general knowledge quiz - 2008

TRANSFORMING
THE UK'S
RESPONSE
TO HIV



1. What does HIV stand for?
 - a. Human Immunodeficiency Virus
 - b. Highly Infectious Virus
 - c. Human Infectious Virus
2. Is there a cure for HIV?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No, but there is treatment
 - c. No, if you get HIV you'll die quickly
3. Which of these is NOT a way you can get HIV
 - a. Sex without a condom with someone who has HIV
 - b. Kissing someone who has HIV
 - c. Sharing needles for injecting drugs with someone who has HIV
 - d. A HIV-positive woman to her baby during pregnancy
4. Which of these can stop you getting HIV through sex?
 - a. Condoms
 - b. The contraceptive pill
 - c. The contraceptive injection
5. How many people are living with HIV around the world?
 - a. 22 million
 - b. 33 million
 - c. 100 million
6. Globally, more men than women are HIV-positive.
 - a. True
 - b. False
 - c. Not sure
7. How many children are living with HIV around the world?
 - a. Less than 1 million
 - b. 2 million
 - c. 15 million
8. When was HIV first discovered?
 - a. 1901
 - b. 1968
 - c. 1986
9. In which country were the first cases of HIV infection found?
 - a. UK
 - b. USA
 - c. South Africa
10. When was the first World AIDS Day?
 - a. 1970
 - b. 1988
 - c. 1995
 - d. 2000

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1. **C.** The correct answer is Human Immunodeficiency Virus
2. **B.** There is no cure for HIV but there is treatment that can help keep the virus under control. Treatment is available in the UK but in poorer countries it may be expensive or hard to get. Treatment isn't always easy. People have to take several tablets a day, at very specific times and in the right way. If people don't take treatment the right way it can stop working and they have to switch drugs. The more drugs that stop working, the fewer treatment options you have. Recent research states that if a 20 year old starts treatment at the right time they can expect to live until 70.
3. **B.** You cannot get HIV from kissing someone. You also cannot get HIV from other day-to-day contact such as hugging, spitting, sharing cutlery, or from toilets.
4. **A.** Condoms are the only way to protect yourself from HIV infection through sex.
5. **C.** In 2008 there were 33 million people living with HIV worldwide.
6. **A.** True. More men than women are living with HIV worldwide. But there are 15 million women living with HIV, and in sub-Saharan Africa there are more young girls with HIV than young men.
7. **B.** In 2007 there were an estimated 2 million children living with HIV worldwide.
8. **C.** HIV was first discovered and identified as the virus which causes AIDS in 1986, five years after AIDS was identified in 1981.
9. **B.** HIV first came to attention in the USA, when gay men in New York and California started to become ill.
10. **B.** The first World AIDS Day was held in 1988 and the theme was Communication. A summit of health ministers held in the UK that year realised that a united global effort was required to halt the spread of HIV. World AIDS Day was the first international health day in December 1988. The aim of World AIDS Day is to bring to people's attention the worldwide challenges and consequences of the epidemic - ultimately halting the spread of HIV and improving the lives of people living with the virus.