



The Consumer Council

Financial Capability Quiz for Year 8

Question Paper



1.

Aims

The Financial Capability Quiz was designed by the Consumer Council and Trading Standards Institute Northern Ireland. The aim of the quiz is to help young people find out about money matters and manage their finances.



2.

How to run the quiz

The quiz is designed for Year 8 pupils. Divide the class into teams of 3-10 pupils and appoint one pupil to fill in the answers. Each team should be given several copies of the questions to allow them to research the answers – this will also require internet access.

3.

What's involved?

Teams should complete all 36 questions in this booklet.

Teachers should use the tie-break question at the end of the quiz to select the winning team if a number of teams answer all 36 questions correctly.

Answers are available on request from the Education team at the Consumer Council.

4.

Certificates

Certificates can be downloaded and printed from the Consumer Council's website for the winning team and the runners up.

Every pupil who enters the Financial Capability Quiz should receive a certificate and these can also be downloaded and printed from www.consumercouncil.org.uk

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Financial Capability Quiz Questions

The questions are based on a family of 4 –
Dad, Mum, Mary who is 16 years old and her brother Johnny who is 12.

Savings

Question	Answer	Score
1 If you were given a present of £50 and wanted to keep it in a safe place which of these would you do? (please circle the correct answer)	a. put it in the fridge b. give it to your sister c. put it in a Savings Account	
2 Johnny's auntie lives in Dublin. She sent him €50 for his birthday. If €1=80p how much sterling will he have to put in his savings account? (please circle the correct answer)	a. £80 b. £40 c. £400	
3 Give one advantage of a savings account. (max. 20 words)		
4 Give one disadvantage of a savings account. (max. 20 words)		
5 Give the reasons why Johnny would want to save. (max. 20 words)		

Banks

6 Why can't Johnny open a current account like the one his Mum and Dad use?		
7 To find the Financial Services Authority website on the internet you would use. (please circle the correct answer)	a. a search warrant b. a search engine c. search and rescue service	
8 There are several types of bank account described on the Consumer Financial Education Body's website, www.moneymadeclear.org.uk Name two of them.		

Question	Answer	Score
9 Johnny's sister Mary has just opened a basic bank account. How old does she have to be to do this?		
10 Mum saved £500 in the Post Office at 2% interest for one year. How much will the Post Office add to her account?		
11 Mum wants to save her £500 somewhere else this year. a) Where do you recommend she save her £500 for one year? b) Describe the deal. (max. 20 words) c) How much would she get at the end of the year?		
12 Mum and Dad borrow £1,000 to book and pay for the family holiday. The interest rate is 10%. How much interest will they have to pay?		
13 They arrange to pay back the loan over 10 months. How much will they pay per month?		
14 Why is it a good idea to pay back a holiday loan in less than a year?(max. 10 words)		

Banks and Money

15 Mary has a debit card to take money out of her account from a hole in the wall machine. What is the proper name for this machine.		
16 She needs a PIN to do this. What is a PIN?		
17 How many numbers does Mary need to remember for this?		
18 Why is it important that Mary keeps her PIN a secret? (max. 10 words)		
19 <i>Fill in the missing word</i> As Mum and Dad have a current account they can pay their bills from it by writing a c_____	c_____	
20 <i>Fill in the missing word</i> Each month they receive a s_____ from the bank showing details of all the money moving in and out of their current account.	s_____	

Question

Answer

Score

Credit Cards

21 Mum sometimes uses a credit card.
Why can Johnny and Mary not get one?

22 Which one of the following helps to keep your money safe. (please circle the correct answer)

- a. fish and chips
- b. chip and pin
- c. chips and beans

How buying a house works

23 *Fill in the missing word*
Mum and Dad are thinking of moving house. They do not have enough money to buy the house outright and so will have to get a m_____

m_____

24 *Fill in the missing word*
The house costs £120,000 and they have saved £20,000 which is the d_____

d_____

25 How much money will they have to borrow to buy the house?



Can you work it out?

<p>26 The family move to their new house. There is no hot water as there is a problem with the boiler. Mum calls the plumber to fix it. The cost is £100 plus VAT. How much is the total bill?</p>		
<p>27 Mum and Dad buy a new TV for the house in the January sales. What is the best deal? a) TV that costs £300 but has 25% off, or b) TV that costs £280 but only has 20% off?</p>		
<p>28 If Johnny's sister kept £100 in her savings account for a full year at 2% interest how much would be added to her money? (circle your answer)</p>	<p>a. 20p b. £20 c. £2</p>	
<p>29 Johnny has saved enough to buy a PS3. After shopping around he found two offers that he thought were good bargains. Work out how much he would have to pay for each and say which one is the best deal. a) the PS3 that costs £250 but has 20% off b) the PS3 that costs £280 and has a discount of 25%</p>		



Question

Answer

Score

Solve the following clues

The number of letters in each word is shown in brackets.

30	What currency would you use on holiday in Spain? (4 letters)		
31	Instead of paying cash you could write one of these. (6 letters)		
32	The kind of account an adult might have. Could give you a shock. (7 letters)		
33	Stick this number in someone and they will probably jump. (3 letters)		
34	A policeman will take one but the bank will give you one. (9 letters)		
35	Borrowing money! Sounds like you're at home on your own. (1,4 letters)		
36	Another name for pounds and pence. Could be a misspelling of a town in Scotland. (8 letters)		
		Total	

TIE BREAK

Say in fifty words or less whether you agree or disagree with this statement.

“Financial education is not important to me because I am still at school”

