



## QUIZ QUESTIONS

### THE TOUR DE FRANCE & GENERAL CYCLING

**Q1.**

The Tour de France started out in 1903 as a publicity stunt, by the Frenchman Henri Desgrange, to help promote his sports newspaper. What was the name of the paper?

**Q2.**

Each year the Tour de France covers a total distance of:

- 2,000 kilometres
- 3,500 kilometres
- 10,000 kilometres

**Q3**

At the end of each Stage, 4 Tour riders are awarded the famous yellow jersey, a polka-dot, a green and a white jersey to wear the next day.

- What is the yellow jersey awarded for?
- What is the green jersey awarded for?
- What is the polka-dot jersey awarded for?
- What is the white jersey awarded for?

**Q.4**

Each Tour team has a series of 'domestiques' – what do they do?

**Q.5.**

How many times has the legendary Texan Lance Armstrong won the Tour de France?

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**Q6**

**True or false? Between 1939 and 1945, during World War II the Germans occupying France refused to let the Tour de France go ahead?**

**Q7**

**How many calories does the average Tour rider consume?**

- 4,600
- 5,300
- 5,900
- 6,700

**Q8**

**'Musettes' are important items for the riders, being collected along the route several times a day. What are they?**

**Q9**

**What percentage of energy does slipstreaming (shielding from the wind) save a rider?**

- 5%
- 12%
- 15%
- 20%

**Q10**

**How many Stages were there in the first Tour de France?**

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**Q.11**

**Why did the early organisers of the Tour earn the name ‘assassins’?**

- Because they were famous for their ruthless ‘culling’ of team members just before the Tour
- Because of the rivalry between villages bidding to get the Tour route through, organisers had a major impact on the village’s economy depending on their selection.
- Because the organisers famously added an additional 1,000km of mountain route one year to the total Tour distance

**Q.12**

**Where did the last British stage of the Tour finish?**

**Q.13**

**In which year did the first British riders finish the Tour de France?**

- 1955
- 1965
- 1975

**Q.14**

**How fast was the fastest prologue?**

- 48.251kph
- 55.152kph
- 59.567kph
- 62.581kph

**Q.15**

**What was the shortest winning margin of the overall Tour de France?**

- 8 seconds
- 12 seconds
- 20 seconds
- 30 seconds

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