

Examples: Questions

1.

Topic and aspect: Antarctica → Human activity

Question: Are there people living in Antarctica?



Do NOT ask a yes-or-no question.

2.

Topic and aspect: Olympic Games → Commercialisation

Question: How far away is the moon from the earth?



Do NOT ask a question that is irrelevant to your selected topic

3.

Topic and aspect: United States → Culture

Question: Which countries does the United States share land borders with?



Do NOT ask a question that is irrelevant to your selected aspect of the topic.

4.

Topic and aspect: Earth → History

Question: What is the history of the earth?



Please ask a question that ideally can be answered by a short single sentence.

5.

Topic and aspect: Albert Einstein → Life and career

Question: Where was he born?



Please use entity names (e.g. Albert Einstein) instead of pronouns (e.g. he).

6.

Topic and aspect: Galaxy → Types and morphology

Question: How many types of galaxy are there?



Good!

7.

Topic and aspect: Galaxy → Types and morphology

Question: How is galaxy classification done?



Good!

Examples: Feedback

- Context provided in this doc is shorter than what you will see in the real task.
- “Interpretable answer” means that you could understand the answer without looking further into the context paragraph.

1.

Topic and aspect: Sacred → Etymology

Question: Where does the word Sacred come from?

Answer: the Latin sacer

Context: The word sacred descends from the Latin sacer, referring to that which is 'consecrated, dedicated' or 'purified' to the gods or anything in their power, as well as to sacerdotes.

Feedback: Correct



As long as the answer is interpretable, an incomplete sentence is fine.

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As long as the textual answer is correct, including punctuation is fine, e.g. comma in this case.

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Feedback: Partially correct



The answer only gives out one meaning of the word sacred, and does not include the second meaning "purified", so it is only partially correct.

4.

Topic and aspect: Iceland → Language

Question: What language do Icelanders speak?

Answer: a North Germanic language

Context: Iceland's official written and spoken language is Icelandic, a North Germanic language descended from Old Norse.

Feedback: Correct



As the answer is valid given the question, it is considered as correct even if the context paragraph shows it is generic or could be further specified (e.g. "Icelandic" in this case)

5.

Topic and aspect: Hyde Park, London → Features

Question: What is the most popular area in Hyde Park in London?

Answer: Speakers' Corner

Context: Popular areas within Hyde Park include Speakers' Corner (located in the northeast corner near Marble Arch), close to the former site of the Tyburn gallows,[43] and Rotten Row, which is the northern boundary of the site of the Crystal Palace.

Feedback: Wrong



Given this paragraph only, it is unclear which area is the MOST popular in Hyde Park in London.

6.

Topic and aspect: Auburn University → Traditions

Question: What traditions does Auburn University have?

Answer: a creed, an alma mater, a fight song, a battle cry, a mascot and several notable game-day traditions

Context: Auburn University has many traditions including a creed, an alma mater, a fight song, a battle cry, a mascot and several notable game-day traditions including an eagle flying over the football field.

Feedback: Correct



As long as the answer is interpretable given the question only, it is considered as correct even if some specific details are missing, e.g. "including an eagle flying over the football field" in this case.

7.

Topic and aspect: London → Policing and crime

Question: What is the crime rate in London in 2020?

Answer: [Unanswerable given the paragraph below]

Context: Crime rates vary widely across different areas of London. Crime figures are made available nationally at Local Authority and Ward level. In 2015, there were 118 homicides, a 25.5% increase over 2014.

Feedback: Correct



"Unanswerable" is correct only if the question cannot be answered by the context.

8.

Topic and aspect: Manhattan → Demographics

Question: How many people lived in Manhattan in 2020?

Answer: [Unanswerable given the paragraph below]

Context: In 2020, 1,694,251 people lived in Manhattan.

Feedback: Wrong



"Unanswerable" is wrong if the context contains a correct answer to the question.

9.

Topic and aspect: Martin Luther → Translation of the bible

Question: Why did Martin Luther decide to translate the Bible?

Answer: to make the Bible accessible to everyday Germans

Context: He intended his vigorous, direct language to make the Bible accessible to everyday Germans, "for we are removing impediments and difficulties so that other people may read it without hindrance."

Feedback: Correct



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11.

Topic and aspect: Alexander the Great → Death and succession

Question: Where did Alexander the Great die?

Answer: in the palace of Nebuchadnezzar II

Context: On either 10 or 11 June 323 BC, Alexander died in the palace of Nebuchadnezzar II, in Babylon, at age 32.

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13.

Topic and aspect: Napoleon → Religion

Question: What is Napoleon's religious belief?

Answer: deist, believing in an absent and distant God

Context: Napoleon was baptised in Ajaccio on 21 July 1771. He was raised as a Catholic but never developed much faith,[241] though he recalled the day of his First Communion in the Catholic Church to be the happiest day of his life. As an adult, Napoleon was a deist, believing in an absent and distant God.

Feedback: Partially Correct



Napoleon was a deist as an adult, but was raised as a Catholic.

14.

Topic and aspect: Elizabeth I of England → Marriage question

Question: Who did Elizabeth I marry?

Answer: [Unanswerable given the paragraph below]

Context: From the start of Elizabeth's reign it was expected that she would marry, and the question arose to whom. Although she received many offers, she never married and remained childless; the reasons for this are not clear.

Feedback: Wrong



"Unanswerable" is wrong if the context shows that the question doesn't have an answer due to the wrong assumption. The wrong assumption of the question is "Elizabeth I was married" in this case.

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The given answer "she never married" is correct because the context tells Elizabeth I never married. Even though the question asks for a name, the context tells that no such name could be provided, and thus an explanation such as "she never married" is considered correct.

16.

Topic and aspect: Battle of Moscow → Casualties

Question: How many people were killed in the Battle of Moscow?

Answer: Both German and Soviet casualties during the battle of Moscow have been a subject of debate, as various sources provide somewhat different estimates.

Context: Both German and Soviet casualties during the battle of Moscow have been a subject of debate, as various sources provide somewhat different estimates. Not all historians agree on what should be considered the "Battle of Moscow" in the timeline of World War II.

Feedback: Correct



The context tells that the casualties are debatable, so the given answer which explains this issue is considered as correct given this context paragraph, even though it is not a number.

17.

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Question: How many people were killed in the Battle of Moscow?

Answer: Casualties for the Battle of Moscow are debated

Context: The failure of German forces at Moscow doomed Germany to fighting a prolonged struggle on the Eastern Front. This part of the war would consume the vast majority of Germany's manpower and resources for the remainder of the conflict. Casualties for the Battle of Moscow are debated, but estimates suggest German losses of 248,000 to 400,000 and Soviet losses of 650,000 to 1,280,000.

Feedback: Partially correct



The context tells that the casualties are debatable but indeed have an estimated range, so the given answer "Casualties for the Battle of Moscow are debated" is only considered as partially correct, because this context provides further information.

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Feedback: Correct



The context tells that the casualties are debatable, and gives an estimated range. This answer is correct given this context, which provides estimates.