



1. What is Italy's system of government?

Parliamentary republic

Dictatorship

Constitutional monarchy

2. The triangle of heavy-industry cities includes

Rome, Florence, and Milan

Rome, Florence, and Tuscany

Milan, Turin, and Genoa

3. Italy celebrates its national Holiday on...

July 4th

June 2nd

May 1st

1. Parliamentary republic with a ceremonial head of state

2. Milan, Turin, and Genoa

3. June 2nd

June 2nd marks the day in 1946 when Italy voted in a referendum to abolish the monarchy and become a republic.



1. Which Italian city was the birthplace of pizza?

Rome

Naples

Florence

2. Where could you find «zabaione»?

in a restaurant

in a clothes shop

in an office

3. What is Olivetti?

a football team

a type of olive oil

an office equipment company

1. Naples

Pizza margherita, served to Queen Margherita of Savoy, had the Italian flag's colours: red tomato, white mozzarella and green basil.

2. In a restaurant

Zabaione is an Italian dessert made with egg yolks, sugar, and Marsala wine.

3. An office equipment company

It was founded as a typewriter manufacturer in 1908 in Ivrea, near Turin, by Camillo Olivetti.



1. What is the most practised religion in Italy?

protestantism

methodism

catholicism

2. The most famous red wine from Tuscany is

Sangiovese

Chianti

Cabernet

3. « Spaghetti » actually means

little worms

little tubes

little strings

1. Catholicism

Approximately 90% of the population of Italy identifies itself as Catholic. Only about 1/3 are actually practicing Catholics.

2. Chianti

Chianti was historically associated with a squat bottle enclosed in a straw basket, called a fiasco.

3. Little strings

Spaghetti is the plural form of the Italian word spaghetti, which is a diminutive of spago, meaning «thin string» or «twine».



- 1. Which of the following is the Italian name for ice cream ?**

gelatina

grissini

gelato

- 2. What is «aceto balsamico» made of?**

cooked grape musts

sour olives

caramel

- 3. Which of the following is not an ingredient in pesto ?**

olive oil

basil

olives

1. Gelato

2. Cooked grape musts

The word balsamico means «balsam-like» in the sense of «restorative» or «curative».

3. Olives



1. «Focaccia» is a type of...

meat

bread

cheese

2. St Mark's basilica is in...

Rome

Florence

Venice

**3. The Valley of the Temples
in Sicily contains**

the most important Italian museums

the best Greek ruins outside Greece

the most beautiful Sicilian villages

1. Bread

Focaccia is a flat oven-baked Italian bread, which may be topped with herbs or other ingredients.

2. Venice

For its opulent design and gilded Byzantine mosaics, it was a symbol of Venetian wealth and power.

3. The best Greek ruins outside Greece

The Valley includes remains of seven temples, all in Doric style.



1. The Duomo in Milan is...

- a famous church*
- a famous shop*
- a famous street*

2. The Neapolitan Riviera is famous for...

- its industrial districts*
- its breathtaking landscapes*
- its wild forests*

3. The Senese Palio is...

- a medieval-style horse race*
- a road from Siena to Florence*
- a valley of monuments*

1. A famous church

It is the fourth largest cathedral in the world and the largest in Italy.

2. Its breathtaking landscapes

It gazes out across the Bay of Naples. Honey-coloured cliffs drop into the sea and hills shimmer with lemon trees.

3. A medieval-style horse race

Ten horses and riders, bareback and dressed in the appropriate colours, represent ten Contrade in a race held on August 16th.



1. The capital of Tuscany is...

Bari

Palermo

Florence

2. What is «Tarantella»?

a dance

a shape of pasta

a painting technique

3. Spaghetti alla carbonara is...

grilled Tuscan sliced beef

pasta with olives and capers

pasta with bacon, egg, cheese,

pepper

1. Florence

Tuscany is widely regarded as the true birthplace of the Italian Renaissance.

2. A dance

The term tarantella groups a number of different southern Italian couple folk dances accompanied by tambourines.

3. Pasta with bacon, egg, cheese, pepper

The dish was created by the Carbonari («charcoalmen»), a secret society during the unification of Italy.



1. The most famous Italian carnival is...

in Rome
in Venice
in Naples

2. Who has been one of the most famous tenors of all times ?

Maurizio Pollini
Luciano Pavarotti
Alessandro Scarlatti

3. Which Italian city is the true fashion capital of the world ?

Rome
Florence
Milan

1. In Venice

Venetian masks can be made in leather or with the original glass technique.

2. Luciano Pavarotti

He was one of « The Three Tenors » and became well known for his televised concerts and media appearances.

3. Milan

According to the 2009 Global Language Monitor, Milan was nominated the true fashion capital of the world.



1. The term «Dolce Vita» comes from ...

- a famous Fellini movie*
- a street in Rome*
- a Christmas cake*

2. The most famous film director of the 20th century is...

- Federico Fellini*
- Federico Moccia*
- Dario Argento*

3. «Caffé espresso» is...

- a cappuccino*
- one shot of coffee with milk*
- one shot of strong, dark coffee*

1. A famous Fellini movie

It contains the famous scene in the Trevi Fountain with Marcello Mastroianni and Anita Ekberg

2. Federico Fellini

He won five Academy Awards in a career that spanned over forty years.

3. One shot of strong, dark coffee



1. The colours of the Italian flag are...

*yellow, blue, red
green, white, red
orange, black, pink*

2. Who is the most famous italian blind tenor?

*Enrico Caruso
Mario Del Monaco
Andrea Bocelli*

3. What is the real name of the Mafia?

*Camorra
Cosa Nostra
Ndrangheta*

1. Green, white, red

It is often referred to in Italian as «il Tricolore».

2. Andrea Bocelli

Bocelli sang «Nessun Dorma» during the opening ceremony of the Expo 2010 in Shanghai, China.

3. Cosa Nostra

The Mafia turncoats referred to their organization by the term Cosa Nostra («our thing» or «this thing of ours»).