



Refugee Quiz – Answers

1. An asylum seeker is

- e. Someone who applies for refugee status on the basis that they are fleeing war and persecution.

2. A refugee is someone who is

- e. Someone whose application for asylum status has been accepted as genuine by the British Government.

3. When did the first refugees come to the UK?

- d. 208 AD! We're proud to see that we have been offering sanctuary for thousands of years! – Tribespeople in what is modern day Scotland were forced to flee south of Hadrian's wall, seeking the protection of the Romans.

4. What did a young Jewish boy called Joseph Malin invent?

- d. Fish and chips – The Portuguese gave us fried fish, the Belgians invented chips, but 150 years ago, an East End boy united them to create fish and chips!

5. Pop star MIA came to England after her family escaped a civil war. Where was this war?

- b. Sri Lankan Civil War – beginning on 23 July 1983, this war has lasted over 25 years! It has caused extreme hardships for the people of Sri Lanka, and many people have died in the conflict.

6. Pop star, Rita Ora, and former Chelsea footballer, Mario Stanic, both experienced the same conflict. What was it?

- a. Yugoslav war, which lasted from 1991 to 1999 and included the Kosovo War of 1998 to 1999. Rita Ora moved to Britain when she was one year old (in 1991).

7. Karibu Scotland (karibu means welcome in Swahili) designed a new item of clothing to celebrate and support African women in Scotland. What was it?

- e.** A tartan – Karibu Scotland was set up in 2004 by Henriette Koubakouenda in her living room in Glasgow!

Henriette wanted to support and welcome the refugees and asylum seekers arriving in Glasgow. The tartan was registered in 2012.

8. What percentage of the world's refugee population lives in the UK?

- b.** Just 2 per cent of the world refugee population lives in the UK. Pakistan hosts the highest number of refugees and 80% of world refugees reside in developing countries.

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