

# Abbreviations, Signs and Symbols - Quiz Questions with Answers

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1. What do "A.M." and "P.M." stand for?
2. What is the Russian equivalent for U.S.S.R.?
3. What does "stet" in printing mean?
4. What do the following stand for:
  - (a) B.B.C.
  - (b) V.O.A.
  - (c) A.I.R.
5. What do the letters "RSVP" at the end of an invitation mean?
6. Give the full name of:
  - (a) UNICEF
  - (b) CRY
7. What do the letters D.C. after Washington stand for?
8. What do VCR and VCP mean?
9. What is OPEC?
10. What do the following mean?
  - (a) e.g.
  - (b) etc.
11. What do the letters ER which follow the signature of Queen Elizabeth stand for?
12. What do the letters "QED" at the end of a geometrical theorem mean?
13. (a) What is an UFO?
  - (b) TNT is an explosive. What is its chemical name?
14. What does the sign 'R' at the top of a medical prescription mean?
15. What does "dim" In a musical score stand for?
16. Expand the following:
  - (a) kw
  - (b) cft
  - (c) rpm
17. Who is an OBE?
18. What are the following:
  - (a) P.A.A.
  - (b) QANTAS
  - (c) SAL
19. Which country's name is abbreviated to C.S.S.R.?
20. (a) What are the three R's?
  - (b) Children are graded at school by their IQ rating of what is IQ an abbreviation?

## Answers

1. "A.M." means "Ante Meridiem", or before noon; "P.M." means "Post Meridiem" or after noon
2. C.C.C.P.
3. Let it stand
4. (a) British Broadcasting Corporation

- (b) Voice of America
- (c) All India Radio
- 5. "Respondez s'il vous plait" or "please answer"
- 6. (a) United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund
  - (b) Child Relief and You
- 7. District of Columbia
- 8. Abbreviations for Video Cassette Recorder and Video Cassette Player
- 9. Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries.
- 10. (a) "e.g." stands for "exempli gratia" or "for example".
  - (b) "etc" stands for "etcetera" or "following".
- 11. Elizabeth Regina
- 12. "Quod erat demonstrandum" or "that which has to be proved"
- 13. (a) Unidentified Flying Object
  - (b) Trinitrotoluene
- 14. "Recipe" or "take what has been prescribed"
- 15. "Diminuendo" or gradual decrease of tone
- 16. (a) Kilowatt
  - (b) cubic feet
  - (c) revolutions per minute
- 17. An officer of the British Empire
- 18. (a) Pan American Airways
  - (b) Queensland & Northern Territory Aerial Service
  - (c) Scandinavian Airways Limited
- 19. Czechoslovakia's
- 20. (a) 'R'eading, W'r'iting, A'r'ithimetic
  - (b) Intelligence Quotient