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Social change in Britain, 1951–64

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Test your knowledge with these multiple-choice questions. Answers can be found on the final page of this PDF.

1. How many new homes were built each year from 1951 to 1954?
 - a. 100,000
 - b. 200,000
 - c. 300,000
2. How many new homes were built between 1951 and 1964?
 - a. 1.5 million
 - b. 1.7 million
 - c. 1.9 million
3. When was the Rent Act introduced?
 - a. 1955
 - b. 1957
 - c. 1959
4. When did unemployment first exceed 500,000?
 - a. 1954
 - b. 1956
 - c. 1958
5. When was the first purpose-built Comprehensive school opened?
 - a. 1954
 - b. 1956
 - c. 1958
6. Which of the following cities did not experience race riots in 1958–9?
 - a. Manchester
 - b. Nottingham
 - c. Bristol

7. Which area of London saw racial unrest in August 1958?
 - a. Hackney
 - b. Notting Hill
 - c. Brixton
8. When was the Commonwealth Immigration Act passed?
 - a. 1958
 - b. 1960
 - c. 1962
9. When was the White Defence League formed?
 - a. 1957
 - b. 1959
 - c. 1961
10. What percentage of people were homeowners in 1951?
 - a. 20
 - b. 25
 - c. 30
11. What percentage of people were homeowners in 1964?
 - a. 40
 - b. 42
 - c. 44
12. When was the Robbins Report published?
 - a. 1959
 - b. 1961
 - c. 1963
13. Who was education minister between 1962 and 1964?
 - a. Edward Boyle
 - b. R.A. Butler
 - c. Margaret Thatcher
14. What was the average weekly wage of an adult male in 1964?
 - a. £16
 - b. £18
 - c. £20

15. In which period was the growth in real wages the fastest?
- 1951–55
 - 1955–60
 - 1960–64
16. Who succeeded Attlee as leader of the Labour Party?
- Wilson
 - Gaitskill
 - Callaghan
17. Britain's share of world trade shrank from 25% to what by 1964?
- 20%
 - 15%
 - 10%
18. By how much was income tax reduced in 1959?
- 4.25p
 - 4.00p
 - 3.75p
19. What was television ownership by the end of the period 1951–64?
- 80%
 - 86%
 - 91%
20. By how much did car ownership rise in the period 1951–64?
- 500%
 - 400%
 - 300%
21. What percentage of GDP was spent on welfare in 1951?
- 16%
 - 17%
 - 18%
22. What percentage of GDP was spent on welfare in 1964?
- 18%
 - 19%
 - 20%

23. When was the Homicide Act passed?

- a. 1956
- b. 1957
- c. 1958

24. Where did Macmillan make his 'never had it so good' speech in 1957?

- a. Bradford
- b. Blackburn
- c. Bedford

25. What percentage of GDP was Britain spending on defence in the period 1951–64?

- a. 2%
- b. 5%
- c. 10%

Answers can be found on the next page.

Answers

- 1 300,000
- 2 1.7 million
- 3 1957
- 4 1958
- 5 1954
- 6 Manchester
- 7 Notting Hill
- 8 1962
- 9 1957
- 10 25%
- 11 44%
- 12 1963
- 13 Edward Boyle
- 14 £18
- 15 1960–64
- 16 Gaitskill
- 17 15%
- 18 3.75p
- 19 91%
- 20 500%
- 21 16%
- 22 19%
- 23 1957
- 24 Bedford
- 25 10%