



# LA CITÉ DE LA MER

quiz



# Myths and legends



The oceans have always been a source of fascination and fear for humans. From ancient times the ocean depths have fed our imagination and terrified navigators. Science and ocean exploration have shown us that whilst we should respect the sea, many of these anxieties and imaginings are unfounded.

#### Question 1

She is the most famous and the most revolting of the Gorgon sisters with writhing snakes for hair and a stare that turns you to stone...Hideous! Yet there are some beautiful and fragile creatures, swimming gracefully in one of the tanks at La Cité de la Mer, who have inherited the same name. They are \_\_\_\_\_.

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#### The Pioneers



Who wanted to enter the dangerous depths? The curious, the irresponsible or the courageous, like Alexander the Great in 352 BC. He built the first diving bell and for nearly 2 000 years sea exploration did not really advance.



#### Question 3

In 1715, John Lethbridge invented a wooden barrel fitted with a porthole and sleeves for the arms which was designed to:

- osearch for seashells
- recover gold bars from shipwrecks
- O study marine animals
- Ocut the moorings of enemy boats at night

# The Great Expeditions



At what ocean depths does life exist?

Oceanographic campaigns have travelled the globe, and little by little the seas have revealed their secrets. Yet even with the modern technology of today, such as exploration submarines, the great depths remain relatively unknown.

#### Question 4

 did man first wa eact depth and bed?	

#### Question 5

Which European prince participated in some of the most important oceanographic expeditions of the 20th century?

#### Question 6

For 4 years, the scientists on the *Challenger* tried to measure the ocean depths and find animals from the greatest depths possible. How many new species do you think they discovered?

- O 75
- O 450
- O 4 000

# **Exploring the Ocean**

In the quest to find underwater life, inventions and innovations followed. The bathysphere was a steel ball lowered down into the water and linked to a boat on the surface by a cable. This was replaced by the bathyscaph which worked on the principle of a hot air balloon. It could dive to great depths and beat all the records! In 1962, Archimède (exhibited here at La Cité de la Mer) reached 9 545 m. The bathyscaph was followed by the autonomous diving suit, the ancestor of the equipment used in modern diving today.

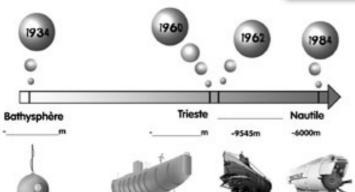


#### Question 7

Complete the following time-line:

#### Question 8

What was the nickname of the team of three explorers, Dumas, Tailliez and Cousteau?



#### Question 9

What does the abbreviation ROV stand for?

# **Underwater Archaeology**

#### Question 10



The amphora on the left was found on the wreck of the Grand Congloué 2. Compare it with the different types of amphora shown on the right: it is a \_\_\_\_\_\_BC, and comes from \_\_\_\_\_BC, and

#### Question 11

When diving, bringing an amphora to the surface is:

- of forbidden because it belongs to the public domain
- pointless because without preservation treatment it will get damaged quickly
- irresponsible because it may be the last visible trace of a wreck

# Oil amphora Wine amphora

level 2

Oil amphora 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> century BC Origin: Southern Spain

Wine amphore
1<sup>st</sup> century BC
Origin: Roman



Pickled fish amphora 2<sup>nd</sup> century BC Origin: Roman



Wine amphora 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> century BC Origin: Greco-italian



Wine amphora 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> century BC Origin: Etruscan



Wine amphora 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> century BC Origin: Roman

# Aquariums

#### Question 12

I am a solitary fish recognizable by my dorsal fin which goes on with a "whip". I am decorated with white and black wide bands, and a yellow band in the caudal fin. Unjumble the letters to find my name, the first word is done for you: poisson cocher

l am a \_\_\_\_\_\_

# The Bathyal, Abyssal and Hadal Zones

Immense plains, gigantic mountain chains covering thousands of kilometres and volcanoes spitting out lava in total darkness... The true nature of the great depths, which we have only begun to discover, far exceeds our wildest hypotheses. Who would have thought that strange luminous creatures or oases teeming with life could exist at more than 2000m deep?

#### Question 13

Which regions of the Earth has Théodore Monod explored besides the oceans?

#### Question 14

The seabed is full of humps and hollows, with high mountains, volcanoes and very deep trenches. There are even avalanches!

O True

False

#### Question 15

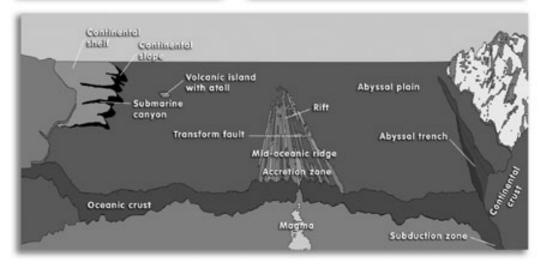
The Mariana Trench is the deepest known trench at:

○ 5 000 cm

11 km

O 4 807 km

127 635 m



#### Research territories

Vast and deep, traversed by cold and warm currents, the ocean plays a very complex role in the well-being of the planet. Study of the ocean involves cooperation between numerous scientific specialists; biochemists, geologists, paleontologists, zoologists, climatologists and botanists. Modern methods using probes or satellite images help us to understand all aspects of the oceans and to predict their behaviour.

#### Question 16

Topex Poseidon and Jason are two

used to measure the

of the oceans.

#### Question 17

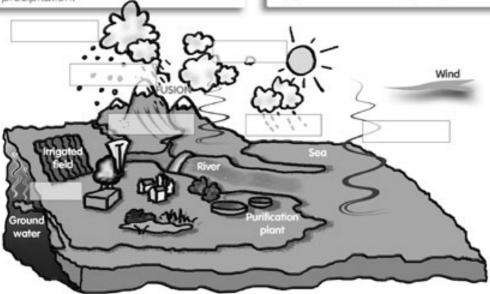
#### Label the diagram of the water cycle below using the following words:

evaporation, condensation, precipitation solidification, infiltration, run-off, precipitation.

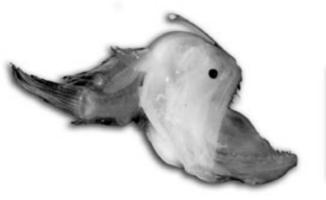
#### Question 18

What do you call the transformation of water from a liquid state (in the oceans) to gas (in the atmosphere)?

- O dissolving
- evaporation
- condensation refrigeration



#### Research territories



#### Question 19

We can better predict the weather using marine currents.

True

) False

#### Question 20

Fish stocks in the ocean are:

- inexhaustible, so we can fish as much as we want
- fragile, so we must be careful and learn to manage them

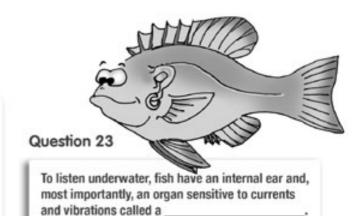
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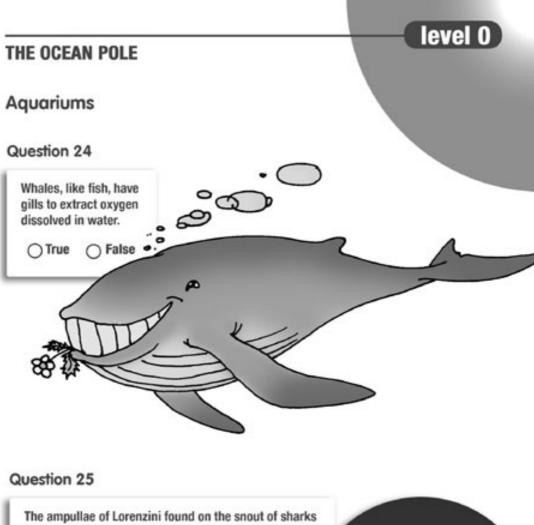
How many countries have signed the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS)?

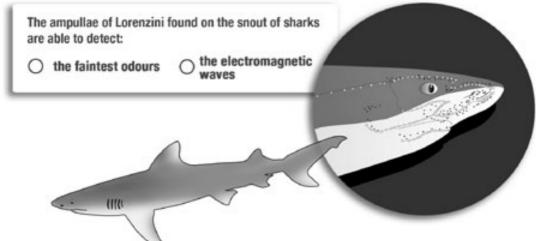
# Aquariums

#### Question 22

On land, chlorophyllous plants are at the base of all food chains. We call them "primary producers". Who plays this role in the ocean?







#### THE SUBMARINE POLE



#### Question 26

Complete Le Redoutable's identity card.

#### Question 27

In Germany, submarines are called U-Boot which is an abbreviation of

#### Question 28

#### A diesel submarine motor:

- can function without air and so can be used in a diving submarine.
- needs air, which is why such submarines had to surface to recharge their batteries

#### IDENTITY CARD

Name:
Year of Birth:

Place of Birth:

Nationality:
Length:
Diameter:
Weight:
Crew: \_\_\_\_\_ people
Length of patrol: about \_\_\_\_ days
Type of propulsion:

Distinguishing features: first French

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submarine

#### Question 29

Submarines played a deciding role during the two world wars. Moreover, the United States joined the First World War as a result of a German U20 torpedo attack on the liner \_\_\_\_\_ on 7 May 1915.

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#### **EMIGRATION**

# The exterior gallery

In 1905, a first transatlantic maritime terminal was built at Cherbourg. In 1912, a brick terminal was built, but it didn't allow the ship to dock: steamers whisk passengers to the boat at anchor in the harbor. Current Transatlantic Railway Terminal was inaugurated in 1933.

#### Question 30

When was the first crossing Cherbourg – New York?

#### Question 31

What is the « Ruban bleu »?

- a flag hoisted on the day of departure
- a restaurant
- a trophy which rewards the fastest vessel
- a ribbon worn by all first-class passengers

#### Question 32

Look at the ground the ports of departure and arrival of migrants. Remove intruders in the following list:

New-York, Cherbourg, Le Havre, Portsmouth, Belfast, Halifax, Bremerhaven, Caen, Plymouth, Los Angeles, Rio de Janeiro, Southampton, Lisbonne

#### **EMIGRATION**

### Luggage room

The Luggage Room of Cherbourg Maritime Railway Terminal has seen from 1933 many stars, heads of States, bankers in 1st class, academics, political exiles or traders in 2nd class, emigrants in 3nd class.

#### Question 33

What is the archite Room?	ctural style of the Luggage
O deco art	baroque art
O gothic	<ul> <li>contemporary art</li> </ul>

#### Question 34

Watch the movie « Parcours d'émigrants ». When the emigrants from Europe arrived in New York, what was the first monument that they were able to admire?

#### Question 35

Quote some objects that the 3<sup>rd</sup> class emigrants carried in their luggage.

# level 0

#### TITANIC

#### Life on board

April 10th, 1912 at 12.00 pm, the Titanic left Southampton. After two stops at Cherbourg and Queenstown, the Titanic began her maiden voyage with 885 crew members and 1316 passengers on board.

#### Question 36

O 711

		1912, how many p n Cherbourg?	passengers were
0	281	0	1490

2201

#### Question 37

Commander of *Titanic* during its maiden voyage, I am the captain \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Question 38

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#### Question 39

Aboard of the *Titanic*, the amenities for the 1st class passengers are numerous. Surround the correct answers:

Do sport in the gymnasium / Watch a film in a cinema / Have a bath in a sea water swimming pool / Read a book in a reading room / Play polo / Listen to music played by a band

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#### TITANIC

# Sinking

April 14th, 1912 at 11.40 pm, two watchmen from the crow's nest ring the bell: Iceberg, right ahead! A few seconds later, it's the shock. On April 15th at 2.20 am, the Titanic sank with 1490 missing. The 711 survivors will be recovered a few hours later by the Carpathia.

#### Question 40

At the time of the sinking, the *Titanic* sends to other ships messages of request for immediate assistance, the SOS. How do you write SOS in morse code?

#### Question 41

Aboard of the *Titanic*, the 3rd class passengers do not mix. Each class has its own living spaces on board : dining room, sun deck...

At the time of the sinking, the metal \_\_\_\_\_ that separates the 3rd class passengers the rest of the boat prevent them from joining the boat deck.

#### Question 42

What submarines, whose models are visible in the Reception hall, dived on the wreck of the Titanic?

- O Alvin
- O Mir 1 et Mir 2
- Nautile
- ) Globule

Notes...

#### **Opening Hours:**

> 1<sup>st</sup> July - 31<sup>st</sup> August: 9.30 a.m to 7.00 p.m < > 1<sup>st</sup> September - 30<sup>th</sup> June: 10.00 a.m to 6.00 p.m <

# important information

Inside the Permanent Exhibition Pavillion, please:

Do not smoke, eat or drink.

Do not feed animals.

Do not throw anything in the pools.

Do not flash lights.

Visit of the submarine:

For safety reasons, children under 5 years are not permitted to visit the submanne

The access for disabled people is limited.

Access to the submarine cannot be guaranteed at peak periods due to limited space.

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