The Ultimate Toothbrush Test

Next time you put one in your mouth, you’ll be surprised what you know about the toothbrush after completing our extreme exam. (Here's a thought: Challenge your dentist to see who can get more correct answers.)

1. A toothbrush should be replaced:
   a. When it breaks
   b. Every three or four months
   c. As soon as the bristles become frayed
2. Rinse your toothbrush after brushing then:
   a. Shake it to dry it
   b. Store in an upright position
   c. Put it in a drawer to keep it away from germs
3. The toothbrush has been in existence since:
   a. 3000 B.C.
   b. Cavemen days
   c. Christopher Columbus discovered America
4. Which character is not featured on a toothbrush?
   a. Dora The Explorer
   b. Spongebob Squarepants
   c. Shrek
   d. Pucca
   e. None of the above
5. Which of the following people is featured on a toothbrush?
   a. Madonna
   b. Derek Jeter
   c. President Obama
   d. David Archuleta
   e. None of the above
6. True or False: Ancient civilizations used a “chew stick,” which was a thin twig with a frayed end and rubbed against the teeth, as a toothbrush.
7. True or False: In 18th- and 19th-century Europe, metal toothpicks were developed to clean teeth.
8. True or False: These metal toothpicks were made of copper, silver, or even gold and often were sold as expensive pieces of art.
9. True or False: The toothbrush as we know it today was not invented until 1938.
10. True or False: American soldiers returning from World War II first spread the value of the modern toothbrush in our country.
11. The first toothbrush known to man was made of:
    a. Porcupine quills
    b. Flat twigs
    c. Wooden thorns
    d. Hair
12. In 1780 William Addis of Clerkenwall, England made the first toothbrush with “bristles” and a “handle” by attaching the hair to the thighbone of this animal:
    a. Mule
    b. Boar
    c. Goat
    d. Cow
13. Hair from this animal was used on most toothbrushes prior to World War II and is still used in 10 percent of the toothbrushes made in the world today:
    a. Mule
    b. Boar
    c. Goat
    d. Cow
14. How many types or brands of toothbrushes are currently being made today?
    a. 10,000
    b. 6,000
    c. 3,000
    d. More than 10,000
15. Which of the following is one of the types of toothbrushes being made today?
    a. A toothbrush with two heads
    b. A toothbrush with a built-in tongue scraper
    c. A toothbrush with angled bristles
    d. All of the above
16. Which toothbrush is best for you?
    a. The one you enjoy using
    b. An electric toothbrush
    c. One with an angled handle
    d. A new toothbrush

Answers
1-b; 2-b; 3-a; 4-d; 5-e; 6-True; 7-True; 8-False; 9. True; 10-True; 11-d; 12-d; 13-b; 14-c; 15-d; 16-a

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