

## Refugee and Asylum-seeking Quiz, January 2017

1. Which of these statements best defines refugees?
  - a) people escaping danger and persecution
  - b) people looking for jobs in the UK
  - c) people looking for an easy life and welfare benefits
2. Approximately how many Syrian refugees are there?
  - a) 5 million
  - b) 3 million
  - c) 50 million
3. How many Syrians have been resettled in the UK so far?
  - a.) 187
  - b.) 4,414
  - c.) 11,700
4. What percentage of the UK population is made up of refugees and asylum-seekers?
  - a) 25%
  - b) 2%
  - c) 10%
  - d) 0.19%
5. Are asylum-seekers allowed to work and pay taxes in the UK?
  - a.) Yes
  - b.) No
6. How much in benefits do asylum-seekers receive (excluding accommodation) per day?
  - a) £27.95
  - b.) £10.23
  - c.) £5.27
7. Are refugees allowed to work and pay taxes in the UK?
  - a) Yes
  - b) No
8. What percentage of asylum applications in the European Union were to the UK?
  - a) 3%
  - b) 13%
  - c) 24%
9. How many refugees will the UK settle under the Syrian Vulnerable Persons Relocation Scheme?
  - a) 200,000
  - b) 20,000
  - c) 50,000
10. What proportion of Lebanon's population is made up of refugees?
  - a) 20%
  - b) 4%
  - c) 9%
11. How many British people live overseas?
  - a) 20,000
  - b) 5.5 million
  - b) 1 million
  - d) About 800,000
12. If you went to live and work in America you would you be:
  - a) An asylum seeker
  - b) An economic migrant
  - c) A refugee

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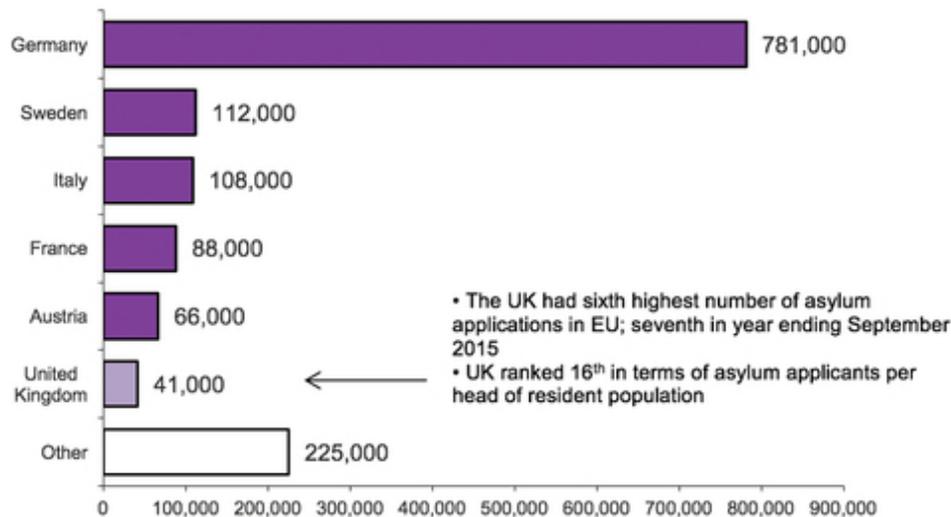
1. a) A refugee is defined as someone who has fled from their country and cannot return to their country due to a well founded fear of persecution and danger
2. a) According to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), **4.8 million** have fled their country mainly to Turkey, Lebanon, Jordan, Egypt and Iraq. In addition, 6.6 million are internally displaced within Syria. Meanwhile about one million have requested asylum to Europe. ([www.syrianrefugees.eu](http://www.syrianrefugees.eu))
3. b) There are 4,414 Syrian refugees accepted in the UK. (September 2016 Parliamentary briefing)
4. d) 0.19% of the UK population are refugees.
5. b) No
6. c) £5.27
  - From 10th August 2015 every asylum seeker will receive £36.95 per week despite personal circumstances.
  - Asylum seekers cannot claim mainstream benefits.
  - In comparison a single unemployed UK citizen would receive between £59.70 and £73.10 plus other benefits they may be eligible for.
  - Asylum seekers do not qualify for council housing tenancy or housing benefit but are provided a basic place to live usually in a hostel.
7. a) Yes. Refugees including the Syrians coming under the Governments Vulnerable Person's Scheme are eligible to work, pay taxes and can receive benefits and mainstream services like the NHS and schools for children.

For the Syrians coming under the Vulnerable Person's Scheme there is support for their housing and settling in which is provided by Cumbria County Council and funded by central Government. Refugees who reach the UK independently and claim asylum receive no additional support to settle into the UK once they get their formal refugee status. They must find their own housing and learn how to live in the UK. Many have little or no English language. Some cities have volunteer groups helping to welcome refugees.

Syrians under the Vulnerable Person's Scheme must pay foreign fees to attend University and this is currently being challenged.

8. c) 3%

In 2016 Britain received around 3% of all asylum claims made in the EU. Here's how we compared to other countries in the year ending September 2016.



9. b) Under the Syrian Vulnerable Person's Scheme the UK will accept 20,000 refugees by 2020.

10. a) 20%

Most refugees flee to their neighbouring country whilst only a small proportion travel to developed countries in Europe and elsewhere. Turkey currently hosts the highest number of refugees in Europe amounting to 1.59 million people. 86% of the world's Refugees are hosted by developing countries.

11. b: 5.5 million British people live abroad, 761,000 live in Spain alone! Britain hosts approximately 140,000 refugees and asylum seekers. In 2016 there were approximately 650,000 migrants into the UK and of these 7% were seeking refuge.

12. b: You would be an economic migrant.

**If you want to learn more about refugees there is plenty to read.**

Two organisations providing reliable and readable up to date information are the Refugee Council [www.refugeecouncil.org](http://www.refugeecouncil.org) and the UNHCR [www.unhcr.org](http://www.unhcr.org).

For a good read, combining information with the stories of people who have travelled across Europe try *The New Odyssey*, Patrick Kingsley pub 2016. (He spent 2015 travelling the migrant routes as the Guardian correspondent on migrants)

*After Tomorrow* by Gillian Cross, a children's book but most adults will enjoy this as well. It's a story that captures the tough choices made by refugees.