Recap of the Beijing Olympic Games
(a current events quiz for fourth- to tenth-grade students)

The games of the XXIX Olympiad ended August 24. Let’s answer ten questions about the Beijing Olympics and test our knowledge of the recent summer games.

Directions: Students who have nine or ten correct answers receive a gold medal for their knowledge. A score of seven or eight earn a silver medal. Those who score five or six correct answers win a bronze medal.


Answers

1. Seoul
2. torch
3. eight
4. Nest
5. opening
6. seven
7. Redeem
8. eight
9. United States, China
10. London
Questions

1. The Beijing Games were the third summer Olympics held in Asia. The 1964 Games were held in Tokyo, and the 1988 Games were held in the city of __________.

2. Last spring, after rioting in Tibet, the world-wide relay of the Olympic __________ set off a series of protests in cities throughout the world.

3. The Games’ starting time was 8:08 p.m., Aug. 8, 2008. This time was chosen by the Games’ organizers because the Chinese believe the number __________ to be lucky.

4. Beijing’s 91,000-seat National Stadium, site of the opening and closing ceremonies, is popularly known as the Bird’s __________ because of its unique architectural design.

5. The spectacular __________ ceremony was noted for its themes of ancient Chinese culture and its creativity. The ceremony lasted nearly four hours.

6. Chinese athletes won __________ of the eight gold medals in the sport of diving.

7. The U.S. men’s basketball team was nicknamed the “__________ Team” because the team’s stated goal for the games was to reclaim the gold medal after winning bronze at the 2006 Games in Athens.

8. The most celebrated athlete of the Games was American swimmer Michael Phelps. Phelps won __________ gold medals in Beijing.

9. __________ won the most medals of any nation at the games, and the nation of __________ won the most gold medals.

10. In the year 2012 the city of __________ will host the next summer Olympic Games.