

History Quiz : Questions

1. At the age of 10, in the 1830's, the average height and weight of the young factory worker was:

- a) 62 inches (157.48cm) tall and 112 pounds (50 Kgs) in weight.
- b) 50 inches (127 cm) tall and 48 pounds (21.77 Kgs) in weight.
- c) 38 inches (96.52 cm) tall and 18 pounds (8.16 Kgs) in weight.

2. How much were young workers aged 11 to 16 paid a week for working long hours in the factory?

- a) 2 shillings 3 pence (about 12p)
- b) 5 shillings (about 25p)
- c) 10 shillings (50p)

3. At the age of 22 years, who was paid the most money for working the long factory hours?

- a) Men
- b) Women
- c) Everyone was paid the same

4. What was the average temperature that people worked in on the factory floor?

- a) 40° Fahrenheit (5° Centigrade) - very cold
- b) 60° Fahrenheit (15° Centigrade) - fairly warm
- c) 85° Fahrenheit (30° Centigrade) - very hot

5. The biggest danger to children working in factories was from:

- a) the heat
- b) poor lighting
- c) unguarded machinery

6. The most common injury to children and young people in the workplace was:

- a) bruising to the arms and legs
- b) cuts and gashes to the arms and legs
- c) mutilation to their arms and legs - including lost limbs

7. What happened to those children and young people who had accidents at work?

- a) They were given immediate medical treatment and some money to cover the period of their absence from work.
- b) They stayed in hospital until they were well enough to work again.
- c) They were abandoned by their workplace, their wages were stopped and they were not given medical attention.

8. What time in the morning were young workers expected to start their working day?

- a) 5 am
- b) 7 am
- c) 9 am

9. What sort of places were factories in the 19th Century?

- a) Very much like they are today.
- b) They were noisy, dirty and smelly with no washing or toilet facilities.
- c) They were clean and well looked after but had no indoor toilets.

10. How long did a child worker or young person have to be in the factory before becoming ill?

- a) A few hours
- b) A few weeks
- c) A year