



The Persian Gulf War

HISTORY IN A NUTSHELL Quiz





This quiz will test your knowledge on the history of the 1991 Persian Gulf War. Each question will be followed by the correct answer.

Think you know your history? Let's find out!

Ready?

Here We Go!

**Question 1: What country did Saddam Hussein's Iraqi military
invade on August 2, 1990?**

A. Iran

B. Kuwait

C. Saudi Arabia

D. Afghanistan



The correct answer is...

B. Kuwait

Question 2: Which of the following is NOT one of the main reasons Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait?

- A. Debt from Iran–Iraq War**
- B. Kuwait's Alleged stealing of oil using “Cross–Border Slant Drilling” at Rumaila Oil Field**
- C. Saddam Wanted Kuwait's Nuclear Weapons**
- D. Iraq Did Not Recognize Kuwait's Sovereignty**



The correct answer is...

C. Although Saddam Hussein desired an arsenal of nuclear weapons for himself, Kuwait did not have any nuclear weapons of its own.

Question 3: All of the following military operations were part of the 1991 Persian Gulf War EXCEPT:

- A. Operation Desert Fox**
- B. Operation Desert Shield**
- C. Operation Desert Storm**
- D. Operation Desert Sabre**



The correct answer is...

A. Operation Desert Fox was not part of the Persian Gulf War in 1991. The 1998 bombing of Iraq was a major four-day bombing campaign on Iraqi targets from 16 to 19 December 1998, by the United States and the United Kingdom.

Question 4: Saddam Hussein hoped to provoke the Allied Coalition into an early ground war by firing SCUD missiles into what country?

A. Saudi Arabia

B. Jordan

C. Lebanon

D. Israel



The correct answers are...

D. Israel. Saddam Hussein, overconfident that the U.S. was not ready for another ground war post–Vietnam, fired SCUD missiles into Israel with the hopes of provoking the Allied Coalition into an early ground war. The Coalition did not respond in the way Saddam had hoped.

Question 5: Which battle is considered the largest tank battle of the Persian Gulf War?

- A. Battle of 73 Easting**
- B. Battle of Medina Ridge**
- C. Battle of Norfolk**
- D. Battle of Khafji**



The correct answer is...

B. Battle of Medina Ridge. The battle, which was waged over approximately two hours, was the largest tank battle of the war and the largest tank battle in United States history. It took place west of Phase Line Kiwi, east of Phase Line Smash, and north of Phase Line Grape. Phase lines are map references occurring every few kilometers used to measure progress of an offensive operation.

Question 6: Which of the following reasons best describes why the Coalition did not carry out a full invasion of Iraq after Kuwait's liberation?

- A. U.N. Sanctions did not call for removal of Saddam Hussein**
- B. A full invasion may split apart the Coalition**
- C. Invasion would lead to expensive occupation**
- D. All of These**



The correct answer is...

D. All of these are reasons why the Allied Coalition did not carry out a full invasion of Iraq after Kuwait's liberation. In addition, it was speculated that rebellious uprisings would lead to Saddam Hussein's deposition anyway, but these uprisings were brutally suppressed by the Iraqi military, and Saddam Hussein remained in power until 2003's Operation Iraqi Freedom.

How well
did you do?

