

The historic city of York

Read the text and answer the questions.

York, in North Yorkshire, evolved from Eboracum, a Roman city and military base. You can still see substantial traces of this Roman city today, especially the Multiangular Tower that formed the western corner of the legionary fortress. Later the city was invaded by the Saxons and then by the Vikings in 867 who called it Jorvik and made it their capital. After the Norman Conquest in 1066, King William built two wooden towers to guard the River Ouse against invaders. Now York is an important university town and the attractive college buildings are grouped round an artificial lake. The most splendid of all York buildings is the magnificent Minster. Minster is the Anglo-Saxon name for a large church. Archbishop Walter de Grey began the building in the 13th. century and it is the largest Gothic cathedral in northern Europe. You can climb up to the top of its 234 foot high tower which dominates the city. The Minster (524 feet long and 249 feet across its transept) is famous for its 100 mediaeval stained glass windows which fill the interior with colour and light. Look at the second window on your left when you enter because it is the oldest in England (1150). There are a lot of interesting museums to visit like the Yorkshire Museum (pottery and porcelain), The Castle Museum (originally built as a prison) and the York Heritage Museum. The York Heritage Museum was formerly a church and inside you can see models and paintings or enjoy audio-visual displays of York’s history. The city is almost completely surrounded by 13th century walls with gates at regular intervals. A walk along the 3 miles of walls takes between one or two hours but the views over the city are superb.

Vocabulary: stained glass windows- vetrate colorate, pottery – ceramica, to surround – circondare.

- 1) Where is York?.....
- 2) What was the Viking name for York?.....
- 3) When was the Norman Conquest?.....
- 4) What does minster mean?.....
- 5) How high is the cathedral tower?.....
- 6) What is York Minster famous for?.....
- 7) How long are the walls of the city of York?.....
- 8) Give the names of two museums in York.....
- 9) What effect do the stained glass windows give to the interior of the cathedral?.....
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- 10) Who began the building of York Minster?.....

Choose the correct answer a, b, c or d

- 1) I.....along the city walls when I was in York.
a) walk b) did walk c) walked d) have walked
- 2) Westminster Abbey is.....than York Minster.
a) more old b) much old c) older d) the oldest
- 3).....museums did you see while you were in York?
a) How many b) How much c) Many d) How
- 4) When.....you born?
a) are b) was c) have d) were
- 5) What time.....the museum.....?
a) does.....closes b) does.....close c) do.....close d) is.....close
- 6) I.....for York tomorrow.
a) will leaves b) is leaving c) am leaving d) is going to leave
- 7) We visited historic buildings in York.
a) lots b) much c) little d) lots of
- 8) At the momentthe cathedral.
a) they are repairing b) they repair c) they repaired d) they were repairing
- 9) I always go to the cathedralSunday morning.
a) from b) in c) on d) at
- 10).....into the cathedral and the oldest stained glass window is the second on the left.
a) Do go b) Go c) To go d) Goes
- 11) Weto pay to visit the tower today. It's free.
a) didn't have b) mustn't c) don't have d) doesn't have
- 12) Ia shower every morning.
a) have got b) got c) do d) have
- 13) This is thebedroom.
a) children's b) children c) childrens' d) childs'
- 14) George isn't in the office. Heat home for a few days.
a) works b) is working c) work d) worked

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- 15)hungry? Do you want a sandwich?
a) Do you b) Have you c) You are d) Are you
- 16) Where.....?
a) this train goes b) does this train go c) goes this train d) this train does go
- 17) Hespeak Spanish when he was 10.
a) could b) were able c) can d) was able
- 18) She's meetingat the station.
a) theirs b) they c) their d) them
- 19) I didn't buy.....in York.
a) everything b) anything c) something d) nothing
- 20) I couldn't answer the phone because I.....a bath.
a) am having b) were having c) have d) was having