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MULTIPLE CHOICE ANSWERS

1. a Roman palace
2. from a study of the soil structure
3. formal occasions
4. a tunic
5. villa
6. stone slabs
7. on stone pillars
8. a heating duct
9. for relaxation
10. all three
11. a mosaic
12. a forum
13. drama
14. a volcanic eruption
15. in stone jars



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Focus Questions



Archaeology has uncovered the world of Roman Britain; often beneath the streets of modern English towns and cities. These sites include military garrison towns as well as the large country houses, or villas, of rich Romans. This archaeological work shows us the way in which the Romans conquered Britain and how they imported many things from their culture to the distant and more chilly climate of Britain.

1. Describe what it would have been like to enter the Roman palace at Fishbourne?
2. What aspects of Roman culture (originally from warmer Italy) would have been difficult in the colder weather of Britain (think of clothing and housing)?
3. How did the Romans in Britain heat their buildings?
4. What were the common features of a Roman town in the provinces?
5. Why do you think the Romans brought so much of their own culture when they settled in places like Britain? What benefits and disadvantages would this have brought to the local Britons?

Multiple Choice Questions

1 What lies under the town of Fishbourne in England?

- a Saxon fort a Roman palace a Roman bath a temple

2 How do we know there were box hedges in the garden at Fishbourne?

- from old paintings from written sources from studying the soil structure Roman gardens always had them

3 Togas were used for

- everyday wear bathing travelling formal occasions

4 For everyday wear, Roman men and women wore

- the toga a tunic a cloak trousers

5 The centre of a Roman agricultural estate was the:

- villa temple bath-house village

6 The floor of the Roman villa seen in the video was once made out of:

- wooden boards stone slabs earth marble

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Multiple Choice Questions (continued)



7 How was the floor of this villa supported?

- on wooden pillars
- on marble blocks
- on metal piers
- on stone pillars

9 What was the large pool used for in the bathing complex?

- for a hot plunge
- for a steam bath
- for relaxation
- for a cold plunge

11 Placing small pieces of stone to make a pattern in a floor is called

- a hypocaust
- a mosaic
- an atrium
- a forum

13 In small provincial theatres the most likely entertainment was

- mock sea battles
- wild animal fights
- gladiatorial contests
- drama

15 How did the grain sellers at Pompeii store their grain?

- in sacks
- in stone jars
- in baskets
- in silos

8 A hypocaust is:

- a water pipe
- a heating duct
- a bath
- a well

10 Which modern items could also be found in a Roman house?

- Needles
- Keys
- Scissors
- All three

12 The large open area at the centre of Roman towns was called:

- a mosaic
- an atrium
- a forum
- a hypocaust

14 What destroyed the Roman city of Pompeii in AD 79?

- a volcanic eruption
- a riot
- war
- abandonment