Here is a selection of questions drawn from the new edition of the Pocket World in Figures published by the Economist.

1. Who are the world’s biggest economies? Match the country to the level of GDP - measured in US dollars ($s) at market exchange rates (NB: The data is for 2008). 1/2 a mark for each correct matching!

   A. __ United States  A. $2857bn
   B. __ China  B. $3649bn
   C. __ Japan  C. $14093bn
   D. __ France  D. $4911bn
   E. __ Germany  E. $4327bn
   F. __ United Kingdom  F. $1679bn
   G. __ Spain  G. $1604bn

2. Banco Santander is one of the biggest banks in the world - what is the country of ownership?

3. There are big differences in average life expectancy across countries at different stages of economic development. Match the country with their life expectancy.

   A. __ Japan  A. 45.5 years
   B. __ Spain  B. 65.2 years
   C. __ India  C. 52.9 years
   D. __ South Africa  D. 83.7 years
   E. __ Afghanistan  E. 81.6 years
   F. __ Cuba  F. 79.1 years

4. Economic Growth Rates

   Match the country with their average rate of economic growth (% change in GDP) between the years 1998-2008

   A. __ China  A. 2.6% pa
   B. __ India  B. 5.8% pa
   C. __ Singapore  C. 1.5% pa
   D. __ Ireland  D. 5.5% pa
   E. __ Germany  E. 9.8% pa
   F. __ United Kingdom  F. 7.1% pa

5. Economic dependence on farming

   Match the country with the share of GDP that comes from agriculture

   A. __ Tanzania  A. 0.7% of GDP
   B. __ Kenya  B. 45.3% of GDP
   C. __ United Kingdom  C. 2.0% of GDP
   D. __ Italy  D. 27% of GDP
6. Commodity Producers

Each of these countries is the world’s biggest producers of a certain commodity - but which one?

A. ___ Grains  
B. ___ Coffee  
C. ___ Cocoa  
D. ___ Copper  
E. ___ Nickel  
F. ___ Rubber  

A. Chile  
B. Russia  
C. Thailand  
D. Cote d’Ivoire  
E. United States  
F. Brazil  

7. Largest non-bank businesses

Which is the largest business as measured by total stock market valuation (at the end of December 2008)?

☐ A. Microsoft  
☐ B. Wal-Mart Stores  
☐ C. Exxon Mobil  
☐ D. BHP Billiton  
☐ E. PetroChina  

8. Which of the following is the busiest airport in the world - as measured by the number of passengers during 2009?

☐ A. Haneda, Tokyo  
☐ B. Heathrow, London  
☐ C. Capital, Beijing  
☐ D. O’Hare, Chicago  
☐ E. Hartsfield, Atlanta  

9. Trade Dependency

Match the country with the share of their GDP taken by international trade - this is a measure of trade dependency

A. ___ North Korea  
B. ___ United States  
C. ___ Czech Republic  
D. ___ India  

A. 21.4% of GDP  
B. 7.4% of GDP  
C. 81.4% of GDP  
D. 12.4% of GDP  

10. Beer Drinking

Which nation tops the global table for litres of beer consumed each year?

☐ A. Canada  
☐ B. Australia  
☐ C. Germany  
☐ D. Czech Republic