

The Office Quiz

Twenty questions in four rounds on nine years in a paper company in Scranton. Written for people who quote it, not people who index it.

4 rounds · 20 questions · about 30 min

How to run it

1. Print one host sheet for yourself and one team answer sheet per team. The host sheet has the key on it — keep it face down.
2. Three to five people per team. If you are running this at an actual office party, do not put one department on one table.
3. Read each question twice, then give about thirty seconds. Round four is true or false and goes much faster.
4. Teams swap sheets at the end of each round and mark each other while you read the answers. One point each, twenty in total.
5. The line under each answer on the host sheet is there to be read out — half of them are the joke the question is built on.

ROUND 1 — The branch

Scranton, Pennsylvania. Paper.

1. What does the Scranton branch of Dunder Mifflin sell?

- ☒ **A Paper**
- ☐ B Office furniture
- ☐ C Printers and toner
- ☐ D Stationery and greeting cards

Answer: A — Paper

Worth adding: Paper, in an era that is visibly running out of reasons to buy paper — which is the quiet engine under the whole show.

2. What is Dwight's actual job title?

- ☐ A Assistant Regional Manager
- ☐ B Deputy Regional Manager
- ☒ **C Assistant to the Regional Manager**
- ☐ D Regional Manager

Answer: C — Assistant to the Regional Manager

Worth adding: Two words apart, and Dwight loses the argument about those two words for most of a decade.

3. What does Dwight grow on the family farm?

- ☐ A Corn
- ☐ B Hops
- ☐ C Soybeans
- ☒ **D Beets**

Answer: D — Beets

Worth adding: Schrute Farms is also a bed and breakfast, with themed rooms: America, Nighttime and Irrigation.

4. Which Dunder Mifflin branch is merged into Scranton, bringing Andy and Karen with it?

- ☐ A Utica
- ☒ B **Stamford**
- ☐ C Albany
- ☐ D Nashua

Answer: B — Stamford

Worth adding: Jim transfers to Stamford to get away from Pam, and then the branch he escaped to is closed and folded back into the one he left.

5. Which company buys Dunder Mifflin out of near-bankruptcy?

- ☐ A Staples
- ☐ B Prince Paper
- ☒ C **Sabre**
- ☐ D Athlead

Answer: C — Sabre

Worth adding: A printer company from Florida run by Jo Bennett, played by Kathy Bates, who arrives with two dogs and no interest in paper.

ROUND 2 — Michael Scott

World's best boss, by his own mug.

6. What is the name of the annual awards ceremony Michael hosts for the staff?

- ☐ A The Scrantons
- ☒ B **The Dundies**
- ☐ C The Mifflins
- ☐ D The Paper Awards

Answer: B — The Dundies

Worth adding: Held at Chili's, with categories nobody wants to win. Pam wins Whitest Sneakers more than once.

7. What is the name of the action hero Michael plays in the film he spends years making?

- ☒ A **Michael Scarn**
- ☐ B Prison Mike
- ☐ C Date Mike
- ☐ D Agent Scranton

Answer: A — Michael Scarn

Worth adding: Threat Level Midnight, shot on and off for years, which is why the cast visibly ages between scenes.

8. Michael briefly quits and starts a rival firm. What is it called?

- ☐ A Scott Paper Ltd.
- ☐ B Scranton Paper
- ☐ C Scott & Beesly
- ☒ D **The Michael Scott Paper Company**

Answer: D — The Michael Scott Paper Company

Worth adding: Run out of a cramped office with Pam and Ryan, and it works well enough that Dunder Mifflin has to buy it back.

9. Where does Michael move when he leaves Scranton?

- ☐ A Florida
- ☐ B California
- ☐ C Canada
- ☒ D Colorado

Answer: D — Colorado

Worth adding: With Holly, to be near her parents. He takes the microphone off before the last line, so the crew never records it.

10. Which member of staff does Michael hit with his car in the car park?

- ☒ A Meredith
- ☐ B Phyllis
- ☐ C Kelly
- ☐ D Angela

Answer: A — Meredith

Worth adding: The hospital then finds she has rabies — from a bat, not from the car — and Michael organises a Fun Run for it.

ROUND 3 — The people at the desks

Sales, reception, accounting and whatever Creed does.

11. What does Jim famously set in Jell-O on Dwight's desk?

- ☐ A Dwight's phone
- ☒ B Dwight's stapler
- ☐ C Dwight's glasses
- ☐ D Dwight's mug

Answer: B — Dwight's stapler

Worth adding: The first prank of the series, and it is Michael who eats a bite of the Jell-O.

12. Where do Jim and Pam actually get married?

- ☐ A At Schrute Farms
- ☐ B At Scranton City Hall
- ☒ C At Niagara Falls
- ☐ D In the office car park

Answer: C — At Niagara Falls

Worth adding: They slip away and marry on the boat under the falls, because the official ceremony has already gone wrong in every possible way.

13. Who takes over as receptionist when Pam moves into sales?

- ☐ A Kelly Kapoor
- ☐ B Holly Flax
- ☒ C Erin Hannon
- ☐ D Nellie Bertram

Answer: C — Erin Hannon

Worth adding: Pam moves across to sales during the Michael Scott Paper Company merger, and Erin takes the desk.

14. What does Kevin spill all over the office carpet in one of the show's best-known cold opens?

- ☐ A A tray of doughnuts
- ☐ B A crate of eggs
- ☐ C A birthday cake
- ☒ D A pot of chili

Answer: D — A pot of chili

Worth adding: His family recipe, started the night before with the undercoating of onions. 'It's probably the thing I do best.'

15. Which character shares his full name with the actor who plays him?

- ☒ A Creed Bratton
- ☐ B Kevin Malone
- ☐ C Oscar Martinez
- ☐ D Stanley Hudson

Answer: A — Creed Bratton

Worth adding: The real Creed Bratton played guitar in The Grass Roots in the 1960s, which the show quietly works into his backstory.

ROUND 4 — True or false

Read straight through, no pause between them.

16. True or false: the American series is based on a British show created by Ricky Gervais and Stephen Merchant.

- ☒ A True
- ☐ B False

Answer: A — True

Worth adding: Gervais even turns up as David Brent in the American version, in a lift, talking to Michael.

17. True or false: Toby works in accounting.

- ☐ A True
- ☒ B False

Answer: B — False

Worth adding: Human resources — which is exactly why Michael hates him, and why he cannot fire him.

18. True or false: Dwight has a cousin called Mose who lives on the farm with him.

- ☒ A True
- ☐ B False

Answer: A — True

Worth adding: Played by one of the show's own writers, Michael Schur, who went on to create Parks and Recreation.

19. True or false: the documentary the crew has been filming all along is never shown on television.

- ☐ A True
- ☒ B False

Answer: B — False

Worth adding: It airs in the final season, and watching the office watch itself is what forces most of the last storylines open.

20. True or false: Jim's Christmas present to Pam in the second season was a teapot with a note inside it.

☒ A True

☐ B False

Answer: A — True

Worth adding: He takes the note out before she opens it. She gets it years later, on their wedding day.