



- 1. The Divine Comedy is an epic poem written by...**

Dante Alighieri

Alessandro Manzoni

Giovanni Boccaccio

- 2. Who wrote the novel *I promessi sposi* (The Betrothed)?**

Giacomo Leopardi

Alessandro Manzoni

Ugo Foscolo

- 3. What's the name of Machiavelli's masterpiece?**

The Art of War

The Prince

History of Florence

1. Dante Alighieri

Dante Alighieri is considered the father of Italian literature.

2. Alessandro Manzoni

In Italy the novel is considered a true masterpiece and a basis for the modern Italian language.

3. The Prince

The Prince is one of the world's most famous essays on political science.



1. The most famous poem of Saint Francis of Assisi is...

Brother Sun, Sister Moon

Canticle of the Moon

Canticle of the Creatures

2. Who was the last Italian Nobel Prize laureate in literature?

Luigi Pirandello

Dario Fo

Grazia Deledda

**3. Who wrote L'Orlando furioso?
(The Frenzy of Orlando)**

Angelo Poliziano

Niccolò Machiavelli

Ludovico Ariosto

1. Canticle of the Creatures

2. Dario Fo

Dario Fo is an Italian satirist, dramatist, theater director, actor and composer.

3. Ludovico Ariosto

This epic poem describes the adventures of Charlemagne, Orlando and the Franks and their battle against the Saracens.



1. « The Sistine Chapel » is famous for...

St Peter's statue

Michelangelo's « Last Judgement »

Its heavy bronze doors

2. Romanesque architectural style derives

from France

from Romans

from Spain

3. The Italian Renaissance characterized

15th and 16th centuries

20th century

21st century

**1. Michelangelo's ceiling painting
« The Last Judgement »**

Today it is the site of the Papal conclave, the process by which a new Pope is selected.

**2. Derives from Roman
architectural traditions**

3. 15th and 16th centuries



1. The Coliseum is...

in Rome
in Siracusa
in Lecce

2. Why is Andrea Palladio famous?

invention of concrete
painting
architecture

3. Lorenzo Bernini is famous for...

the colonnade of St Peter
the fresco of the Last Supper
the Leaning Tower of Pisa

1. In Rome

The «Colosseo» or Flavian Amphitheatre is an elliptical amphitheatre, the largest ever built in the Roman Empire.

2. Architecture

The city of Vicenza and the Palladian Villas of the Veneto are UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

3. The colonnade of St Peter

He was one of the greatest city architects, sculptors, fountain designers, and artists of the 17th century.



1. How are Antonio Vivaldi's 4 concerti grossi known as today?

The Four Seasons

The Messiah

The Traviata

2. Who painted Mona Lisa?

Michelangelo

Caravaggio

Leonardo da Vinci

3. Who composed Madame Butterfly?

Guglielmo Rossini

Giacomo Puccini

Giuseppe Verdi

1. The Four Seasons

Vivaldi was an Italian Baroque composer, priest and virtuoso violinist, born in Venice.

2. Leonardo da Vinci

3. Giacomo Puccini

He also composed La bohème, Tosca and Turandot.



1. What was named after Alessandro Volta?

- a racing bike*
- a dance*
- a unit of electricity*

2. Who was Fibonacci?

- a mathematician*
- a car designer*
- a singer*

3. The physicist involved in the project of the atomic bomb was...

- Alessandro Volta*
- Evangelista Torricelli*
- Enrico Fermi*

1. A unit of electricity

Volta was the inventor of the voltaic pile, the first electric battery. He also discovered and isolated methane gas.

2. A mathematician

He is known for spreading the Hindu-Arabic numeral system in Europe and for a number sequence named the Fibonacci numbers.

3. Enrico Fermi

Fermi was a central figure in the Manhattan Project to build the first atomic bomb with Robert Oppenheimer.



- 1. Which of the following was an Italian architect?**

Le Corbusier

Lorenzo Bernini

Oscar Niemeyer

- 2. Which of the following is a famous Italian explorer?**

Cristoforo Colombo

Vasco De Gama

Ferdinando Magellano

- 3. The Italian scientist declared heretic by the Vatican was...**

Leonardo Da Vinci

Galileo Galilei

Michelangelo Buonarroti

1. Lorenzo Bernini

2. Cristoforo Colombo

3. Galileo Galilei

He was the Italian physicist, mathematician, astronomer and philosopher who played a major role in the Scientific Revolution.



1. Which of these theatres is the temple of the ballet ?

Teatro Regio di Parma

Teatro alla Scala di Milano

Teatro Petruzzelli di Bari

2. Who invented a new pedagogical method ?

Maria Montessori

Rita Levi Montalcini

Grazia Deledda

3. The opera «Aida» was composed by...

Giacomo Puccini

Pietro Mascagni

Giuseppe Verdi

1. Teatro alla Scala di Milano

It is still recognised as one of the leading opera and ballet theatres in the world.

2. Maria Montessori

Montessori education is practiced in estimated 20,000 schools worldwide.

3. Giuseppe Verdi

He was the leading composer of opera in the 19th century, noted for operas such as Rigoletto, La traviata and Otello among others.



1. Who painted «The Birth of Venus» ?

Tiziano
Botticelli
Caravaggio

2. The «Raphael's rooms» are located in

Vatican Museums
Galleria degli Uffizi
Galleria Borghese

3. Who painted Medusa, Bacchus & The Life of St Matthew ?

Raffaello
Michelangelo
Caravaggio

1. Botticelli

The painting is held in the Uffizi Gallery in Florence and depicts a nude Venus standing on a scallop shell.

2. Vatican museums

Famous for their frescoes, they were originally intended as a suite of apartments for Pope Julius II.

3. Caravaggio

His paintings had a formative influence on the Baroque school of painting.



- 1. His name is a synonymous with the art of seduction.
Who is?**

Giacomo Casanova

Alessandro Cagliostro

Marcello Mastroianni

- 2. The Name of the Rose
is a novel by the Italian author**

Italo Svevo

Luigi Pirandello

Umberto Eco

- 3. The Italian most famous film
composer is...**

Sergio Leone

Ennio Morricone

Adriano Celentano

1. Giacomo Casanova

He was a libertine, chiefly remembered as the prince of Italian adventurers.

2. Umberto Eco

It is a historical murder mystery set in an Italian monastery in the year 1327.

3. Ennio Morricone

He received an Honorary Academy Award in 2007 for his lifetime achievements.



1. Who was the first Caesar of the Roman Empire?

Julius

Caligula

Claudius

2. Who was Spartacus?

*a slave during the time
of the Romans*

a famous film star

a Roman Emperor

3. Who was Garibaldi?

a food manufacturer

a famous sculptor

a key player in the unification of Italy

1. Julius

2. A slave during the time of the Romans

He was a famous slaves' leader in the Third Servile War, a major slave uprising against the Roman Republic.

3. A key player in the unification of Italy

Named the «Hero of the Two Worlds» for his military expeditions in both South America and Europe.



1. Italy became a unified kingdom in

1575

1861

1920

2. Who eliminated Italian political parties ?

Adolf Hitler

Benito Mussolini

Napoleon

3. Who was proclaimed the King of Italy in 1861 ?

Charlemagne

Napoleon

Victor Emmanuel II

1. 1861

2. Benito Mussolini

Mussolini banned all political parties and opposition newspapers forming a dictatorship.

3. Victor Emmanuel II

The Italians gave him the epithet Father of the Fatherland (Italian: Padre della Patria).



1. Who is now the Italian president ?

Ciampi
Berlusconi
Napolitano

2. Who succeeded Berlusconi as Prime Minister in 2006 ?

Giulio Andreotti
Giorgio Napolitano
Romano Prodi

3. Which islands Italy ceded to Greece after World War II ?

Balearic
Dodecanese
Azores

1. Napolitano

He became the 11th president of Italy on May 15th 2006.

2. Romano Prodi

He was also the tenth President of the European Commission from 1999 to 2004.

3. Dodecanese



- 1. When Rome was a republic who were allowed to vote**

men

women

men and women

- 2. What was the name of the Emperor's bodyguard in Rome**

the Swiss guard

the Praetorian guard

the Home guard

- 3. The last King of Rome was called...**

Romulus

Tarquin the Proud

Julius Caesar

1. Men

2. The Praetorian guard

The term Praetorian derived from the praetorium, the tent of the commanding general or praetor of the Roman army.

3. Tarquin the Proud

He was a member of the Etruscan dynasty and became king by ordering the murder of his predecessor.



1. Italy became Italian Republic on ...

2nd June 1930

2nd June 1946

2nd June 1918

2. What important event happened in 1861 ?

the fall of the Byzantine Empire

Italian Unification

the fall of the Western Roman Empire

3. The symbol of Rome is...

a she-wolf nourishing two twins

an olive tree

a mountain

1. 2nd June 1946

It was made by the mercenaries (the so-called «Lansquenets») of Charles V of Spain.

2. Italian Unification

3. A she-wolf nourishing twins

The twins are Romulus and Remus according to the legend of the founding of Rome.



1. What happened in Italy in 1527?

death of Cristoforo Colombo
death of Michelangelo
Sack of Rome

2. Which King of Italy was assassinated in 1900?

Vittorio Emanuele II
Umberto I
Umberto II

3. Who was known as «the King of May»?

Umberto I
Umberto II
Carlo Alberto

1. Sack of Rome

It was made by the mercenaries (the so-called «Lansquenets») of Charles V of Spain.

2. Umberto I

He was killed at Monza by the anarchist Gaetano Bresci.

3. Umberto II

He was the King of Italy from May 9th, 1946 to June 12th, 1946 when Italy became a republic.



1. Who was the founder of « Young Italy » ?

Giuseppe Mazzini

Giuseppe Garibaldi

Victor Emanuel

2. Who unified Southern Italy with a volunteer army in 1860 ?

Giuseppe Mazzini

Giuseppe Garibaldi

Count Cavour

3. In which city state were the Medici family so powerful ?

Rome

Venice

Florence

1. Giuseppe Mazzini

He was later also the founder of « Young Europe ».

2. Giuseppe Garibaldi

Named the « Hero of the Two Worlds » for his military expeditions in both South America and Europe.

3. Florence



1. Who is the last Italian Pope ?

Pius XII

Benedict XV

John Paul I

2. Which dictator ruled Italy during World War II ?

Mussolini

Franco

Ciano

3. In which historic building is the Italian Senate housing ?

Palazzo del Quirinale

Palazzo Montecitorio

Palazzo Madama

1. John Paul I

Born Albino Luciani, reigned as Pope from August 26th 1978 until his death 33 days later.

2. Mussolini

3. Palazzo Madama



- 1. What was the town destroyed by Vesuvius in 79AD?**

Pompei
Sorrento
Paestum

- 2. Christopher Columbus was born in which Italian port?**

Naples
Genoa
Venice

- 3. Which Italian city was the birthplace of Archimedes?**

Palermo
Messina
Siracusa

1. Pompei

2. Genoa

3. Siracusa

*Archimedes run through the streets
naked shouting «Eureka».*



1. The first capital of the Kingdom of Italy was...

Turin

Naples

Rome

2. The most popular Ancient Rome's entertainment was...

chariot racing

gladiator fights

throwing Christians to the lions

3. The Lateran Treaty was...

a relationship Italy/Catholic Church

an alliance Fascist Italy/Nazi

Germany

an alliance Italy/USA

1. Turin
2. Gladiator fights
3. A relationship Italy / Catholic Church



1. What is Italy's system of government?

Parliamentary republic

Dictatorship

Constitutional monarchy

2. The triangle of heavy-industry cities includes

Rome, Florence, and Milan

Rome, Florence, and Tuscany

Milan, Turin, and Genoa

3. Italy celebrates its national Holiday on...

July 4th

June 2nd

May 1st

1. Parliamentary republic with a ceremonial head of state

2. Milan, Turin, and Genoa

3. June 2nd

June 2nd marks the day in 1946 when Italy voted in a referendum to abolish the monarchy and become a republic.



1. Which Italian city was the birthplace of pizza?

Rome

Naples

Florence

2. Where could you find «zabaione»?

in a restaurant

in a clothes shop

in an office

3. What is Olivetti?

a football team

a type of olive oil

an office equipment company

1. Naples

Pizza margherita, served to Queen Margherita of Savoy, had the Italian flag's colours: red tomato, white mozzarella and green basil.

2. In a restaurant

Zabaione is an Italian dessert made with egg yolks, sugar, and Marsala wine.

3. An office equipment company

It was founded as a typewriter manufacturer in 1908 in Ivrea, near Turin, by Camillo Olivetti.



1. What is the most practised religion in Italy?

protestantism

methodism

catholicism

2. The most famous red wine from Tuscany is

Sangiovese

Chianti

Cabernet

3. « Spaghetti » actually means

little worms

little tubes

little strings

1. Catholicism

Approximately 90% of the population of Italy identifies itself as Catholic. Only about 1/3 are actually practicing Catholics.

2. Chianti

Chianti was historically associated with a squat bottle enclosed in a straw basket, called a fiasco.

3. Little strings

Spaghetti is the plural form of the Italian word spaghetti, which is a diminutive of spago, meaning «thin string» or «twine».



1. Which of the following is the Italian name for ice cream ?

gelatina

grissini

gelato

2. What is «aceto balsamico» made of?

cooked grape musts

sour olives

caramel

3. Which of the following is not an ingredient in pesto ?

olive oil

basil

olives

1. Gelato

2. Cooked grape musts

The word balsamico means «balsam-like» in the sense of «restorative» or «curative».

3. Olives



1. «Focaccia» is a type of...

meat

bread

cheese

2. St Mark's basilica is in...

Rome

Florence

Venice

**3. The Valley of the Temples
in Sicily contains**

the most important Italian museums

the best Greek ruins outside Greece

the most beautiful Sicilian villages

1. Bread

Focaccia is a flat oven-baked Italian bread, which may be topped with herbs or other ingredients.

2. Venice

For its opulent design and gilded Byzantine mosaics, it was a symbol of Venetian wealth and power.

3. The best Greek ruins outside Greece

The Valley includes remains of seven temples, all in Doric style.



1. The Duomo in Milan is...

- a famous church*
- a famous shop*
- a famous street*

2. The Neapolitan Riviera is famous for...

- its industrial districts*
- its breathtaking landscapes*
- its wild forests*

3. The Senese Palio is...

- a medieval-style horse race*
- a road from Siena to Florence*
- a valley of monuments*

1. A famous church

It is the fourth largest cathedral in the world and the largest in Italy.

2. Its breathtaking landscapes

It gazes out across the Bay of Naples. Honey-coloured cliffs drop into the sea and hills shimmer with lemon trees.

3. A medieval-style horse race

Ten horses and riders, bareback and dressed in the appropriate colours, represent ten Contrade in a race held on August 16th.



1. The capital of Tuscany is...

Bari

Palermo

Florence

2. What is «Tarantella»?

a dance

a shape of pasta

a painting technique

3. Spaghetti alla carbonara is...

grilled Tuscan sliced beef

pasta with olives and capers

pasta with bacon, egg, cheese,

pepper

1. Florence

Tuscany is widely regarded as the true birthplace of the Italian Renaissance.

2. A dance

The term tarantella groups a number of different southern Italian couple folk dances accompanied by tambourines.

3. Pasta with bacon, egg, cheese, pepper

The dish was created by the Carbonari («charcoalmen»), a secret society during the unification of Italy.



1. The most famous Italian carnival is...

in Rome
in Venice
in Naples

2. Who has been one of the most famous tenors of all times ?

Maurizio Pollini
Luciano Pavarotti
Alessandro Scarlatti

3. Which Italian city is the true fashion capital of the world ?

Rome
Florence
Milan

1. In Venice

Venetian masks can be made in leather or with the original glass technique.

2. Luciano Pavarotti

He was one of « The Three Tenors » and became well known for his televised concerts and media appearances.

3. Milan

According to the 2009 Global Language Monitor, Milan was nominated the true fashion capital of the world.



1. The term «Dolce Vita» comes from ...

- a famous Fellini movie*
- a street in Rome*
- a Christmas cake*

2. The most famous film director of the 20th century is...

- Federico Fellini*
- Federico Moccia*
- Dario Argento*

3. «Caffé espresso» is...

- a cappuccino*
- one shot of coffee with milk*
- one shot of strong, dark coffee*

1. A famous Fellini movie

It contains the famous scene in the Trevi Fountain with Marcello Mastroianni and Anita Ekberg

2. Federico Fellini

He won five Academy Awards in a career that spanned over forty years.

3. One shot of strong, dark coffee



1. The colours of the Italian flag are...

*yellow, blue, red
green, white, red
orange, black, pink*

2. Who is the most famous italian blind tenor?

*Enrico Caruso
Mario Del Monaco
Andrea Bocelli*

3. What is the real name of the Mafia?

*Camorra
Cosa Nostra
Ndrangheta*

1. Green, white, red

It is often referred to in Italian as «il Tricolore».

2. Andrea Bocelli

Bocelli sang «Nessun Dorma» during the opening ceremony of the Expo 2010 in Shanghai, China.

3. Cosa Nostra

The Mafia turncoats referred to their organization by the term Cosa Nostra («our thing» or «this thing of ours»).



1. The two biggest Italian islands are Sicily and...

Sardinia

Malta

Corsica

2. Europe's largest and most active volcano is...

Mount Vesuvius

Mount Etna

Mount Epomeo

3. Which two countries are surrounded by Italy?

Gibraltar and Andorra

Monaco and Andorra

Vatican and San Marino

1. Sardinia

2. Mount Etna

3. Vatican and San Marino



1. Which is Italy's longest river?

Arno

Po

Tiber

2. Which border joins Italy, France, Switzerland, Slovenia and Austria?

Cristal rocks

Alps

Apennines

3. The largest lakes in Italy are...

Garda, Maggiore, Como,

Garda, Maggiore, Lugano

Garda, Como, Costanza

1. Po

It is 652 Km long. It rises from Monviso in the Alps (Piedmont) and flows in to Adriatic sea.

2. Alps

3. Garda, Maggiore, Como,

Lakes in Italy form a major attraction for the tourists to Italy. Many of them have their origin in the glaciers.



1. Sardinia is...

an island

a mountain

a lake

2. Capri is...

an industrial town

a national park

an island in the Tyrrhenian Sea

3. Dolomites are...

Italian mountains

Italian lakes

Italian rivers

1. An island

It is the second-largest island in the Mediterranean Sea (after Sicily and before Cyprus).

2. An island in the Tyrrhenian Sea

Capri is part of the region of Campania, Province of Naples.

3. Italian mountains

The name «Dolomites» comes from the famous French mineralogist Déodat Gratet de Dolomieu who was the first to describe the rock.



1. Como is located on...

a lake

a lagoon off the Adriatic sea

a river

2. Venice is situated on...

small islands

small mountains

small hills

3. How many volcanoes are there in Italy?

nine

eleven

fourteen

1. A lake

2. Small islands

Venice is situated on 120 islands formed by 177 canals in the lagoon between the mouths of the Po and Piave rivers, in the Adriatic Sea.

3. Fourteen

There are 9 active volcanoes. The others are dormant volcanoes, but not extinct.



- 1. Italy is a peninsula with a distinct shape like a...**

boot
shoe
hand

- 2. Which sea is between Italy and Greece?**

Adriatic Sea
Ligurian Sea
Tyrrhenian Sea

- 3. The main pass that connects Italy with Austria is**

Saint Gottard Pass
Brenner Pass
Simplon Pass

1. Boot

2. Adriatic Sea

Italy's richness in thermal and mineral waters have made it a favourite venue for «health care tourism».

3. Brenner Pass

It has been a strategic trade and invasion route since Roman times.



1. The Grand Canal is...

a river

Venice main waterway

a lake

2. Montecatini, Abano, Fiuggi, Ischia are

places for health care tourism

places to practice trekking

industrial towns

3. The Padana plain stretches

at the feet of the Alpine arc

over the river Arno

in Sicily

1. Venice main waterway

Public transport is provided by water buses (Italian : vaporetti) and many tourists explore the canal by gondola.

2. Places for health care tourism

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3. At the feet of the Alpine arc



1. Where is aceto balsamico coming from ?

Napoli

Roma

Modena

2. What is the famous bridge across the Arno in Florence ?

Ponte Vecchio

Ponte Milvio

Ponte della libertà

3. What is the setting of Romeo and Juliet ?

Venezia

Verona

Roma

1. Modena

2. Ponte Vecchio

3. Verona



- 1. In which region are the «Five Lands» (Le Cinque Terre)?**

Liguria

Toscana

Lazio

- 2. From which animal is mozzarella coming from?**

goat

donkey

buffalo

- 3. One of the following waterfalls is human made. Which one?**

Marmore's falls (Cascata delle Marmore)

Acquacheta waterfalls

Tures waterfalls

1. Liguria

The Five Lands is a rugged portion of coast composed of five villages near the city of La Spezia.

It is an UNESCO World Heritage Site.

2. Buffalo

3. Marmore's falls (Cascata delle Marmore)

Created by the ancient Romans in 271 BC. Their total height is 165 m.



- 1. The most important Italian saltworks are in Apulia. Where?**

Marsala

Trapani

Margherita di Savoia

- 2. Which of these is not an Italian national park?**

Grand Mere

Gran Sasso

Gran Paradiso

- 3. In which region are the Castellana Caves?**

Abruzzo

Tuscany

Apulia

1. Margherita di Savoia

It was the most important salt works operating since 3rd Century B.C.

2. Grand Mere

3. Apulia

The caves, discovered in 1938 by the speleologist Franco Anelli are in the province of Bari, Apulia.



1. Which Italian city is famous for its alabaster?

Varese

Verona

Volterra

2. What is Italy's region which lies northeast of Sicily?

Tuscany

Calabria

Apulia

3. Which region was hit by a devastating earthquake in 2009?

Abruzzo

Apulia

Piedmont

1. Volterra

Volterra is an ancient village near Pisa which has always been synonymous with alabaster.

2. Calabria

3. Abruzzo

The 2009 L'Aquila earthquake occurred in the region of Abruzzo, central Italy and was rated 5.8 on the Richter scale.



1. Who is the first pilot of Ferrari now?

Barrichello

Alonso

Trulli

2. Where are Ferrari cars produced?

Turin

Modena

Rome

3. Which colour is a Ferrari car?

red

blue

grey

1. Alonso

Ferrari is the most famous race team in the world.

2. Modena

3. Red



1. **Luna Rossa (Red Moon)**
is the name of...

- a Formula One car*
- a sailing boat*
- a racing motorcycle*

2. **What type of racing
motorcycle does Valentino
Rossi ride ?**

- Honda*
- Kawasaki*
- Ducati*

3. **The Italian international tennis
tournament takes place in...**

- Palermo*
- Naples*
- Rome*

1. A sailing boat

Prada, a reference brand for style and fashion worldwide, is the Team Luna Rossa's only sponsor.

2. Ducati

3. Rome

On the clay courts of Foro Italico.



1. Who won the Football World Cup 2006 ?

Brazil

France

Italy

2. Jury Chechi, a famous Italian Gymnast, was named

The Lord of the Rings

My sweet Lord

The Lord is my Shepherd

3. Carolina Kostner is the Italian champion of...

athletics

figure skating

fencing

1. Italy

2. The Lord of the Rings

3. Figure skating



- 1. The colour of the shirts of the Italian football players is...**

black with pink stripes

light blue

red

- 2. Who won the marathon in the Athens Olympics 2004?**

Baldini

Modica

Leone

- 3. He hold the men's 200 meters world record for 17 years**

Alberto Tomba

Pietro Mennea

Antonio Rossi

Answers

1. Light blue

2. Baldini

3. Pietro Mennea



- 1. In which of these clubs is Francesco Totti playing ?**

Inter

Roma

Juventus

- 2. Which two Italian teams share the same stadium ?**

Inter and AC Milan

Sampdoria and Messina

Juventus and Inter Milan

- 3. The Italian swimmer who holds 3 world records is...**

Sara Simeoni

Flavia Pennetta

Federica Pellegrini

1. Roma

2. Inter and AC Milan

3. Federica Pellegrini

She is the women's 200 m freestyle and 400m freestyle world record holder and the first Italian female Olympic champion in swimming.



1. Where were the 2006 Winter Olympics hosted?

Milan

Rome

Turin

2. Where did Italy win the 2006 FIFA World Cup?

Frankfurt

Berlin

Bonn

3. Paul, the octopus, predicted during the 2010 World Cup

the outcomes of eight matches

the outcomes of two matches

the outcomes of three matches

1. Turin

2. Berlin

3. The outcomes of eight matches



- 1. What did Francesca Schiavone, the tennis player, win in 2010?**

French Open (Roland-Garros)

US Open

Australian Open

- 2. He is regarded as the best referee of all time**

Pierluigi Collina

Byron Moreno

Luciano Moggi

- 3. What has Valentina Vezzali, the Italian fencer, won?**

five Olympic gold medals

two Olympic gold medals

three Olympic gold medals

1. French Open (Roland-Garros)

2. Pierluigi Collina

The permanent loss of all his facial hair, gives him his distinctive bald appearance and the nickname Kojak.

3. Five Olympic gold medals



1. One of most dominant goalkeepers in history

Gigi Buffon

Roberto Baggio

Christian Vieri

2. The living legend of Juventus and Italian football is...

Francesco Totti

Antonio Cassano

Alessandro Del Piero

3. The dominating motorcycle racer during the last few years is...

Valentino Rossi

Alberto Tomba

Giacomo Agostini

1. Gigi Buffon

2. Alessandro Del Piero

Along with three awards in Italy for gentlemanly conduct, he has also won the Golden Foot award for personality and playing ability.

3. Valentino Rossi



1. Who is the greatest Italian climber in history?

Antonio Del Piero

Reinhold Messner

Ignazio La Russa

2. The sprint canoer who has competed since the early 1990s is

Antonio Rossi

Umberto Abbagnale

Massimiliano Rosolino

3. He was the dominant technical skier in the 1990s

Zeno Colé

Italo Pedroncelli

Alberto Tomba

1. Reinhold Messner

He is famous for making the first solo ascent of Mount Everest without supplemental oxygen and the first to ascend all «8000's».

2. Antonio Rossi

He was the Italian flag bearer at the opening ceremony of the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing.

3. Alberto Tomba

Nicknamed «La Bomba» due to his explosive style, is one of the legendary and most loved alpine skiers in the world.



- 1. He is the only Italian player to score in three World Cups**

Franco Baresi

Paolo Rossi

Roberto Baggio

- 2. The 10-time Olympic medalist in cross-country skiing is...**

Deborah Compagnoni

Stefania Belmondo

Caroline Kostner

- 3. Who was the Italian coach at the World Cup 2006 ?**

Marcello Lippi

Roberto Donadoni

Cesare Prandelli

1. Roberto Baggio

Baggio is known as Il Divin Codino (The Divine Ponytail), for the hairstyle he wore for most of his career and his Buddhist background.

2. Stefania Belmondo

At the 2006 Winter Olympics in Turin, in her native region of Piedmont, she lit the Olympic Flame at the opening ceremony.

3. Marcello Lippi