

The Motis Test

THE MOTIS TEST¹: ANSWERS

Which of the following is not a fruit?

peach apple grass lemon

1 What is a waka?

bird horse storm canoe

2 The opposite of enemy is

manu hoa toru marae

3 When you leave a cemetery, what should you do first?

have a meal tell jokes sing a song
 wash your hands

4 Which one of these four words is most unlike the others?

puha pipi tuna kina

5 Where would it be bad manners to take food?

store house dining hall meeting house
 whare puni

6 A fantail flying around inside your house, is a sign of what?

good luck bad luck stormy weather fine weather

7 What does whakahihi mean?

to laugh to cry to talk to skite

8 Which of the following is a name for the North Island:

Te Ika a Maui Waipounamu Maunganui Aotearoa

9 What is a haurangi?

speaker for his people man of great mana a drunk
 farmer

10 What does this proverb mean? Kia u, kia mau ki to Maoritanga

Hold on to your Maoritanga
 Maoritanga and the birds are of one wing
 The Maoritanga of old is not new
 Eating is the heart of Maoritanga

What was your score?

Is this a fair test of your ability?

More than 8 out of 10	You are a very intelligent person
7 out of 10	With a lot of extra tuition you might be able to succeed at NCEA Level 1
Less than 7 out of 10	Whoops! You are virtually ineducable. But never mind, a factory or building labouring jobs are still possible if you are prepared to work hard.

Did you know that intelligence tests like this one, used to stream children in schools, really only measure your cultural competence?

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