

Male participation in higher education: Quiz answers

The correct answers are in **bold** text.

1. When did female participation in higher education first exceed male participation?
(a) **1992/3** (b) 1997/8 (c) 2002/3

2. In which year was 'sex inequality' recognised by HEFCE as an issue for widening participation?
(a) 2002 (b) **2007** (c) 2012

3. In 2009/10 year of entry what proportion of the young (under 21) cohort was men?
(a) **33%** (b) 40% (c) 45%

4. The participation of men as mature students (compared to young students) is:
(a) The same (b) Better (c) **Worse**

5. Which group(s) of men are the most under-represented in HE?
(a) White working class (b) Black Afro-Caribbean
(c) White working class and Black Afro-Caribbean

6. Which university type have the highest proportion of men?
(a) Post-1992 (b) **Pre-1992** (c) No difference

7. Which three of the following subjects are most popular with men (2008/9)?
(a) Built environment (71%) (b) Business (51%) (c) **Economics (68%)**
(d) Engineering (84%) (e) Maths (59%) (f) Media (45%)

8. Which three of the following subjects are least popular with men?

(a) Computer science (80%) **(b) English (30%)** **(c) Health (13%)**
(d) History (46%) (e) Marketing (44%) **(f) Psychology (21)**

9. What rates of retention and completion do men have in HE compared to women?

(a) The same (b) Higher **(c) Lower**

10. Are male graduates more, less or equally likely to be unemployed as women six months after graduation?

(a) More likely (b) Equally likely (c) Less likely to be unemployed

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