

True/False Questions:

1. **Kareem Abdul-Jabbar was born in Los Angeles.**
 - **False** (He was born in New York City.)
 2. **Kareem's signature shot was called the "skyhook."**
 - **True**
 3. **He won six NBA championships during his career.**
 - **True**
 4. **Kareem changed his name to Kareem Abdul-Jabbar after he joined the Lakers.**
 - **False** (He changed his name in 1971, when he was still with the Milwaukee Bucks.)
 5. **Kareem Abdul-Jabbar played basketball for 10 years in the NBA.**
 - **False** (He played for 20 years, from 1969 to 1989.)
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Open-Ended Questions:

1. **What was Kareem Abdul-Jabbar's birth name, and why did he change it?**
 - Kareem Abdul-Jabbar's birth name was Ferdinand Lewis Alcindor Jr. He changed his name in 1971 when he became a Muslim. His new name reflected his faith: "Kareem" means "generous," "Abdul" means "servant," and "Jabbar" means "powerful" in Arabic.
 2. **Why is the skyhook shot special, and how did it help Kareem during his career?**
 - The skyhook is special because it was almost impossible to block due to Kareem's height and the high arc of the shot. This unique move helped him score many points and became his signature shot, making him one of the top scorers in basketball history.
 3. **How many NBA championships did Kareem win, and with which teams?**
 - Kareem won six NBA championships—one with the Milwaukee Bucks in 1971 and five with the Los Angeles Lakers in 1980, 1982, 1985, 1987, and 1988.
 4. **What other work has Kareem done off the basketball court?**
 - Kareem Abdul-Jabbar has worked as a writer, actor, and activist. He has written books about history and social justice, acted in movies and TV shows, and has spoken out about civil rights, education, and health care.
 5. **What award did President Obama give to Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, and why?**
 - President Barack Obama gave Kareem Abdul-Jabbar the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2016. This award recognized Kareem's contributions to basketball and his work for social justice and equality.
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Multiple-Choice Questions:

1. **Where did Kareem Abdul-Jabbar grow up?**

- a) Los Angeles
- b) Harlem, New York
- c) Chicago
- d) Miami

(Answer: b)

2. **What was Kareem's height when he was in eighth grade?**

- a) 5 feet 10 inches
- b) 6 feet 2 inches
- c) 6 feet 8 inches
- d) 7 feet

(Answer: c)

3. **What team did Kareem play for before joining the Los Angeles Lakers?**

- a) Chicago Bulls
- b) New York Knicks
- c) Milwaukee Bucks
- d) Miami Heat

(Answer: c)

4. **How many MVP awards did Kareem Abdul-Jabbar win?**

- a) 4
- b) 5
- c) 6
- d) 7

(Answer: c)

5. **In which year did Kareem retire from the NBA?**

- a) 1985
- b) 1987
- c) 1989
- d) 1991

(Answer: c)