

# 1950s MUSIC TRIVIA QUIZ

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1> Recorded in 1952, "Auf Wiederseh'n Sweetheart" was a US Number 1 hit for which singer?

- a. Patti Page
- b. Kay Starr
- c. Rosemary Clooney
- d. Vera Lynn

2> "I Can Dream, Can't I" was at Number 1 hit for 4 weeks in 1950. Name the artist.

- a. The Andrews Sisters
- b. The Daniels Sisters
- c. The Michaels Sisters
- d. The Davids Sisters

3> Carlos Wilson and Edward Bowers were members of which American doo-wop vocal group?

- a. The Clovers
- b. The Cadillacs
- c. The Platters
- d. The Dominoes

4> One of the pioneers of rock and roll music, Chuck Berry is most known for playing which instrument?

- a. Trumpet
- b. Guitar

- c. Piano
- d. Drums

5> Mercury Record's first successful female artist, Clara Ann Fowler is the real name of which of these 1950s stars?

- a. Peggy Lee
- b. Patti Page
- c. June Valli
- d. Doris Day

6> Complete the title of this major 1950s hit for the Everly Brothers - "Wake Up Little..."?

- a. Annie
- b. Daisy
- c. Mary
- d. Susie

7> "Good Night Irene" was a 1950 Number 1 hit for Gordon Jenkins and....?

- a. The Weavers
- b. The Jets
- c. The Dolls
- d. The Spinners

8> How old was Sam Cooke when he was fatally shot by Bertha Franklin in Los Angeles, California?

- a. 33
- b. 55
- c. 22
- d. 44

9> Best known for her two number one hits, "Wheel of Fortune" and "The Rock And Roll Waltz," Katherine Laverne Starks was the real name of which 1950s singer?

- a. Peggy Lee
- b. Patti Page
- c. Kay Starr
- d. Rosemary Clooney

10> "Only You (And You Alone)" was the debut hit for which American vocal group?

- a. The Dominoes
- b. The Clovers
- c. The Cadillacs
- d. The Platters

11> Known for his trademark dark sunglasses, "The Big O" was the nickname given to which star?

- a. Bobby Darin
- b. Ritchie Valens
- c. Huey Smith
- d. Roy Orbison

12> Tony Bennett had a 1951 Number 1 hit with the song "Cold, Cold...."?

- a. Heart
- b. Day
- c. You
- d. Night

13> What was Elvis Presley's last Number 1 hit song of the 1950s?

- a. A Big Hunk o' Love
- b. Wooden Heart
- c. It's Now or Never

d. Stuck on You

14> What year saw Bill Haley storm the charts with "Rock Around the Clock"?

- a. 1958
- b. 1952
- c. 1954
- d. 1956

15> Which of the following artists starred in the 1950s TV show, "The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet"?

- a. Johnny Otis
- b. Bobby Darin
- c. Hank Ballard
- d. Ricky Nelson

16> Which of these acts was first to have a Number 1 on the US Billboard Chart in the 1950s?

- a. Patti Page
- b. Red Foley
- c. Gene Autry
- d. Nat King Cole

17> Which popular doo-wop group had hits in the 1950s with "Star Dust" and "Have Mercy Baby"?

- a. The Cadillacs
- b. The Platters
- c. The Clovers
- d. The Dominoes

18> Ranked number 69 on Rolling Stone's 100 Greatest Artists of All Time list, who was

often billed as "Mr. Excitement"?

- a. Little Willie John
- b. Jackie Wilson
- c. Chuck Willis
- d. Frankie Lymon

## Answers:

- 1> Vera Lynn - Auf Wiederseh'n Sweetheart is a cover version of German composer Eberhard Storch's 'Auf wiedersehen, auf wiedersehen'.
- 2> The Andrews Sisters - Tommy Dorsey originally released the song in 1938.
- 3> The Clovers - The Clovers formed in 1946 and are probably best known for their 1959 hit 'Love Potion No. 9'.
- 4> Guitar - Chuck spent three years in prison for transporting a 14-year-old girl across US state lines.
- 5> Patti Page - Patti's signature song was 'Tennessee Waltz'.
- 6> Susie - Wake Up Little Susie was released on September 2, 1957.
- 7> The Weavers - Originally recorded by Lead Belly in 1938, Gordon Jenkins and the Weaver's version was released in 1950.
- 8> 33 - Released in 1956, Sam's first single was 'Lovable'.
- 9> Kay Starr - Billie Holiday said Starr was 'the only white woman who could sing the blues.'
- 10> The Platters - The Platters had 4 number one Billboard hits.
- 11> Roy Orbison - Roy Orbison died at the age of 52 on December 6, 1988.
- 12> Heart - Cold, Cold Heart was written by Hank Williams
- 13> A Big Hunk o' Love - A Big Hunk o' Love was released on June 23, 1959.
- 14> 1954 - Rock Around the Clock was a number one single on both the US and UK charts.
- 15> Ricky Nelson - Rick Nelson was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame on January 21, 1987.
- 16> Gene Autry - His hit was 'Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer'.
- 17> The Dominoes - The Dominoes had a number one US hit with 'Sixty-Minute Man' in 1951.
- 18> Jackie Wilson - Wilson recorded over 50 hit singles during his musical career.

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