

1950s MUSIC TRIVIA QUIZ II



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1> Loannis Alexandres Veliotos was the birth name of which 1950s act?

- a. Hank Ballard
- b. Sam Cooke
- c. Bo Diddley
- d. Johnny Otis

2> Covered by many different artists since its release in 1956, "I Put a Spell on You" was written by whom?

- a. Jay Hawkins
- b. Duane Eddy
- c. Otis Williams
- d. Jack Scott

3> Complete the title of this 1952 number one song for Kay Starr - "Wheel of ..."?

- a. Money
- b. Fortune
- c. Hope
- d. Destiny

4> "Cry Cry Cry" was the first single released by which of the following artists?

- a. Billy Ward
- b. Johnny Cash
- c. Eddie Cochran

d. Jerry Lee Lewis

5> Covered by many artists, what 1957 hit song opens with the lyric - "I'm so young and you're so old. This, my darling, I've been told"?

- a. You Send Me
- b. That'll Be the Day
- c. Wake Up Little Susie
- d. Diana

6> Herb Reed and Zola Taylor were members of which 1950s band?

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

7> Leroy Anderson produced most of his 1950s work with an orchestra located in which city?

- a. Boston
- b. Chicago
- c. Houston
- d. New York

8> Pop Star Bobby Darin won a Golden Globe for his role in which 1961 romantic comedy film?

- a. Come June
- b. Come May
- c. Come December
- d. Come September

9> Sam Cooke is often referred to as the King of...?

- a. Jazz
- b. The Blue
- c. Country
- d. Soul

10> Their final effort, "That'll Be the Day" was a 1958 album and song by which well-known artist?

- a. Little Richard
- b. Bobby Darin
- c. Buddy Holly
- d. Bill Haley

11> The song "Come Go with Me" was the first major hit for which band?

- a. The Cadillacs
- b. The Clowns
- c. The Belmonts
- d. The Del Vikings

12> What is the correct title of a hit that was recorded by Larry Williams in 1958?

- a. Lizzy is Dizzy
- b. Dizzy Miss Lizzy
- c. Miss Lizzy Dizzy
- d. Fizzy Miss Lizzy

13> What was Frank Sinatra's middle name?

- a. Julian
- b. Albert
- c. David
- d. Edward

14> Which female singer had hits in the 1950s with "Botch a Me" and "This Ole House"?

- a. Peggy Lee
- b. Dolly Parton
- c. Patti Page
- d. Rosemary Clooney

15> Which singer released the album "The Italian Voice of..." in the 1950s?

- a. Al Martino
- b. Mario Lanza
- c. Tony Bennet
- d. Les Paul

16> Who hit number one in 1950 with the song "Teardrops From My Eyes"?

- a. Patti Page
- b. Big Mama Thornton
- c. Dolly Parton
- d. Ruth Brown

17> With the number one hits "C. C. Rider" and "What Am I Living For," who was known as "The King of Stroll"?

- a. Johnny Otis
- b. Johnny Ace
- c. Chuck Willis
- d. Ricky Nelson

18> "Yakety Yak" was a major hit in the 1950s for which group?

- a. The Dominoes
- b. The Platters

- c. The Coasters
- d. The Drifters

19> Which 1950s song opens with the lyric - "Deep down Louisiana close to New Orleans, way back up in the woods among the evergreens"?

- a. Johnny B. Goode
- b. Summertime Blues
- c. Mystery Train
- d. Whole Lotta Shakin' Goin' On

20> Antoine is the first name of which American pianist, singer-songwriter?

- a. Little Richard
- b. Ray Charles
- c. Chuck Berry
- d. Fats Domino

Answers:

- 1> Johnny Otis - Johnny is commonly referred to as the 'Godfather of Rhythm and Blues'.
- 2> Jay Hawkins - Unfortunately, Hawkins' original version did not make any charts.
- 3> Fortune - The song was used as the theme to the TV series Wheel of Fortune.
- 4> Johnny Cash - Released in 1955, Cry Cry Cry entered the charts at #14.
- 5> Diana - Diana was written and originally recorded by Paul Anka.
- 6> The Platters - The Platters had 40 singles on the Billboard Hot 100 chart between 1955 and 1967. Four reached number one.
- 7> Boston - Leroy Anderson has a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.
- 8> Come September - The film also starred Rock Hudson, Gina Lollobrigida and Sandra Dee.
- 9> Soul - Sam was fatally shot in December of 1964 at the age of 33.
- 10> Buddy Holly - That'll Be the Day was Holly's third and final studio album.
- 11> The Del Vikings - Come Go with Me sold over one million copies.
- 12> Dizzy Miss Lizzy - The song was covered by the Beatles on their 1965 Help! album.
- 13> Albert - Selling more than 150 million records worldwide, Sinatra is one of the best-selling music artists of all time.
- 14> Rosemary Clooney - Rosemary recorded until her death in 2002.
- 15> Al Martino - Al was active from 1948 until his death in 2009.
- 16> Ruth Brown - Teardrops From My Eyes was Ruth's first of five number-one hits.
- 17> Chuck Willis - Active from 1950 to 1958, Willis died during surgery at the young age of 30.
- 18> The Coasters - Released in 1958, Yakety Yak spent seven weeks at number one on the rhythm and blues chart.
- 19> Johnny B. Goode - Johnny B. Goode was released on March 31st, 1958.
- 20> Fats Domino - Still active today (2015), Fats got his start in 1947.

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