

# 1950s TRIVIA QUIZ QUESTIONS II



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1> In 1950, war broke out when South Korea was invaded by which country?

- a. United States
- b. North Korea
- c. Japan
- d. France

2> In 1951, in Germany, what designer of Hitler's 'Peoples Car', and of an impressive sports car, died?

- a. Lucien Rosengart
- b. Henry Ford
- c. Ferdinand Porsche
- d. Wunibald Kamm

3> In the U.S, which newspaper tycoon died in 1951?

- a. John D. Rockefeller
- b. Andrew Carnegie
- c. William Randolph Hearst
- d. Henry Ford

4> Which English philologist published his first part of the trilogy The Lord of the Rings in 1954?

- a. J.R.R Tolkien
- b. John Steinbeck
- c. J.D. Salinger
- d. Harper Lee

5> In 1955, the film entitled, "The Blackboard Jungle" launched a rock song

destined to become a classic. What is the song called?

- a. Unchained Melody
- b. Rock Around The Clock
- c. Ballad of Davy Crockett
- d. The Great Pretender

6> One of Hollywood's favourite "tough guys" lost his battle against cancer in 1957. What is his name?

- a. Humphrey Bogart
- b. Rock Hudson
- c. James Dean
- d. Cary Grant

7> Which charismatic rebel leader defeated the dictator of Cuba, turning it into a communist state in 1959?

- a. Juscelino Kubitschek
- b. Fidel Castro
- c. John A. Costello
- d. Gustavo Rojas Pinilla

8> Leslie Caron and Maurice Chevallier co-starred in which movie released in 1958?

- a. Gigi
- b. Cat on a Hot Tin Roof
- c. Vertigo
- d. The Defiant Ones

9> In Britain, who was Prime Minister Anthony Eden's successor when he resigned in 1957?

- a. Clement Attlee
- b. Winston Churchill
- c. Harold Macmillan
- d. Alec Douglas-Home

10> The 16th modern Olympic games that took place in 1956 were staged in which city?

- a. Melbourne
- b. Paris
- c. New York
- d. Calgary

11> In 1955, a woman in Alabama, U.S.A was arrested for violating the segregated seating laws on a bus. What was her name?

- a. Louise Parkton
- b. Rosa Parks
- c. Betty Parker
- d. Veronica Parker

12> Who announced the discovery of the double helix structure of DNA in 1953?

- a. Kilby and Noyce
- b. Crick and Watson
- c. Chaplin, Fuller and Pearson
- d. Knerr and Melin

13> Which heavyweight defeated Joe Walcott to become World Champion in 1952?

- a. Jake LaMotta
- b. Rocky Marciano
- c. Joe Louis
- d. Rocky Graziano

## Answers:

- 1> North Korea - The Korean War was a proxy war with both North Korea and South Korea sponsored by external powers.
- 2> Ferdinand Porsche - Porsche suffered a stroke and did not fully recover. He died on 30 January 1951 at the age of 75.
- 3> William Randolph Hearst - Hearst's life story was a source of inspiration for the lead character in Orson Welles' film Citizen Kane.
- 4> J.R.R Tolkien - In 2009, Forbes ranked Tolkien the 5th top-earning dead celebrity.
- 5> Rock Around The Clock - 'Rock Around the Clock' is a 12-bar-blues-based song written by Max C. Freedman and James E. Myers.
- 6> Humphrey Bogart - Bogart's last movie was The Harder They Fall.
- 7> Fidel Castro - The United States tried to overthrow him through multiple assassination attempts and the failed Bay of Pigs invasion of 1961.
- 8> Gigi - Based on the 1944 novella of the same name, Gigi won nine Oscars.
- 9> Harold Macmillan - Harold Macmillan was Prime Minister of the United Kingdom from 10 January 1957 to 18 October 1963.
- 10> Melbourne - The 1956 Olympic Games were the first to be held outside Europe and North America.
- 11> Rosa Parks - Parks refused to obey the bus driver's order that she give up her seat in the colored section to a white passenger.
- 12> Crick and Watson - Knerr and Melin invented the Hula-hoop in 1958.
- 13> Rocky Marciano - Rocky Marciano is the only champion boxer to hold the heavyweight title and go undefeated throughout his career at 49 wins.