

ARTS AND LITERATURE TRIVIA QUESTIONS III



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1> His "Bolero", which builds over 15 minutes, became synonymous with sex after the release of the Bo Derek movie "10". Who?

- a. Maurice Ravel
- b. Modest Mussorsky
- c. Aaron Copland
- d. Hector Berlioz

2> Betty Buckley was in the 1976 movie version of this book, as well as the disastrous 1988 Broadway musical version. What novel is this?

- a. The Stand
- b. The Shining
- c. Carrie
- d. Misery

3> Shakespeare wrote a play whose title required the domestication of what mouse-like insectivore?

- a. Bat
- b. Mole
- c. Shrew
- d. Anteater

4> What author's great-grandson Simon directed the 2002 movie version of his 1895 novel "The Time Machine"?

- a. Jules Verne
- b. Mark Twain
- c. HG Wells
- d. Edgar Allan Poe

5> Set during the 1916 Easter Rebellion, "The Plough and the Stars" provoked so much anarchy in 1926 that its playwright fled the country. Who was he?

- a. Sean O'Casey
- b. Federico Garcia Lorca
- c. Henrik Ibsen
- d. Jean Paul Sartre

6> Born Judy Cohen, whose most famous project was The Dinner Party, a table set for 39 of history's great women?

- a. Judy Dallas
- b. Judy Miami
- c. Judy Chicago
- d. Judy Cleveland

7> What architect worked on two of Europe's most exciting new buildings, the Georges Pompidou Centre in Paris and Potsdamer Platz in Berlin?

- a. Renzo Clarinet
- b. Renzo Piccolo
- c. Renzo Piano
- d. Renzo Viola

8> Although this Czech country is landlocked and has no deserts, a shepherd in "The Winter's Tale" finds a young princess in the desert there, after her ship has deposited her. Where is this?

- a. Savoy
- b. Bohemia
- c. Lombardy
- d. Pomerania

9> Known for his gritty realism, what hot-tempered Italian painter killed Ranuccio Tomassoni after a tennis game and fled to Naples?

- a. Raphael
- b. Donatello
- c. Caravaggio
- d. Masaccio

10> What writer was beaten by five teenaged gay bashers in 1979, in Key West, and died in 1983 when he accidentally swallowed a bottle cap?

- a. Tennessee Williams
- b. Truman Capote
- c. Allen Ginsberg
- d. Gore Vidal

11> What SF writer had a "law" named for him when he wrote back to a fan with the following? "Sure, ninety percent of science fiction is crud. That's because ninety percent of everything is crud".

- a. Theodore Sturgeon
- b. Harry Harrison
- c. Paul Anderson
- d. L. Sprague de Camp

12> If enough opinion leaders make a snap decision to buy my book "Blink", it may push sales from "Outliers" over "The Tipping Point." Who am I?

- a. Robert Putnam
- b. Richard Florida
- c. Malcolm Gladwell
- d. Thomas Frank

13> In act 3, scene 3 of what play does Antigonus exit, pursued by a bear?

- a. All's Well That Ends Well
- b. Measure for Measure
- c. The Winter's Tale
- d. Troilus and Cressida

14> Produced by Universal Pictures, the Broadway musical "Wicked" fills in the back story of which story's witches?

- a. Sleeping Beauty
- b. The Wizard of Oz
- c. Macbeth
- d. Bewitched

15> Rogers and Hammerstein moved Ferenc Molnar's play "Liliom" from Budapest to New England, turning it into what musical?

- a. Show Boat
- b. Brigadoon
- c. Carousel
- d. State Fair

Answers:

1> Maurice Ravel - But he thought it was 'a piece for orchestra without music'.

2> Carrie - In one of the tunes, Carrie sings I'm Not Alone to her hairbrush.

3> Shrew - This is The Taming of the Shrew.

4> HG Wells - It starred Guy Pierce and moved the action from Surrey in England to New York City.

5> Sean O'Casey - Irish nationalists rioted because their flag was seen in the tavern used as the play's setting at Dublin's Abbey Theatre.

6> Judy Chicago - She was born in Chicago.

7> Renzo Piano - He also worked on Osaka's Kansai International Airport.

8> Bohemia - Bohemia has neither a desert nor a coastline, although Shakespeare may have meant Bithynia, in what is now Turkey.

9> Caravaggio - To be specific, it seems he was trying to castrate Tomassoni in a fight over a hooker.

10> Tennessee Williams - He left behind a play called In Masks Outrageous and Austere.

11> Theodore Sturgeon - He repeated the law in 1854 at the 11th World Science Fiction Convention in Philadelphia.

12> Malcolm Gladwell - Pepsi's Aquafina Essentials was launched using ideas from The Tipping Point.

13> The Winter's Tale - Leontes has Antigonus abandon a baby in the desert, but when he does so, he is eaten by the bear. The baby is okay and gets married when the play flash forwards 16 years.

14> The Wizard of Oz - It is based on Gregory Maguire's novel of the same name.

15> Carousel - It is about Billy Bigelow's doomed love affair.