

CLOTHING HISTORY AND TRENDS TRIVIA QUIZ



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1> Aran sweaters are associated with the fishers of Aran Island, found in what country?

- a. Norway
- b. Ireland
- c. France
- d. Portugal

2> Which is more formal - a black-tie affair or a white-tie affair?

- a. Both are equally formal
- b. Black tie
- c. White tie
- d. Neither is appropriate for formal occasions

3> Cashmere, like the goat from which it comes, is named for a troubled region in what part of the world?

- a. Middle East
- b. South Asia
- c. West Africa
- d. Northern Europe

4> In Britain, "anorak" means "nerd," but also which item of apparel, which the anoraks wear when they're train spotting?

- a. Utility belt
- b. Hooded coat
- c. Digital wristwatch
- d. Short-sleeved dress shirt

5> Named for the Duke of Wellington, Wellington boots would most likely be worn by a British person on what occasion?

- a. A wedding
- b. A very cold day
- c. A rainy day
- d. A soccer game

6> Although his dad was Czechoslovakian, Manolo Blahnik was from what unusual part of Spain?

- a. Galapagos
- b. Malta
- c. Canary Islands
- d. Gibraltar

7> What brand of shoes became trendy in the 1980s, when Run DMC sang a hit song about them?

- a. Adidas
- b. Nike
- c. Puma
- d. Reebok

8> What type of yarn and cloth is named for a village in Norfolk, England, to which Flemish weavers arrived in the 1100s?

- a. Tweed
- b. Denim
- c. Worsted
- d. Calico

9> What hat, introduced by Norfolk's William Coke and named for the company that made it, is still worn today by London gentlemen and Irish Orangemen?

- a. Derby
- b. Stetson
- c. Bowler
- d. Homburg

10> The ushanka, a fur cap with earflaps that can be tied, is most closely

associated with what country?

- a. Russia
- b. Finland
- c. Canada
- d. South Africa

11> What the British call a dinner jacket, Americans call a tuxedo. Where does the name "tuxedo" come from?

- a. The scientific name for the Emperor penguin
- b. Tuxedo Park, NY, where Griswold Lorillard reputedly first wore one in the US in 1886
- c. Alva Tuxedo, a Portuguese-American fashion designer
- d. From "tucks in the do", a reference to the garment's back

12> In 1934, when Bass started making Weejuns, they named the shoe in vague reference to what country, where penny loafers are believed to have originated?

- a. India
- b. Wales
- c. Norway
- d. Japan

13> What Hamburg-born designer for Chanel was known for carrying around a fan, wearing sunglasses and keeping a white ponytail?

- a. Hugo Boss
- b. Karl Lagerfeld
- c. Vivienne Westwood
- d. Wolfgang Joop

14> What Algerian-born designer is credited with introducing the woman's trouser suit, often worn with high heels?

- a. Coco Chanel
- b. Yves Saint-Laurent
- c. Pierre Cardin
- d. Christian Dior

15> What designer, elected to the Academie Francaise in 1992, was born in

Venice to French parents?

- a. Christian Dior
- b. Pierre Cardin
- c. Yves Saint-Laurent
- d. Louis Vuitton

Answers:

- 1> Ireland - But it looks now that the thick, white wool sweaters were actually just a 1920s marketing gimmick.
- 2> White tie - You don't get many white-tie events these days.
- 3> South Asia - Cashmir is the British spelling of Kashmir.
- 4> Hooded coat - The anorak is an Inuit innovation. Originally, it was a parka that was zippered rather than pulled over the head.
- 5> A rainy day - It is a high boot. Wellie wanging is a Yorkshire game in which you throw the boot as far as you can.
- 6> Canary Islands - His mom was a Spanish citizen.
- 7> Adidas - They wore them without shoelaces, just like they did in prison.
- 8> Worsted - Worsted is often woven into gabardine.
- 9> Bowler - In the US, it's called a derby, likely because it was worn by the Earl of Derby, who founded the Derby horse races in Epsom in 1780.
- 10> Russia - Real Russian men leave the flaps up.
- 11> Tuxedo Park, NY, where Griswold Lorillard reputedly first wore one in the US in 1886 - Griswold Lorillard reputedly first wore one there in 1886.
- 12> Norway - The first successful penny loafer was made by the GH Bass Company of Wilton, Maine, in 1936.
- 13> Karl Lagerfeld - Lagerfeld led Chloe in the early '60s. In 1983, he moved to Chanel and launched his own label.
- 14> Yves Saint-Laurent - Yves Saint Laurent briefly did the Dior empire's couture designs until he in turn was replaced by Marc Bohan.
- 15> Pierre Cardin - He became known for his expensive futuristic and geometric clothes before switching to ready-to-wear clothes, which got him kicked out of the Chambre Syndicale Couture Parisienne from 1959 to 1963.