GENERAL KNOWLEDGE TRIVIA QUESTIONS XIX



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1> In 1974, who addressed the UN General Assembly wearing a gun holster ... accessorized with a gun?

- a. Yasir Arafat
- b. Nelson Mandela
- c. Fidel Castro
- d. Jesse Helms

2> Mount Massis is believed to be Mount Ararat, where Noah's ark ended up. If so, in what modern-day place would Noah have found himself?

- a. Turkey
- b. Sinai Peninsula
- c. Iraa
- d. Iran

3> In 1971, Ray Tomlinson sent the first e-mail message. He's not sure what it said, but which of these has he mooted as a possibility?

- a. What hath God wrought
- b. Testing 1-2-3
- c. One small step for a man, ...
- d. A brave new world

4> In 1900, Belgium's Leon de Lunden became the only person to win an Olympic event for killing something. In what event was he competing?

- a. Sport angling
- b. Pigeon shooting
- c. Fox hunting
- d. Bullfighting

5> Whose first single was called "Austin"?

- a. Blake Shelton
- b. Ricky Skaggs
- c. Terri Clark
- d. Tracy Lawrence

6> Which country music star appeared in the films "Blues Brothers 2000" and "The Cowboy Way"?

- a. Travis Tritt
- b. Buddy Jewel
- c. Ricky Skaggs
- d. Easton Corbin

7> Who plays the role of D. B. Russell on the show CSI?

- a. David Niven
- b. Ted Danson
- c. Robert Hall
- d. Chad Lowe

8> Which MLB catcher won the Gold Glove Award (National League) in 2008 and 2009?

- a. Charles Johnson
- b. Yadier Molina
- c. Brad Ausmus
- d. Mike Lieberthal

9> Farmers in remote regions often use propane rather than natural gas. Why?

- a. It's portable.
- b. It's less expensive.
- c. It's renewable.
- d. It's cleaner.

10> Mick Jagger and his fellow Rolling Stones nearly played the ultraviolent droogs in what film?

- a. A Clockwork Orangeb. Atlas Shruggedc. 1984d. The Fountainhead
- 11> If Yosemite Sam really were from Yosemite National Park, what state would he call home?
 - a. Texas
 - b. California
 - c. Arizona
 - d. Wyoming
- 12> Who wrote most of the Declaration of Independence, only to see much of it rewritten by a committee?
 - a. Benjamin Franklin
 - b. Thomas Jefferson
 - c. Thomas Paine
 - d. George Washington
- 13> L Ron Hubbard once joked at a 1950 authors' convention that, "If a man really wants to make a million dollars, the best way would be to start his own religion." And that's exactly what he did. What organization did Hubbard create four years later?
 - a. Scientology
 - b. Latter-Day Saints
 - c. Christian Science
 - d. Episcopalianism
- 14> Nobody agrees on the most commonly spoken word, but most sources agree on the most commonly written word. What word is this?
 - a. The
 - b. And
 - c. Of
 - d. That
- 15> Written by Kentucky schoolteachers Mildred and Patty Hill in the 1890s, what song's copyright doesn't expire until at least 2030?

- a. Star-Spangled Banner
- b. Happy Birthday
- c. Ninety-Nine Bottles of Beer on the Wall
- d. Take Me Out to the Ballgame

Answers:

- 1> Yasir Arafat Forbidden from carrying in the actual gun, he said, 'Today I have come bearing an olive branch and a freedom fighter's gun. Do not let the olive branch fall from my hand.'
- 2> Turkey It is known locally as Agri Dagi and is in an Armenian region of Turkey around Lake Van, although some translations put it in Kurdish Turkey.
- 3> Testing 1-2-3 He thinks it might also be qwertyuiop. The man is truly a poet.
- 4> Pigeon shooting Nearly 300 birds were killed during the release-and-shoot competition, 21 by Lunden alone.
- 5> Blake Shelton Blake released this song in 2001.
- 6> Travis Tritt Travis has also appeared on numerous television shows including Touched by an Angel and The Girls Next Door.
- 7> Ted Danson D. B. Russell is the night supervisor. Russell has one son and is married.
- 8> Yadier Molina Molina also won the award in 2010 and 2011. He catches for the St. Louis Cardinals.
- 9> It's portable. Propane can be transported in various kinds of special tanks. These tanks can be hooked to everything from barbeques to vehicles.
- 10> A Clockwork Orange There was even talk of a Beatles' soundtrack. But having sold the rights for \$500, Anthony Burgess got no money for the Kubrick version of his book, which he hated.
- 11> California It's in the Sierra Nevada range. Yosemite, by the way, means 'grizzly bear'.
- 12> Thomas Jefferson His comments opposing slavery, in particular, were awkward.
- 13> Scientology He recycled ideas he'd worked with in his bad space opera books.
- 14> The According to the OED, 'be' is #2.
- 15> Happy Birthday The song should have been in public domain by 1991, but Warner Brothers got its hands on it.