

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE TRIVIA QUESTIONS XXXIII



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1> The Suwannee River cuts through this state, full of old people, and "Swanee River (Old Folks at Home)" is its state song. What State?

- a. California
- b. Arizona
- c. Florida
- d. Hawaii

2> Often associated with death but now a source of an anti-cancer drug called taxol, what tree was traditionally used to make English longbows?

- a. Birch
- b. Oak
- c. Yew
- d. Pine

3> What song's lyrics did Katharine Lee Bates start writing under the "spacious skies" of Pikes Peak, Colorado?

- a. The Stars and Stripes Forever
- b. God Bless America
- c. America the Beautiful
- d. This Land is Your Land

4> You might say we have a kakistocracy now. Who rules if you have a kakistocracy?

- a. The criminals
- b. The worst people
- c. The richest people
- d. The mobs

5> Which country did an earthquake shake on March 11, 2011?

- a. South Africa
- b. Ecuador
- c. Japan
- d. Iceland

6> What famous painter painted The Old Tower in the Fields, Dunes, Roses, and Lilacs?

- a. Edgar Degas
- b. Van Gogh
- c. Claude Monet
- d. Raphael

7> What sport did Pedro Martinez participate in?

- a. Baseball
- b. Tennis
- c. Soccer/Football
- d. Boxing

8> Who co-stars with Geena Davis in the movie "The Long Kiss Goodnight"?

- a. Samuel L. Jackson
- b. Morgan Freeman
- c. Danny Glover
- d. Will Smith

9> What is the capital city of Sweden?

- a. Stockholm
- b. Dublin
- c. Oslo
- d. Copenhagen

10> What is the national bird of Australia?

- a. Stork
- b. Kiwi

- c. Emu
- d. Southern Macaw

11> How did Roman Emperor Caligula meet his death?

- a. Drowned
- b. Stabbed
- c. Poisoned
- d. Battle

12> Who penned the story Little Men?

- a. Louisa May Alcott
- b. Jayne Eyre
- c. Emily Bronte
- d. C. S. Lewis

13> In which film would you see the characters Jane and Michael Banks?

- a. Mary Poppins
- b. Chitty Chitty Bang Bang
- c. Narnia
- d. Harry Potter

14> Which actress is trapped in the film "Panic Room"?

- a. Lorraine Gary
- b. Kathy Bates
- c. Jodie Foster
- d. Glen Close

15> Margaret Thatcher became Prime Minister of England in what year?

- a. 1986
- b. 1979
- c. 1971
- d. 1964

Answers:

- 1> Florida - Although composer Stephen Foster supported the North, the song is full of 'minstrel show' lyrics.
- 2> Yew - Weirdly, when it dies, the new yew tree grows from inside the dead bark of the old one.
- 3> America the Beautiful - There is now a plaque commemorating the song at the summit of Pikes Peak.
- 4> The worst people - We might also have a kleptocracy, or rule by thieves.
- 5> Japan - This quake measured a nine on the Richter scale.
- 6> Van Gogh - Van Gogh committed suicide.
- 7> Baseball - Pedro was a pitcher in the major league.
- 8> Samuel L. Jackson - Jackson played the role of Mitch Hennessey.
- 9> Stockholm - Stockholm is, as of 2012, the largest city in Sweden.
- 10> Emu - The Emu is a flightless bird.
- 11> Stabbed - Caligula was stabbed to death by a number of other senators.
- 12> Louisa May Alcott - Alcott also wrote Little Women.
- 13> Mary Poppins - These were the children Mary was hired to take charge of.
- 14> Jodie Foster - Jodie plays the character of Meg Altman.
- 15> 1979 - Thatcher was the first female Prime minister.