

HARD TRIVIA QUESTIONS II

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- 1> Some people have agoraphobia. What is an agora?
- 2> Which very popular class of organic compounds is characterized by at least one hydroxyl group attached to a carbon atom that is then attached to three more atoms?
- 3> It sold for \$3 in 1959, but if you have one that is NRFB, it would be worth thousands of dollars. What is it?
- 4> A Viennese professor named Emmanuel Herrmann is credited with inventing this in 1869, and devotees of deltiology collect it. What?
- 5> Peter Durand patented the tin can in 1810. How long did it take after that for Ezra Warner to patent the can opener?
- 6> By what name do we better know Robert Stroud, a self-taught ornithology expert convicted of manslaughter after killing a bartender in Alaska?
- 7> They wouldn't be a great vacation spot. Where are the islets of Langerhans?
- 8> This company's cursive script logo supposedly depicts a man snorting cocaine. Or maybe it encodes an anti-Islamic message in Arabic. Or maybe it's just a darn logo. What company is this?
- 9> In the 1990s song, which of these was Right Said Fred not too sexy for - His own skin, Milan or His cat?
- 10> What is the last letter in the 12-letter Hawaiian alphabet?
- 11> For what team did Tom Dempsey, born without a right hand or any right toes, kick a record 63-yard field goal in 1970?
- 12> To protect it from theft, the 3106-carat Cullinan Diamond was sent by regular parcel post with a simple three-shilling stamp ... while elaborate precautions protected an empty decoy box. Who was the diamond being sent to?
- 13> Who was Edith Bunker's wealthy liberal cousin from Tuckahoe, New York?

14> Assuming that the Prince of Wales doesn't change his name when he becomes king, what will the English call him?

15> Once called "the land of rabbits" by Roman geographer Strabo, what country's name may come from the Punic word for "rabbit"?

Answers:

1> An open urban space - The agora was a public place in ancient Greece where people shopped and debated politics.

2> Alcohol - Methanol is wood alcohol and ethanol is grain alcohol.

3> Barbie Doll - NRFB means 'never removed from the original box'.

4> Postcards - The hobby gets its name from the Greek word *delton*, the diminutive of *deltos*, or 'writing tablet'.

5> 48 years - People used to pry cans open with whatever they had on hand.

6> The Birdman of Alcatraz - He killed Charlie Von Dahmer after the bartender beat Stroud's hooker girlfriend, Kitty O'Brien.

7> Pancreas - These cells secrete hormones directly into the bloodstream. Insulin, for example, lets your cells grab glucose from the blood.

8> Coca-Cola - FYI ... it is just a darn logo.

9> His own skin - He was too sexy for New York, Japan, Milan, my love, your party, my hat, my shirt, my car, my cat and this song.

10> W - Hawaiian has a mere 12 letters - the five vowels, plus H, K, L, M, N, P and W.

11> New Orleans Saints - Jason Elam tied the record in 1998.

12> King Edward VII - The diamond was split. A 530-carat chunk, called the Star of Africa, is on the royal scepter.

13> Maude Finlay - She of course got a show of her own.

14> Charles III - A complication is that England and Scotland had different kings before the crowns united so the next James would be James III of England, but James VIII of Scotland, and thus of the entire UK.

15> Spain - Varieties are named the Angora, Belgian, Dutch, Himalayan, Siberian, Patagonian, Polish and Flemish, but not Spanish, ironically enough.

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