

# HARD TRIVIA QUESTIONS III



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1> While studying law at Oxford, who sang lead for a rock band called Ugly Rumours?

- a. Jimmy Swaggart
- b. Keanu Reeves
- c. Tony Blair
- d. Al Gore

2> If Hannibal the Cannibal is trying to match liver and fava beans with a good Chianti, where should he buy his wine?

- a. Veneto
- b. Piedmont
- c. Tuscany
- d. Milan

3> Patented in 1926 by Charles Brannock, of Syracuse, New York, a brannock device is used by whom?

- a. A car mechanic
- b. A physician
- c. A shoe salesman
- d. A chef

4> In Copenhagen, it's called weinerbrod, meaning Vienna bread, and in Vienna, it's called a Kopenhagen. What do we call it?

- a. Bagel
- b. Danish
- c. Croissant

d. Jellyroll

5> Shania Twain's real first name is Eileen. In what language does "Shania" mean "I'm on my way"?

- a. Ojibwa
- b. Esperanto
- c. Hebrew
- d. Hindi

6> There isn't anything at all maternal about mummies. So why were they called that?

- a. They looked like they were coated with pitch
- b. The first mummies were found in Mummia
- c. Mumtaz Mumal, was the first to study mummies
- d. They stay quiet, or "mum"

7> Using a left jab to Papa's jaw, which Canadian writer knocked down Ernest Hemingway in a Paris boxing match in 1929?

- a. Morley Callaghan
- b. Robertson Davies
- c. F. Scott Fitzgerald
- d. Hugh MacLennan

8> What did the McCulloch Oil Corporation of Los Angeles buy in March 1968 for more than one million?

- a. London Bridge
- b. The Hope Diamond
- c. The Queen Mary cruise ship
- d. The first supersonic airplane

9> If Hollywood had existed in medieval Russia, which of these movies might have been made about Baba Yaga the Bony Legged?

- a. The Blair Witch Project
- b. Nightmare on Elm Street
- c. The Wizard of Oz
- d. Gone with the Wind

10> Indiana Jones notwithstanding, many Rastafarians say the Ark of the Covenant is in the Church of St Mary of Zion in Aksum, part of which country's Tigray province?

- a. Ethiopia
- b. Jamaica
- c. Iran
- d. Israel

11> What is being "numbered" in the opening chapters of Numbers?

- a. The Israelite tribes
- b. The plagues upon Israel's enemies
- c. The laws of God
- d. The prophets

12> The majority of which company's shareholder votes are controlled by an orphanage established by its childless founder?

- a. Boeing
- b. Hershey
- c. Ford
- d. Levi's

13> Where would you have found the wicked party towns of Sodom and Gomorrah?

- a. Near the Dead Sea
- b. In Babylon
- c. In Egypt
- d. In Persia

14> Where would you find macaques called Barbary apes, Europe's only wild monkeys?

- a. Turkey
- b. Gibraltar
- c. Malta
- d. Russia

15> What three Biblical books, found after the five books of the Pentateuch, gave Lyle Lovett the title for one of his albums?

- a. Jude, Acts, Job
- b. Ezra, Numbers, Ezekiel
- c. Joshua, Judges, Ruth
- d. Elijah, Chronicles, John

### **Answers:**

1> Tony Blair - He covered Stones songs and later nominated Mick Jagger for a knighthood. He also tried to start a career as a rock promoter.

2> Tuscany - Florence in Tuscany is known for its straw-covered bottles. Valpolicella is from Veneto, by the way.

3> A shoe salesman - The Syracuse University student used an Erector set to build his prototype foot measurer.

4> Danish - Viennese bakers became scabs during a 19th-century Danish bakers' strike.

5> Ojibwa - She grew up with a violently abusive stepfather and spent a summer in a homeless shelter. At 22, she had to take care of her younger siblings.

6> They looked like they were coated with pitch - The body was wrapped in linens, which were coated with oil and resin. After a few thousand years, the coating turns black. The Arab word for pitch sounds like 'mummy'.

7> Morley Callaghan - Although smaller than Hemingway, Callaghan actually had boxing experience, whereas Hemingway only bragged about it. Hemingway says that Fitzgerald failed to keep time properly

8> London Bridge - The first London Bridge was built of wood by the Romans. The one that ended up in Arizona was built between 1823 and 1831 and was replaced in 1973.

9> The Blair Witch Project - Baba Yaga was a witch who lived in a spinning hut that stood on chicken legs, which was surrounded by 11 poles, atop each of which was a skull lantern. A twelfth pole was left "unlit," in case you should drop by.

10> Ethiopia - Some believe it had been taken to Ethiopia by Menilik, the son of Solomon and the Queen of Sheba (named Makeda by the Ethiopians and Bilqis by the Arabs).

11> The Israelite tribes - For example, there are 603,550 children of Israel.

12> Hershey - Talk about your Hershey kiss!

13> Near the Dead Sea - Many believe the nearby columns of salt rock inspired the story of Lot's wife, who was turned into a pillar of salt for disobeying God.

14> Gibraltar - As the story goes, Gib will remain British as long as the apes are there.

15> Joshua, Judges, Ruth - The first five are Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers

and Deuteronomy.

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