

HARD TRIVIA QUESTIONS IX



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1> On a dark night after Thanksgiving, you're ambushed by rogue turkeys, who want to pull apart your wishbone. What bone will they be looking for?

- a. Ilium
- b. Scapula
- c. Sternum
- d. Clavicle

2> Frances Glessner was born in 1878 to the founder of International Harvester. She is best remembered for what ghoulish hobby, which advanced the study of forensic criminology?

- a. Sketching tire tracks
- b. Collecting murder weapons
- c. Taking crime scene photos
- d. Making dollhouse dioramas of murder scenes

3> In 1928, an Australian named Charles Kingsford-Smith and his crew became the first people to fly across what ocean?

- a. Arctic
- b. Pacific
- c. Atlantic
- d. Indian

4> Mocked by such writers as John Updike, Norman Mailer and John Irving, "A Man in Full" by Tom Wolfe was a novel set in what part of the US?

- a. Boston and New England
- b. Atlanta and the New South
- c. Kansas City and the Bible Belt
- d. Pittsburgh and the Rust Belt

5> Originally, what did David Abercrombie and Ezra Fitch sell from their New York City store?

- a. Sundry food items
- b. Magazines, books and newspapers
- c. Camping stuff
- d. Ladies unmentionables

6> What country pegs its balboa to the US dollar, which can be used freely throughout it?

- a. Panama
- b. Venezuela
- c. Argentina
- d. Colombia

7> The Vidocq Society is made up of professionals who volunteer their skills for what purpose?

- a. Solving cold cases
- b. Treating ill foreigners
- c. Helping minority businesses
- d. Defending the innocent

8> What would a fish use its lateral line as?

- a. A lure to catch prey
- b. A sense organ that detects changes in water
- c. A gizzard to digest food
- d. A bladder that helps them swim

9> Whose "Red Dragon Flag" includes a red dragon called Y Ddraig Goch?

- a. Scotland
- b. Burma
- c. Wales
- d. Nepal

10> The motto of the US Marine Corps is "Semper Fidelis", meaning "Always

Faithful". What branch's motto is "Semper Paratus", which means "Always Prepared"?

- a. US Navy
- b. US Air Force
- c. US Coast Guard
- d. US Army

11> Technically called myalgic encephalomyelitis, chronic fatigue syndrome used to be nicknamed as whose flu?

- a. Yuppies
- b. Preppies
- c. Puppies
- d. Hippies

12> Anatoly Karpov became famous for a chess style named for which snake?

- a. Boa constrictor
- b. Python
- c. Cobra
- d. Anaconda

13> Despite the rise of Mussolini just a few months before, what car company released the Dictator in 1927?

- a. General Motors
- b. Chrysler
- c. Ford
- d. Studebaker

14> From March to May of 1945, what 18-year-old served in Britain's Auxiliary Territorial Service as a driver and car mechanic?

- a. Kurt Vonnegut
- b. Peter O'Toole
- c. Margaret Thatcher
- d. The future Queen Elizabeth

15> History and math may be different subjects, but a polyhistor is the same thing as a polymath. What would such a person be good at it?

- a. Trivia, because of her wide learning
- b. Sales, because of his communications skills
- c. Romance, because of her smooth moves
- d. Sports, because of his coordination

Answers:

- 1> Clavicle - The clavicle serves as a strut between the scapula and the sternum.
- 2> Making dollhouse dioramas of murder scenes - She also founded the Harvard Associates in Police Science (HAPS) Seminar.
- 3> Pacific - He was also the first to fly across Australia, but he vanished in 1935 over the Bay of Bengal.
- 4> Atlanta and the New South - Mailer compared the 1998 work to 'sex with a 300-pound woman'. Irving called it 'journalistic hyperbole described as fiction'. Updike wrote in the New Yorker that it 'amounts to entertainment, not literature, even literature in a modest aspirant form'. Wolfe compared the titans to the Three Stooges.
- 5> Camping stuff - Abercrombie founded the company in 1892 and named it for himself. Finch, a lawyer, had been one of his biggest customers.
- 6> Panama - In fact, Panama doesn't even print the balboa anymore.
- 7> Solving cold cases - Many of America's top detectives, lawyers and forensic experts would meet once a month for lunch at the Public Ledger Building, near Independence Hall, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- 8> A sense organ that detects changes in water - They can 'touch' objects at a distance, based on disturbances in the water.
- 9> Wales - Wales has over 750 miles of coastline and is mostly mountainous.
- 10> US Coast Guard - The US Coast Guard is one of the seven U.S. uniformed services.
- 11> Yuppies - Yuppies are often mocked for their hunger for social status among their peers.
- 12> Boa constrictor - Karpov was the official world chess champion from 1975 to 1985.
- 13> Studebaker - Studebaker was founded in 1852.
- 14> The future Queen Elizabeth - The Queen's accession was on 6 February 1952.
- 15> Trivia, because of her wide learning - A polymath is a person whose knowledge spans a considerable number of different subject areas.