

# HARD TRIVIA QUESTIONS X

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1> In 1940, 10-year-old Juanita Wagner of Danville, Iowa, drew the name of her new pen pal as part of a class project. Who was that pen pal?

- a. Anne Frank
- b. Margaret Thatcher
- c. Yoko Ono
- d. Germaine Greer

2> This is supposed to bring bad luck. And supposedly, people have thought so, ever since this appeared in Leonard da Vinci's "The Last Supper". What is it?

- a. Black cat
- b. Crossed forks
- c. Spilled salt
- d. Broken mirror

3> I suffer from severe coulrophobia. Like, totally. So I freak out when I see this person. Who?

- a. Ronald McDonald
- b. Batman
- c. Bugs Bunny
- d. Captain Crunch

4> Originally called Pitcairn Airways, what now defunct airline was run at varying times by WWI flying ace Eddie Rickenbacker and by NASA astronaut Frank Borman?

- a. Pan Am
- b. American
- c. Eastern
- d. United

5> Sidney Poitier was born in Miami but raised nearby on Cat Island. As a result, in April 1997, what country named Sidney Poitier to be its ambassador to Japan?

- a. Jamaica
- b. Bahamas
- c. United States
- d. Cayman Islands

6> Based on the US currency on which their portraits appeared, which of these presidents is "worth" the most?

- a. James Madison
- b. Grover Cleveland
- c. William McKinley
- d. Woodrow Wilson

7> I'm a strong believer in primogeniture. When I die, who gets my Lady Di ceramic plate collection?

- a. The community as a whole
- b. My oldest son
- c. My church
- d. My wife

8> When trying to translate the sound of its brand using Chinese words, one of the options came out, "Bite the wax tadpole". It ended up going with "happiness in the mouth". What is it?

- a. Oscar Meyer
- b. Nestle
- c. Coca Cola
- d. McDonald's

9> What strong Greek hero shares his name with a Colgate-Palmolive cleanser that is "stronger than dirt"?

- a. Windex
- b. Ajax
- c. Comet
- d. Clorox

10> Based on the old system of ranking IQ, which of these people would be the dumbest, despite occasionally being a "savante"?

- a. Idiot
- b. Genius
- c. Moron
- d. Imbecile

11> Created in 1865, what was the original mission of the Secret Service?

- a. Hunt down Confederate guerrillas
- b. Stop counterfeiting
- c. Spy on staff at embassies
- d. Protect the president from assassins

12> The name of what bone is also an ancient name for Troy?

- a. Coccyx
- b. Ilium
- c. Malleus
- d. Cranium

13> On March 17, you might hear, "Kiss me, I'm Irish." What would you hear on May 5?

- a. Kiss me, I'm Mexican
- b. Kiss me, I'm Japanese
- c. Kiss me, I'm Black
- d. Kiss me, I'm Italian

14> What "King of Torts" played a corruptor of youth in an episode of the original "Star Trek" series, and appeared in the movie "Gimme Shelter" (in which youth actually were corrupted)?

- a. Gerry Spence
- b. Marvin Mitchelson
- c. Melvin Belli
- d. F Lee Bailey

15> What president named the most Supreme Court justices?

- a. Theodore Roosevelt
- b. Andrew Jackson
- c. George Washington
- d. Franklin D Roosevelt

**Answers:**

- 1> Anne Frank - Having died within a concentration camp, Anne was buried in a mass grave. The exact whereabouts are unknown.
- 2> Spilled salt - Leonardo's The Last Supper depicts Judas having knocked over the salt container.
- 3> Ronald McDonald - Coulrophobia is the fear of clowns.
- 4> Eastern - Frank Borman was the Commander of Apollo 8.
- 5> Bahamas - Poitier is the first black person to win an Academy Award for Best Actor (1963).
- 6> Woodrow Wilson - In 1934, Wilson appeared on the \$100,000 bill.
- 7> My oldest son - Primogeniture is the right of the firstborn son to inherit the entire estate.
- 8> Coca Cola - Coca Cola is sold in every country in the world except Cuba and North Korea.
- 9> Ajax - Ajax was a hero in the Trojan War.
- 10> Idiot - A dunce is an idiot who is incapable of learning.
- 11> Stop counterfeiting - Among its duties, the Secret Service is responsible for protecting the President.
- 12> Ilium - The Ilium is a bone in the pelvis.
- 13> Kiss me, I'm Mexican - Cinco de Mayo is celebrated in the United States and regionally in Mexico.
- 14> Melvin Belli - Melvin was a prominent American lawyer who had many celebrity clients.
- 15> George Washington - Washington served as the commander-in-chief of the Continental Army during the American Revolutionary War.