

# HARD TRIVIA QUESTIONS V

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1> Meaning "excessively sentimental", what word comes from the Yiddish word for "chicken fat"?

- a. Chutzpah
- b. Klutz
- c. Schmaltz
- d. Schmuck

2> Wimbledon wild card winner Goran Ivanisevic is likely the most famous person to split from Split in what country?

- a. Slovakia
- b. Romania
- c. Croatia
- d. Poland

3> Who became the world's first superstar designer after providing Jackie Kennedy with the pillbox hat she wore to the presidential inauguration?

- a. Bill Blass
- b. Yves Saint Laurent
- c. Halston
- d. Oleg Cassini

4> As described in a Yeats poem, with what wood should a magic wand be made?

- a. Oak
- b. Hazelwood
- c. Yew
- d. Larch

5> This country singer met his future wife when he was working as a bouncer, when he tossed her out after she threw a punch in the ladies room. Who is he?

- a. Randy Travis
- b. Vince Gill
- c. Garth Brooks
- d. Hank Williams, Jr

6> From 1976 to 1984, what unlikely celebrity was married to Edith Bucket "Pie" Vonnegut, daughter of Kurt?

- a. Geraldo Rivera
- b. Madonna
- c. Carrot Top
- d. Sylvester Stallone

7> Jefferson Airplane sued Berkeley Systems for stealing what image from the cover of their album "30 Seconds Over Winterland"?

- a. Flying toaster
- b. Peace symbol
- c. Singing hamster
- d. Smiley face

8> Vladimir Nabokov is best known for writing Lolita, but he was also a lepidopterist. What does this mean?

- a. He mixed drinks for a living
- b. He studied butterflies
- c. He had an unusual fetish
- d. He treated foot problems

9> JFK is credited with killing off this male fashion accessory when he didn't wear it at his inauguration. In fact, he wore a silk one. What is it?

- a. Undershirt
- b. Bow tie
- c. Top hat
- d. Ascot

10> What was so orange about Agent Orange?

- a. It is made from oranges

- b. The gaseous form is orange
- c. The coded bands on its container
- d. It made plants taste like oranges

11> The USS Indianapolis was sunk on July 30, 1945, shortly after delivering parts of the atom bomb that would be dropped on Hiroshima. In what movie does Quint describe what happened afterward?

- a. Bridge on the River Kwai
- b. Jaws
- c. Close Encounters of the Third Kind
- d. The French Connection

12> What we in the West call the Mao suit is actually known in China as the Zhongshan suit, which is named for what earlier Chinese leader?

- a. Sun Yat-sen
- b. Kublai Khan
- c. Chiang Kai-Shek
- d. Ming the Merciless

13> What did Andres Serrano infamously photograph in a container full of urine?

- a. A picture of Martin Luther King
- b. A crucifix
- c. A Star of David
- d. A Muslim prayer scroll

14> What "old-timey" color gets its name from the Greek word for "cuttlefish", from which they got a brownish-black fluid?

- a. Teal
- b. Sepia
- c. Mauve
- d. Azure

15> In what language do all the nouns end in the letter O (well ... all the singular nouns in the nominative case, anyway)?

- a. Italian
- b. Esperanto

- c. Swahili
- d. Russian

### Answers:

- 1> Schmaltz - It is often used in place of butter on bread. Germans make it from pork fat.
- 2> Croatia - Called Spalato in Italian, the Dalmatian city is named for a shrub.
- 3> Halston - She wore it with a small dent.
- 4> Hazelwood - Ideally, it should be cut at sunrise.
- 5> Garth Brooks - Then he cheated on her with Trisha Yearwood, to whom he proposed to on stage.
- 6> Geraldo Rivera - Vonnegut hated him.
- 7> Flying toaster - The band lost on a technicality, but the year before, Berkeley had successfully sued the makers of a Bloom County screen saver, in which Opus shot down those toasters.
- 8> He studied butterflies - Lolita was controversial because of its pedophile storyline. He wrote much of it while on butterfly collecting trips with his wife.
- 9> Top hat - He did take it off when he gave his inauguration speech, and left it on the chair behind him.
- 10> The coded bands on its container - It contains two dioxin-containing chemicals, 2,4-D and 2,4,5-T, which were developed to spur root growth, and worked so well that some weeds grew themselves to death. Both were then turned into defoliants by the US military.
- 11> Jaws - Sharks ate as many as 80 sailors.
- 12> Sun Yat-sen - The Chinese call Sun Yat-sen, Sun Zhongshan.
- 13> A crucifix - The work was called Piss Christ, which was vandalized at the National Gallery of Victoria, Australia.
- 14> Sepia - The color is now associated with old photos.
- 15> Esperanto - The verb endings tell you what tense they are. Adjectives and adverbs agree with nouns and verbs, respectively.

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