

KATY PERRY TRIVIA QUIZ

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1> As part of the Manhattan Project, what did Enrico Fermi produce in a basement squash court under Stagg Field at the University of Chicago?

- a. Nuclear fission
- b. Insulin
- c. Radar
- d. A good cup of coffee

2> About 80 percent of the world's earthquakes and many of the worst volcanoes are found along the Ring of Fire around what body of water?

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

3> What element is symbolized by a K, because it was named for "kalium", the Arabic word for "alkali"?

- a. Bronze
- b. Tungsten
- c. Potassium
- d. Calcium

4> In 1901, something peculiar was discovered off the Greek island of Antikythera. It was an ancient version of what object?

- a. Computer
- b. Battery
- c. Steam engine
- d. Telescope

5> Now found mostly in high school science classes and horror movies, what

electrostatic generator was invented as a kind of particle accelerator?

- a. Jacob's ladder
- b. Electroencephalogram
- c. Van De Graaff generator
- d. Tesla coil

6> In the 1040s, Bi Sheng invented something, getting a 400-year jump on a goldsmith from Mainz. What was it?

- a. Magnetic compass
- b. Printing press
- c. Gunpowder
- d. Mechanical clock

7> If, per the title of the Jules Verne book, you really were "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea," how far down would you be?

- a. 7000 miles
- b. 70,000 miles
- c. 700 miles
- d. 70 miles

8> The first person in space who was neither a Soviet nor an American citizen was Vladimir Remek, who went up in 1978. What country was he from?

- a. Canada
- b. Ukraine
- c. Czechoslovakia
- d. Poland

9> As the ancient Listerine ad campaign warned us, what is halitosis?

- a. Smelly feet
- b. Dandruff
- c. Bad breath
- d. Underarm wetness

10> Immune to its host's poison, what funny fish hides among the sea anemone's tentacles?

- a. Jokerfish
- b. Clownfish
- c. Dogfish
- d. Catfish

11> If you're leaking lacrimal fluid, what part of your body is it dripping from?

- a. Ears
- b. Nose
- c. Eyes
- d. Mouth

12> In addition to being a field of mathematics, "calculus" also refers to what dental condition?

- a. Cavities
- b. Gingivitis
- c. Tartar
- d. Halitosis

13> What drug did chemists at Pfizer discover while looking for a way to treat heart disease?

- a. Viagra
- b. Xenical
- c. Prozac
- d. Claritin

14> Based on the volume of a typical barrow, New York state wildlife expert Richard Thomas calculated how much a woodchuck could chuck (if, of course, it could chuck wood). How much?

- a. 7 lbs
- b. 70 lbs
- c. 700 lbs
- d. 7000 lbs

15> The Disney documentary "White Wilderness" popularized the myth that what creature has a suicidal urge to leap en masse into the ocean?

- a. Lemming

- b. Penguin
- c. Badger
- d. Hippo

Answers:

- 1> Nuclear fission - A Henry Moore sculpture marks the spot on Stagg Field where Enrico Fermi achieved the first self-sustained nuclear reaction.
- 2> Pacific - Earthquakes are produced by all that shuffling of tectonic plates, which also have a role in producing those volcanic vents that allow magma to spurt up from deep within the earth.
- 3> Potassium - Strictly speaking, it comes from the Arabic for "calcined ashes".
- 4> Computer - Used for astronomical calculations, it was found in a shipwreck and turned out to have been built sometime between 150 and 100 BCE, exhibiting mechanical gear technology that would not resurface for nearly 2000 years.
- 5> Van De Graaff generator - It looks like a metal ball on a stick, with a smaller version next door.
- 6> Printing press - With 40,000 ideographs, though, this invention wasn't very practical in China, so people went back to wood blocks.
- 7> 70,000 miles - The actual distance in a league varies. It's supposed to be as far as a person can walk in an hour, which is a bit over 3 miles.
- 8> Czechoslovakia - In fact, there were astronauts from Poland, East Germany, Bulgaria, Hungary, Vietnam, Cuba, Mongolia and Romania before there was one from France or Britain.
- 9> Bad breath - When the ads began running during Prohibition, Listerine was more popular for its 25 percent alcohol.
- 10> Clownfish - Because it is immune to the sea anemone, it can live in coral reefs.
- 11> Eyes - It drips from through the lacrimal canaliculi, better known as tear ducts.
- 12> Tartar - Calculus gets its name from the Latin word for pebble.
- 13> Viagra - Viagra prevents blood clots by hampering platelets, and it enhances blood flow by relaxing the walls of arteries and veins.
- 14> 700 lbs - This was based on an average barrow, which is 35 cubic feet.
- 15> Lemming - The doc was filmed in landlocked Alberta with a few dozen lemmings bought from Manitoba Eskimos. They were filmed on a snow-covered turntable and then tossed off a cliff.