

MUSIC TRIVIA QUESTIONS

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1> What was the first top 40 hit for the Australian rock band "Men at Work"?

- a. Down Under
- b. It's a Mistake
- c. Overkill
- d. Who Can It Be Now?

2> What American soul band performed the title track to the movie "Car Wash"?

- a. Wild Cherry
- b. Manfred Mann
- c. The Spinners
- d. Rose Royce

3> Who won the first Grammy awarded in the Rap category in 1988?

- a. Cypress Hill
- b. Public Enemy
- c. Beastie Boys
- d. DJ Jazzy Jeff and the Fresh Prince

4> What American vocalist duo had a number one hit with the song "Reunited"?

- a. Diana Ross and Marvin Gaye
- b. Eddie Rabbit and Crystal Gayle
- c. Peaches and Herb
- d. Diana Ross and Lionel Richie

5> Which of the following songs was not a hit for Bobby Vee?

- a. More Than I Can Say
- b. Long Lonely Nights
- c. Come Back When You Grow Up
- d. Take Good Care of My Baby

6> Which of the following artists do not have a hit song with the word "blue" in the title (as of 2014)?

- a. Elvis Presley
- b. Linda Ronstadt
- c. David Bowie
- d. Avril Lavigne

7> What was the first number one hit of the 1970's?

- a. Let it Be
- b. Bridge Over Troubled Water
- c. Raindrops Keep Falling on my Head
- d. Venus

8> When was the Beatles' first single "Love Me Do" released in the United Kingdom?

- a. October 5, 1962
- b. October 5, 1960
- c. October 5, 1961
- d. October 5, 1959

9> Written in remembrance of the 1959 plane crash that killed Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and the Big Bopper, why did Don McLean name his hit song "American Pie"?

- a. 'American Pie' was his favorite poem

- b. The Airplane they died in was named 'American Pie'
- c. Apple Pie was Buddy Holly's favorite food
- d. No one other than McLean knows why

10> In 1967, the Bee Gees released a hit song about a New York mining disaster. What year did the disaster take place?

- a. 1941
- b. 1943
- c. 1940
- d. 1942

11> Originating from the Philippines, an "agung a tamlang" is classified as what type of instrument?

- a. Woodwind
- b. Trumpet
- c. Brass
- d. Percussion

12> Which of the following songs was not a hit by the American all-girl group the Marvellettes?

- a. He's so Fine
- b. Don't Mess with Bill
- c. Please Mr. Postman
- d. Playboy

13> What was the first top 40 hit song for the Isley Brothers?

- a. That Lady
- b. Shout
- c. It's Your Thing
- d. Twist and Shout

14> Originally the guitarist for "The James Gang," who replaced Bernie Leadon of the "Eagles" in 1975?

- a. Glenn Frey
- b. Joe Walsh
- c. Randy Meisner
- d. Don Henley

15> Dead at the age of 63 in 2012, who was singing about "MacArthur Park" in 1978?

- a. Diana Ross
- b. Whitney Houston
- c. Gloria Gaynor
- d. Donna Summer

Answers:

- 1> Who Can It Be Now? - Men at Work formed in Australia in 1979.
- 2> Rose Royce - The movie and song brought Rose Royce national fame.
- 3> DJ Jazzy Jeff and the Fresh Prince - Due to not paying taxes and the resulting penalties, Smith was nearly bankrupt in 1990.
- 4> Peaches and Herb - Still active today (2014), Herb has had seven different women fill the role of 'Peaches'.
- 5> Long Lonely Nights - Long Lonely Nights was a hit for Lee Andrews and the Hearts.
- 6> Avril Lavigne - Due to Parkinson's disease, Linda Ronstadt is no longer able to sing.
- 7> Raindrops Keep Falling on my Head - Featured in the 1969 film 'Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid', 'Raindrops Keep Falling on my Head' won an Academy Award for Best Original Song.
- 8> October 5, 1962 - The song entered the public domain in Europe in 2012.
- 9> The Airplane they died in was named 'American Pie' - The song is known for its enigmatic lyrics that have long been the subject of speculation.
- 10> 1941 - The song was titled 'New York Mining Disaster 1941'.
- 11> Percussion - An 'agung a tamlang' is a slit drum.
- 12> He's so Fine - He's So Fine" is a song by The Chiffons. In 2013, the Marvelettes were inducted into the Music Hall of Fame in Cleveland.
- 13> Twist and Shout - Twist and Shout reached number 17 on the US Billboard chart in 1962.
- 14> Joe Walsh - The Eagles released their self-titled debut album in 1972.
- 15> Donna Summer - Macarthur Park was a Billboard Hot 100 number one single on 11 November 1978.