

MUSIC TRIVIA QUESTIONS XI



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1> If you got all the gifts mentioned in the song "The Twelve Days of Christmas", how many gifts in all would your true love have given you?

- a. 144
- b. 364
- c. 12
- d. 1200

2> Who composed an opera called "La fanciulla del West" (meaning "The Girl of the Golden West"), arguably the first "spaghetti Western"?

- a. Gioacchino Rossini
- b. Giacomo Puccini
- c. Claudio Monteverdi
- d. Giuseppe Verdi

3> You may not have realized this, but the weird item jumping on Beck's "Odelay" is a komondor. What is a komondor?

- a. A robot toy
- b. A dust bunny
- c. A Hungarian sheepdog
- d. A fairy creature

4> Written in the mid-1930s, this country's national anthem is "March of the Volunteers", and it was originally written as the theme song for a movie soundtrack. What country is this?

- a. Cuba
- b. India
- c. China
- d. Egypt

5> What country singer had been scheduled to film the video for "The Tin Man" re-release at the World Trade Center on 9/11, only to cancel because of equipment delays?

- a. Steve Earle
- b. Kenny Chesney
- c. Toby Keith
- d. Keith Urban

6> What part of the body serves as a nickname for the spaces between the lines of the staff in a treble clef?

- a. Nose
- b. Ear
- c. Face
- d. Heart

7> What band finally released Chinese Democracy in 2008, after \$13 million in costs and 14 years of delays?

- a. Parliament/Fundadelic
- b. Guns N Roses
- c. Beach Boys
- d. Boston

8> What 2003 hit used an 11/4 time signature and a punk-inspired guitar lick that was the first chord Andre 3000 ever learned?

- a. Lose Yourself
- b. Hey Ya
- c. Are You Gonna Be My Girl?
- d. I Believe In a Thing Called Love

9> Take a trip down the Boulevard of Broken Dreams. Who recorded an anti-Bush rock opera called American Idiot, about a man from Jingletown named Jesus of Suburbia?

- a. Green Day
- b. Rage Against the Machine
- c. Audioslave

d. Sum 41

10> What former member of the Clash, who shares a name with the guitarist for Foreigner, was briefly part of General Public before forming Big Audio Dynamite?

- a. Joe Strummer
- b. Paul Weller
- c. Mick Jones
- d. Paul Cook

11> Although this song by the Police is actually about an obsessive stalker, it is also popular at weddings. What is it?

- a. If You Love Somebody Set Them Free
- b. Every Breath You Take
- c. Roxanne
- d. Every Little Thing She Does Is Magic

12> Thomas Morgan Robertson annoyed a certain corporation with his stage name, settling the resulting lawsuit out of court. What name was this?

- a. Thomas Polaroid
- b. Thomas Dolby
- c. Thomas Xerox
- d. Thomas the Tank Engine

13> Before joining the band Jefferson Airplane, which group was Grace Slick a member of?

- a. Heart
- b. The Great Society
- c. Starship
- d. Sundazed

14> I am a pianist who joined the Chicago Symphony Orchestra when I was nine years old. Who am I?

- a. Elton John
- b. Liberace
- c. Harry Connick, Jr.
- d. Herbie Hancock

15> Which 1966 Donovan hit made reference to the "electrical banana" a women's vibrator popular at the time?

- a. Mellow Yellow
- b. Sunshine Superman
- c. Jennifer Juniper
- d. Preachin' Love

Answers:

- 1> 364 - On each day, you get all the gifts from the preceding days. The number of gifts you get on each day is a triangular number.
- 2> Giacomo Puccini - It was set during the California gold rush.
- 3> A Hungarian sheepdog - The photo was taken by Ludwig, who was famous for working with animals.
- 4> China - It is from the movie Sons and Daughters in a Time of Storm. Mao briefly replaced it with The East is Red.
- 5> Kenny Chesney - He also has a degree in advertising from East Tennessee State.
- 6> Face - The lines are E-G-B-D-F (every good boy does fine).
- 7> Guns N' Roses - Dr Pepper promised that if the album came out in 2008, it would give a free can of Dr Pepper to everyone in America, except for former Guns N' Roses guitarists Buckethead and Slash.
- 8> Hey Ya - Andre 3000 played almost all the instruments by himself.
- 9> Green Day - Unusual for a punk album, it had a nine-minute song called Jesus of Suburbia.
- 10> Mick Jones - The future Foreigner guitarist Mick Jones had been in a version of Spooky Tooth.
- 11> Every Breath You Take - Sting wrote it as his marriage to Frances Tomelty collapsed. He calls it 'a nasty little song, really rather evil.'
- 12> Thomas Dolby - He was born in Cairo.
- 13> The Great Society - The band often opened for Jefferson Airplane.
- 14> Liberace - During his career, Liberace was the highest-paid entertainer in the world.
- 15> Mellow Yellow - The song was rumoured to be about smoking dried banana skins.