

POP CULTURE TRIVIA QUESTIONS XXVIII



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1> On TV's The Howdy Doody Show, what character's only words, "Goodbye, kids", were saved for the final show?

- a. Princess Summerfall Winterspring
- b. Buffalo Bob
- c. Clarabelle the Clown
- d. Chief Thunderthud

2> What is the name of the bird that is "cuckoo for Cocoa Puffs"?

- a. Kookie
- b. Tony
- c. Sonny
- d. Charlie

3> Billy Wilder wrote a draft of this movie. Martin Scorsese swapped "Cape Fear" for it. Roman Polanski turned it down, but did win an Oscar for a movie with a similar theme. What movie is this?

- a. The Color Purple
- b. Saving Private Ryan
- c. Schindler's List
- d. E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial

4> After losing 72 pounds, the now 142-lb Jean Nidetch founded what organization in May 1963 in Queens, New York?

- a. Overeaters Anonymous
- b. Weight Watchers
- c. American Diabetes Association
- d. Eating Disorders Association

5> Although Jerry Mathers did serve in the Air National Guard, it is not true he died in Vietnam. What show had he been on?

- a. Leave it to Beaver
- b. Dennis the Menace
- c. The Andy Griffith Show
- d. My Three Sons

6> A poker variation in which you combine the best two of four dealt cards and the best three of five community cards is named for what Midwest city?

- a. Milwaukee
- b. Memphis
- c. Omaha
- d. Indianapolis

7> Believing that it encourages people to reject class divisions, I practically invented montage with a scene in the Battleship Potemkin, in which I splice together 155 separate shots into four minutes and 20 seconds of screen time. Who am I?

- a. Sergei Eisenstein
- b. Peter Ilich Tchaikovsky
- c. Igor Stravinsky
- d. Nicolai Rimski-Korsakov

8> Which of these wasn't a Partridge Family hit, but was instead the theme to Laverne and Shirley, a version of which by Cyndi Grecco reached #25 on the charts?

- a. Making Our Dreams Come True
- b. I Think I Love You
- c. Come On, Get Happy
- d. I Woke Up in Love This Morning

9> As writer Murray Slaughter, who was the only cast member of "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" never nominated for an Emmy, and the only one other than Georgette Engel not to win?

- a. Ted Knight
- b. Gavin MacLeod

- c. Ed Asner
- d. Cloris Leachman

10> Allan "Shipwreck" Kelly became a minor celebrity when he spent 49 straight days doing something in Atlantic City. What?

- a. Staying awake
- b. Dancing non-stop with Mrs. Kelly
- c. Sitting on a flagpole
- d. Fasting

11> When Spencer Tracy was offered this role in the Batman TV series, he said he'd only accept if got to kill Batman. And so, what role was played by Burgess Meredith, instead?

- a. Penguin
- b. Riddler
- c. Joker
- d. Two-Face

12> Who designed the clothes for the movie "American Gigolo" and for the TV show "Miami Vice"?

- a. Giorgio Armani
- b. Gianni Versace
- c. Tommy Hilfiger
- d. Karl Lagerfeld

13> Bridget Jones' search for love continued in a sequel, which also became a movie. What is the subtitle of that book and that movie?

- a. The Search of Mr Right
- b. The Edge of Reason
- c. Singleton's Revenge
- d. Wanton Sex Goddess

14> Mary Quant, who brought us the mini-skirt and hot pants, was at the heart of which city's swinging fashion scene?

- a. Paris
- b. London

- c. Manhattan
- d. Hollywood

15> Which of these musical Genes sang "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," "Frosty the Snowman" and "Here Comes Santa Claus"?

- a. Gene Autry
- b. Gene Simmons
- c. Gene Kelly
- d. Gene Krupa

Answers:

- 1> Clarabelle the Clown - Lew Anderson delivered the line, his only one in 13 years, with a choking voice and a genuine tear.
- 2> Sonny - This General Mills brand is made of chocolate-flavored puffed grain.
- 3> Schindler's List - Wilder, who lost family in the Holocaust, begged Spielberg for what would have been his last film.
- 4> Weight Watchers - She got people together in her home in Queens as an ad hoc support group.
- 5> Leave it to Beaver - The Marines refused him because, ironically, it didn't want to risk the publicity of his death. In 1967, Mathers appeared in full dress uniform at the Emmy Awards. And somebody named Jerry Mathers apparently was killed in Vietnam, leading both UPI and AP to announce the Beaver dead. TV Guide followed suit.
- 6> Omaha - Played as a high only or a high/low split game, it is part of the rotation in HORSE tournaments.
- 7> Sergei Eisenstein - It is a 'visual symphony' of five movements, one of which involves czarist soldiers shooting citizens on the steps of Odessa.
- 8> Making Our Dreams Come True - Cyndi Grecco's Making Our Dreams Come True hit #25.
- 9> Gavin MacLeod - He was never even nominated. The show won 27 Emmys. Helen Hunt played his daughter when she was seven. She later won an Emmy, too.
- 10> Sitting on a flagpole - Kelly began the fad in 1924, when he was hired to sit on a pole to promote a movie. One year he made \$30,000 for spending 145 days on poles.
- 11> Penguin - Danny De Vito played him in one of the Michael Keaton movies.
- 12> Giorgio Armani - He therefore was instrumental in the 80s look.
- 13> The Edge of Reason - In the book, Bridget Jones gets to interview Colin Firth, as she is obsessed with his performance in the BBC version of Pride and Prejudice, but since Firth plays Mark Darcy in the film, doing this scene in the film would have been weird.
- 14> London - Her designs made miniskirts and hot pants famous, and often included striking geometric patterns and strong colors.
- 15> Gene Autry - From 1934 to 1953, Autry appeared in 93 films.