

POP CULTURE TRIVIA QUESTIONS XI



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1> Frank Sinatra died on the same night as which TV show's finale, which his daughter Nancy was watching the night he died?

- a. MASH
- b. Cheers!
- c. Seinfeld
- d. Mary Tyler Moore

2> Mathematician Danica McKellar co-wrote the Chayes-McKellar-Winn theorem, a proof regarding two-dimensional magnetism. Before that, she was Winnie on what TV show?

- a. What's Happening
- b. The Wonder Years
- c. Full House
- d. That 70s Show

3> Who was nominated for Oscars twice in the same year, in 2003, both times for playing 1950s housewives?

- a. Sigourney Weaver
- b. Jessica Lange
- c. Julianne Moore
- d. Holly Hunter

4> Ke Mo Sah Bee was a camp in Michigan. What two characters called each other Kemo Sabe?

- a. Tintin and Captain Haddock
- b. Lone Ranger and Tonto
- c. Batman and Robin
- d. The Green Hornet and Kato

5> Bradys or Partridges? The issue was settled in 2002 when Danny Bonaduce entered the "Celebrity Boxing" ring against Barry Williams. Which TV family came out on top?

- a. Neither
- b. Brady
- c. Partridge
- d. Both

6> What star was at the center of a fad begun in 1993 at the University of Pennsylvania, where students tried to connect actors through pairs of co-stars?

- a. Christopher Lee
- b. Kevin Bacon
- c. Samuel L Jackson
- d. Ted McGuinley

7> Dennis Ketcham was sent to a Swiss boarding school to address his learning disabilities. What comic strip did he inspire?

- a. Doonesbury
- b. Dennis the Menace
- c. Beetle Bailey
- d. Peanuts

8> Who reputedly turned down chances to play Han Solo, James Bond, Michael Corleone, Randall Murphy and Trapper John ... and nearly turned down the role in "Boogie Nights" for which he was Oscar-nominated?

- a. Sylvester Stallone
- b. Donald Sutherland
- c. Burt Reynolds
- d. Robert De Niro

9> You talking to me? In what movie did Robert De Niro adapt a scene from "Shane" and improvise Travis Bickle threatening himself in a mirror?

- a. Goodfellas
- b. Mean Streets
- c. Taxi Driver

d. The Godfather

10> In Pirates of the Caribbean, who tried to play Captain Jack Sparrow as a mix of Keith Richards and Pepe LePew?

- a. Brendan Fraser
- b. Ethan Hawke
- c. Johnny Depp
- d. Matt Damon

11> Donald Sinclair, the real-life hotel manager at the Gleneagles Hotel in Torquay, inspired which member of Monty Python to create Basil Fawlty?

- a. Terry Jones
- b. Eric Idle
- c. John Cleese
- d. Michael Palin

12> Despite what you saw in this movie, in real-life DJ Adrian Cronauer was a by-the-book military man who later campaigned for George W Bush. What movie?

- a. Good Morning, Vietnam
- b. The Fisher King
- c. WKRP in Cincinnati
- d. Private Parts

13> Who condemned both anti-Semitism and "Zionism hoodlums" when she won a 1977 Best Supporting Actress Oscar for "Julia"?

- a. Susan Sarandon
- b. Vanessa Redgrave
- c. Jane Fonda
- d. Barbra Streisand

14> Who played the evil President Alan Richmond in Absolute Power, and the retired President Monroe "Eagle" Cole in Welcome to Mooseport?

- a. Gene Hackman
- b. Jack Lemmon
- c. Clint Eastwood
- d. James Garner

15> In a 1978 comic book drawn by Neal Adams, Superman lost his powers in a match under a red sun and got the stuffing knocked out of him by what boxer?

- a. Muhammad Ali
- b. Rocky Marciano
- c. Joe Louis
- d. Mike Tyson

Answers:

1> Seinfeld - Sinatra's last words were 'I'm losing it.'

2> The Wonder Years - One of her few acting appearances after she went into math was on the nerd show, The Big Bang Theory.

3> Julianne Moore - The movies were Far from Heaven and The Hours.

4> Lone Ranger and Tonto - In various Indian languages, it can mean 'friendly Apache', 'white person', and even 'soggy shrub'. But to the Ottawa of Michigan, giimoozaabi really does mean 'scout'.

5> Partridge - Likewise, Paula Jones and Vanilla Ice stupidly got in the ring with Tonya Harding and Todd Bridges.

6> Kevin Bacon - When Duncan Watts and Steven Strogatz studied network speed, they looked at a fad begun in 1993 at UPenn.

7> Dennis the Menace - His mom was an alcoholic who died of an accidental overdose, and he later suffered post-traumatic stress disorder after serving as a Marine in Vietnam, after which he drifted from job to job.

8> Burt Reynolds - Apparently, he also passed on the lead in One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest.

9> Taxi Driver - The script simply called for him to talk to himself in a mirror.

10> Johnny Depp - Richards would play Sparrow's dad, Captain Jack Teague.

11> John Cleese - In the 2001 movie Rat Race, Cleese played another eccentric hotelier, this time named Donald Sinclair.

12> Good Morning, Vietnam - He was played by Robin Williams as an anti-authority figure.

13> Vanessa Redgrave - She praised Oscar voters for refusing 'to be intimidated by the threats of a small bunch of Zionist hoodlums . . . whose behavior is an insult to the stature of Jews all over the world and to their great and heroic record of struggle against fascism and oppression.'

14> Gene Hackman - Richmond kills his friend's wife while having rough sex with her. Cole simply runs for mayor of a small town against Ray Romano's plumber.

15> Muhammad Ali - By the time the book came out, however, Ali had lost his crown to Leon Spinks.

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