

POP CULTURE TRIVIA QUESTIONS XII



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1> What is said to have happened at 112 Ocean Avenue in Amityville, New York, which was not in fact built on an Indian graveyard?

- a. Eric Clapton recorded an album
- b. The house became haunted after a mass murder
- c. There was a shark attack
- d. A member of the Kennedy family killed a girl

2> Czechoslovakian supermodel Paulina Porizkova surprised many when she married what less-than-supermodel-y lead singer of the Cars?

- a. Bryan Ferry
- b. Lyle Lovett
- c. Ric Ocasek
- d. Benjamin Orr

3> Originally, marketed as an orthopedic shoe for older women, what brand was created in 1945, by a German doctor who was recovering from a ski accident?

- a. Birkenstock
- b. Earth Shoe
- c. Doc Martens
- d. Bass Weejums

4> Which of the following typically included the words, "This machine kills fascists"?

- a. Upton Sinclair's typewriter
- b. Woody Guthrie's guitar
- c. Margaret Bourke-White's camera
- d. Matt Drudge's Web site

5> Some people insist, not only that this monster exists, but that it is a plesiosaur. What is it?

- a. Loch Ness monster
- b. Bigfoot
- c. Godzilla
- d. King Kong

6> Here's a "Top 40." What ethnicity are Frank Zappa, Tiny Tim, Tiffany and Paul Anka, not to mention Casey Kasem himself?

- a. Italian American
- b. Hispanic American
- c. Arab American
- d. Greek American

7> In the 1980s, General Mills discontinued Fruit Brute and Yummy Mummy, but still sells all but which of these characters?

- a. Boo Berry
- b. Count Chocula
- c. Vanilla Gorilla
- d. Frankenberry

8> Until NATO bombed Belgrade, writer Thomas Friedman was able to say that there had never been a war between two nations with what franchise?

- a. McDonald's
- b. Barnes and Noble
- c. Starbucks
- d. Kinko's

9> What insane killer supposedly auditioned for the Monkees, even though at the time he was too old ... and in jail in McNeil Island, Washington?

- a. Charles Manson
- b. The Birdman of Alcatraz
- c. The Boston Strangler
- d. Lee Harvey Oswald

10> One across. What staple of modern newspapers first appeared in the Sunday supplement to the New York World in December 1913 (9,6)?

- a. Crossword puzzle
- b. Horoscopes
- c. Comic strip
- d. Crime-scene photos

11> What two-word term do we owe to Proctor and Gamble, whose detergent Oxydol sponsored a radio show called Ma Perkins in 1933?

- a. Soap opera
- b. Block buster
- c. Commercial message
- d. Pop culture

12> In 1999, Yo-Yo Ma forgot what \$2.5-million, 266-year-old instrument in a New York City taxi trunk?

- a. Cello
- b. Violin
- c. Viola
- d. Guitar

13> In 1993, Mattel outfitted what Barbie boyfriend, dressing him with an earring, a purple leather vest, two-tone hair and a mesh shirt?

- a. Ken
- b. Fred
- c. Stan
- d. Ted

14> In ads that ran in 1980, what came between 15-year-old Brooke Shields and her Calvin Klein jeans?

- a. Nothing
- b. \$69.69
- c. A new day
- d. Her best friends

15> Where did the bikini's name come from?

- a. A very spicy Japanese sushi dish
- b. From a song about a yellow polka dot monster
- c. Bikini Atoll, where there had been A-bomb tests
- d. From French slang for a pretty girl

Answers:

- 1> The house became haunted after a mass murder - Ronald DeFeo slaughtered his family there, inspiring a movie. Oddly, all the victims were face down, as if they hadn't heard any of the shots.
- 2> Ric Ocasek - They met when she appeared in the video for Drive.
- 3> Doc Martens - Named for Claus Maertens, they became the must-have shoes for fashionable punkers.
- 4> Woody Guthrie's guitar - He later died of Huntington's disease.
- 5> Loch Ness monster - But if so, it would surface more often for air.
- 6> Arab American - Moreover, Paula Abdul's father was a Syrian Jew.
- 7> Vanilla Gorilla - General Mills introduced Count Chocula and Franken Berry in 1971, followed by Boo Berry in 1973. Fruit Brute was sold from 1974 to 1983 and the vanilla-flavoured Yummy Mummy from 1988 to 1993.
- 8> McDonald's - It was called the Golden Arches Theory of Conflict Prevention.
- 9> Charles Manson - Harry Nilsson, Paul Williams, Danny Hutton and Stephen Stills did try out for the Monkees, though.
- 10> Crossword puzzle - Arthur Wynne created the puzzle.
- 11> Soap opera - Oxydol was actually at the forefront of innovative marketing, having been involved in door-to-door sampling, metal coupons and slice-of-life magazine cartoon ads.
- 12> Cello - A little girl asked him if it had a name, and she suggested Petunia.
- 13> Ken - Mattel called him Magic Earring Ken.
- 14> Nothing - The ads were filmed by Richard Avedon but were controversial because Shields was so young at the time.
- 15> Bikini Atoll, where there had been A-bomb tests - Found in the Marshall Islands, the entire population was moved to Rongerik to get them out of the way of A-bomb testing.