

POP CULTURE TRIVIA QUESTIONS XX



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1> Disney caught a lot of flack when this hero looked too much like Tom Cruise and not enough like Omar Sharif. In fact, the character was actually the son of a Chinese tailor. Who?

- a. Ali Baba
- b. Sinbad
- c. Aladdin
- d. Nemo

2> Elmo Lincoln is credited with being the first person to play what Edgar Rice Burroughs character in the movies?

- a. Sherlock Holmes
- b. Tarzan
- c. Dracula
- d. James Bond

3> Recognized for "Showgirls", who was the first person to show in person to accept a Razzie Award?

- a. Halle Berry
- b. Paul Verhoeven
- c. Tom Green
- d. Demi Moore

4> The last cigarette ad on TV appeared on December 31, 1971, for Virginia Slims, during what show?

- a. Starsky and Hutch
- b. The Tonight Show
- c. Mork and Mindy
- d. Happy Days

5> No, he wasn't banned in Finland for not wearing pants (it was just a budget cut back at the Helsinki school board). Who?

- a. Donald Duck
- b. Sylvester the Cat
- c. Porky Pig
- d. Roger Rabbit

6> MGM forced Lucille LeSueur to adopt a stage name picked through a "Movie Weekly" contest, which was won by Mrs. Marie Tisdale of Albany, New York. What name did she suggest?

- a. Katharine Hepburn
- b. Joan Crawford
- c. Bette Davis
- d. Mary Pickford

7> In which of these movies-based-on-TV-shows did Buddy Ebsen reprise his Barnaby Jones TV role, in what would turn out to be his last movie role?

- a. The Beverly Hillbillies
- b. Starsky and Hutch
- c. Maverick
- d. Wild Wild West

8> A script suggests that what Star Trek character's first name was Nyota, the Swahili for "star"?

- a. Uhura
- b. Worf
- c. Odo
- d. Neelix

9> Although her husband said that "the only thing red about her is her hair," what 1950s TV star got in hot trouble with HUAC when it came out that, in 1936, she had registered to vote as a communist?

- a. Lucille Ball
- b. Imogene Coca
- c. Gracie Allen

d. Eve Arden

10> Sales of what dictionary soared after it became a running gag on Rowan and Martin's Laugh-In?

- a. Oxford English Dictionary
- b. Merriam-Webster
- c. Funk and Wagnalls
- d. Random House

11> Talk about life imitating ... well ... soap. When Kelly Ripa married Mark Consuelos at the Chapel of the Bells in Vegas, they were already playing a hot and heavy couple on what TV show?

- a. All My Children
- b. General Hospital
- c. Days of Our Lives
- d. The Young and the Restless

12> In 2004, TBS did a reality series, co-starring movie stars Rachel Hunter and Nicole Eggert, which was billed as the "real" version of what reality show?

- a. Beverly Hillbillies
- b. Gilligan's Island
- c. Dallas
- d. Lost in Space

13> What detective's wife was much talked about but never seen, at least until Kate Mulgrew got her own show?

- a. Mannix
- b. Columbo
- c. Ironside
- d. Kojak

14> What 1970s (and early 80s) sitcom was relaunched in 1991, although the only cast members who returned were Gordon Jump, Richard Sanders and Frank Bonner?

- a. WKRP in Cincinnati
- b. The Odd Couple

- c. Diff'rent Strokes
- d. One Day at a Time

15> Monk's Cafe is actually Tom's Diner and had already been immortalized by singer Suzanne Vega, when it was used in what TV series?

- a. Frasier
- b. Friends
- c. Seinfeld
- d. Spin City

Answers:

1> Aladdin - The Disney version was inspired by 1940's The Thief of Baghdad, in which Conrad Veidt played Grand Vizier Jaffar and Sabu played Abu the Thief, who is a lot like Aladdin, complete with flying carpets.

2> Tarzan - Burroughs was furious that the barrel-chested Lincoln was playing a character he'd imagined as lithe and cat-like, so much so that he refused to see the movie.

3> Paul Verhoeven - In the 1980s, he established an SF niche, doing RoboCop, and moving on to Total Recall and Starship Troopers.

4> The Tonight Show - The ban was delayed to get a few more ads aired during football games.

5> Donald Duck - Helsinki school board official Markku Holopainen simply re-allocated scarce economic resources.

6> Joan Crawford - Louis B Mayer thought her real name sounded too much like "Le Sewer." She thought the new name sounded too much like "crawfish."

7> The Beverly Hillbillies - Miss Jane hires him to find Granny. It was funny, of course, because Ebsen also played Jed Clampett on the original show.

8> Uhura - It was essentially established as canon in the first Star Trek movie.

9> Lucille Ball - She did it for her socialist grandfather.

10> Funk and Wagnalls - Johnny Carson's Carnac supposedly got his envelopes from a mayonnaise jar on a porch outside the encyclopedia's office.

11> All My Children - Ripa played Hayley Vaughan for 12 seasons.

12> Gilligan's Island - An edition the next year, in 2005, had Erika Eleniak and Angie Everhart competing to be "the movie star" on The Real Gilligan's Island.

13> Columbo - Problems developed with the original show and eventually Mrs Columbo was established as being unrelated to Peter Falk's character.

14> WKRP in Cincinnati - Many of the original cast did return for single episodes.

15> Seinfeld - It is on 112th Street and Broadway.