

ROCK MUSIC TRIVIA QUESTIONS X



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1> Imelda Marcos was known by which nickname, which she shared with a psychedelic rock band best known for "In-a-Gadda-da-Vida"?

- a. Grateful Dead
- b. Iron Butterfly
- c. Electric Prune
- d. Vanilla Fudge

2> Brian Wilson spent seven months and \$50,000 on this single, for the later-abandoned "Smile" album. What is this "pocket symphony"?

- a. Wouldn't It Be Nice
- b. California Girls
- c. Good Vibrations
- d. Fun, Fun, Fun

3> As Winston O'Boogie, John Lennon re-recorded what Beatles classic with Elton John?

- a. Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds
- b. With a Little Help from My Friends
- c. Come Together
- d. Strawberry Fields Forever

4> What rock song streaked like a comet to #1 after it appeared during the opening credits to the movie "Blackboard Jungle"?

- a. Jailhouse Rock
- b. Rock Around the Clock
- c. Johnny B Goode
- d. Great Balls of Fire

5> Known for "96 Tears", the Mysterians were Mexican Americans from Michigan whose lead singer, Rudy Martinez, used what punctuation mark as a stage name?

- a. ?
- b. "
- c. !
- d. \$

6> Mob-linked Morris Levy stole the writing credit and royalties for Why Do Fools Fall in Love from what star, who died a penniless heroin addict at age 25?

- a. Frankie Lymon
- b. Otis Redding
- c. Jackie Wilson
- d. Frankie Valli

7> Who wrote "(Sittin' on) the Dock of the Bay" while sittin' in a houseboat, between gigs at the Fillmore in San Francisco?

- a. Otis Redding
- b. Joe Croce
- c. Jimmy Buffett
- d. Jerry Garcia

8> Written for Elvis by Mae Axton, what song was inspired by a suicide note that read, "I walk a lonely street"?

- a. Are You Lonesome Tonight
- b. Blue Suede Shoes
- c. Heartbreak Hotel
- d. In the Ghetto

9> What "built for speed" song did Little Richard record, hoping to frustrate Pat Boone's constant covering of his material?

- a. Long Tall Sally
- b. Good Golly, Miss Molly
- c. Tutt-Frutti
- d. Slippin' and Slidin'

10> It's not that Chubby Checker was a one-hit wonder. It's just that he kept recording the same hit over and over. Which of these is not one of his retreads of "The Twist"?

- a. Let's Twist Again
- b. Twist It Up
- c. Twist and Shout
- d. Slow Twistin'

11> What song's famous riff occurred to Keith Richards in the middle of the night in May 1965, in a motel room in Clearwater, Florida?

- a. Satisfaction
- b. Jumping Jack Flash
- c. Honky Tonky Woman
- d. Get Off Of My Cloud

12> From what bluesman did Led Zeppelin rob the prelude to Bring It On Home, as well as the lyrics to Whole Lotta Love, plus You Shook Me and for I Can't Quit You Baby?

- a. Muddy Waters
- b. Willie Dixon
- c. Robert Johnson
- d. Howlin' Wolf

13> What song did Abba introduce at a 1976 wedding ball for King Carl Gustaf?

- a. Knowing Me, Knowing You
- b. Dancing Queen
- c. Waterloo
- d. Fernando

14> Although Clover backed up Elvis Costello, Clover's most famous member missed the gig. Who was he?

- a. Adam Ant
- b. Joey Ramone
- c. Huey Lewis
- d. Billy Idol

15> The Roberta Flack song "Killing Me Softly with His Song" was inspired when folk singer Lori Lieberman saw whom in concert?

- a. Don McLean
- b. Cat Stevens
- c. Joni Mitchell
- d. Bob Marley

Answers:

1> Iron Butterfly - She's sometimes called the Steel Butterfly.

2> Good Vibrations - It was unusual as it included a cello and a theremin.

3> Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds - It was, as of 2008, the most successful cover of a Beatles tune ever.

4> Rock Around the Clock - It became rock music's biggest selling vinyl single ever.

5> ? - Their song was originally called "69 Tears," which was less radio friendly.

6> Frankie Lymon - Linked to the Genovese crime family, Levy ran Gee Records.

7> Otis Redding - He was on a houseboat in Waldo Pier in Sausalito, listening to Sgt Pepper.

8> Heartbreak Hotel - Supposedly, she and Tommy Durden co-wrote the song in Florida in just 22 minutes.

9> Long Tall Sally - It didn't work. Pat's version hit #8.

10> Twist and Shout - Originally recorded by the Topnotes, it was covered by the Isley Brothers and then the Beatles.

11> Satisfaction - He and Mick finished it in 10 minutes by the pool. Keith wanted a horn section, but the rest of the band insisted on the Gibson fuzzbox instead.

12> Willie Dixon - Muddy Waters recorded You Need Love in 1962. The Small Faces mashed the lyrics in 1966 with the music from John Lee Hooker's Boom Boom for "their" song You Need Loving. This is the version Led Zeppelin stole as Whole Lotta Love, albeit with some new music. Waters was the only one to credit Dixon.

13> Dancing Queen - It was the band's only US #1.

14> Huey Lewis - Clover recorded My Aim Is True.

15> Don McLean - Thus, Roberta Flack, whose The First Time Ever I Saw Your Face beat American Pie for the Record of the Year Grammy in 1973, won it again in 1974, for a song about McLean.