

TRIVIA QUESTIONS - I

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1> Which of these stones is green?

- a. Paridot
- b. Lapis lazuli
- c. Garnet
- d. Amaber

2> What is the largest Bay in the world?

- a. The Bay of Bengal
- b. Grand Bay
- c. Hermitage Bay
- d. The Bay of Biscay

3> Who wrote the classic tale Thumbelina?

- a. Beatrice Potter
- b. Charles Dickens
- c. Hans Christen Anderson
- d. The Grimm Brothers

4> In Venice, many people travel by gondola. What color are these boats?

- a. Red
- b. Black
- c. Blue
- d. Green

5> Big foot is considered to be an endangered animal species. Which US state was the first to place big foot on its protected animal list?

- a. California
- b. Alaska

- c. Colorado
- d. Washington

6> In 1981, Lee Trevino was disqualified from a PGA Tournament. What did he do?

- a. Failed to sign his scorecard
- b. Did not show up at the scheduled tee off time
- c. Swore at an official
- d. Was wearing inappropriate clothes

7> Which superstar sang Proud Mary at the 1989 Oscars?

- a. Kevin Costner
- b. Sean Penn
- c. Rob Lowe
- d. Michael J. Fox

8> In which county would you find the Valley of the Kings?

- a. England
- b. Egypt
- c. Kenya
- d. Scotland

9> Who said, "Make your sons Americans."?

- a. John F. Kennedy
- b. General Lee
- c. Abraham Lincoln
- d. George Washington

10> In which classic tale would you find the character Heathcliff?

- a. The Great Gatsby
- b. A Tale of Two Cities
- c. Wuthering Heights
- d. The sun also Rises

11> What is the only metal, which is a liquid at room temperature?

- a. Mercury
- b. Lead
- c. Gallium
- d. Bismuth

12> In 1990, Eric Lechner and Nathan Zohner started a campaign at Santa Cruz against dihydrogen monoxide, which erodes soil, corrodes metal, is fatal if inhaled and is found in cancerous tumors. What is dihydrogen monoxide?

- a. Water
- b. Ammonia
- c. Sulfuric oxide
- d. Hydrogen chloride

13> While performing a duet, Janet Jackson's breast, adorned with a nipple shield, was exposed at the 2004 Super Bowl. Whom was she performing with?

- a. Justin Timberlake
- b. Paul McCartney
- c. Usher
- d. Lenny Kravitz

14> Who would most likely wear a skullcap called a zucchetto?

- a. Divers and swimmers
- b. Catholic clergy
- c. European Jews
- d. Arab women

15> My very excellent memory just served up eight. What extra word can be tagged on to this number, which tells you what the list defines?

- a. Eras
- b. Bones
- c. Planets
- d. Gods

Answers:

- 1> Peridot - Peridot only comes in various shades of green.
- 2> The Bay of Bengal - This huge body of water is 2.2 million square kilometers.
- 3> Hans Christen Anderson - Anderson also wrote The Little Match Girl and The Snow Queen.
- 4> Black - This law was passed to stop the outrageous attempts of nobles trying to outdo each other with elaborate gondolas. This decree came into effect in the 16th century.
- 5> California - Big Foot is also called a Sasquatch.
- 6> Failed to sign his scorecard - It was discovered that Lee had not signed the card. Instead, it had been signed by Tom Weiskopf.
- 7> Rob Lowe - Rob Lowe sang this classic with a singer dressed as Snow white.
- 8> Egypt - The Valley of the Kings is where many of the pharaohs were buried.
- 9> General Lee - Lee was a general for the south during the American Civil War.
- 10> Wuthering Heights - This novel was written by Emily Bronte. She used the penname Ellis Bell.
- 11> Mercury - Mercury is commonly used in thermometers.
- 12> Water - Prolonged exposure to solid dihydrogen monoxide can damage tissues. Excessive use leads to increased sweating and urination, but long-time users who withdraw face certain death!
- 13> Justin Timberlake - The exposed nipple shield lead to an immediate crackdown by the Federal Communications Commission.
- 14> Catholic clergy - It is purple for bishops, red for cardinals and white for the pope.
- 15> Planets - The amusing xkcd variation is this - Mary's virgin explanation made Joseph suspect upstairs neighbor.

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