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Sample Round 1

1. What is the name of the rabbit in the Disney film 'Bambi'?
2. What title was given to the leader of the Knights Templar?
3. Which six countries are the biggest sinners based on total worldwide CO2 emissions?
4. In 1901 Marconi sent his trans-Atlantic message from 'Signal Hill'. In which country was it (Signal Hill) then and in which country is it now?
5. In which city is the headquarters for each of the following organisations?
 - a. Greenpeace International
 - b. OPEC
 - c. NATO
 - d. International Criminal Court
6. In which film did Tom Hanks play a so called 'Master of the Universe'?
7. Who was the A in A&M records?
8. What are the two most populated cities in
 - a. Colombia and
 - b. Bangladesh?
9. Quite a number of artists had a hit using songs written by Carole King. Which Goffin and King composition gave Donny Osmond his only number one hit in the USA?
10. Which gemstone, which sometimes has a life of its own, did the Greeks name Electron?
11. Also remembered for introducing the pillar box, who wrote the 'Barsetshire' novels?
12. For each off the following one-liners from famous songs of 1973, name the song title and the responsible artist:
 - a: But if this ever-changing world in which we live in
 - b: While the other kids were Rocking Round the Clock
 - c: But why in spite of our age difference do I cry
 - d: You walked into the party
 - e: Those were such happy times and not so long ago
 - f: And the papers want to know whose shirts you wear
 - g: Strumming my pain with his fingers
 - h: Clowns to the left of me
 - i: You ask how much I need you, must I explain
 - j: 'cause I couldn't bear to see what I might see
 - k: You are the apple of my eye
13. Which exotic location was a hit for Bobby Bloom in 1970?
14. Which famous publisher makes a cameo appearance in the film 'Beverly Hills Cop II'?
15. Which country's flag shows a large star top left with an arc of four smaller stars to its right (all on a red background)?
16. Which actress co-starred with Marilyn Monroe in Gentlemen Prefer Blondes?

17. When the Titanic sank in 1912, which steamship was less than 20 miles away, yet failed to heed her distress signals?
18. Which eccentric businessman designed the bra that Jane Russell wore in the film The Outlaw?
19. Which country reached the 1974 and 1978 world cup finals, but ended up runners-up in both?
20. Which English county was known to the Romans as Vectis?

Sample Round 1 Answers

1. Thumper
2. Grand Master
3. USA 21.4%, China 18.8%, Russia 5.7%, Japan 4.5%, India 4.2%, Germany 3.0%.
4. Newfoundland. Today Newfoundland is a part of Canada.
5. Four answers
 - a. Amsterdam
 - b. Vienna
 - c. Brussels
 - d. The Hague
6. Bonfire of the Vanities. A term used to describe powerful Wall Street stockbrokers.
7. Herb Alpert
8. Two answers
 - a. Bogota and Cali
 - b. Dhaka and Chittagong
9. Go Away Little Girl (Puppy Love reached number three in the US charts and was written by Paul Anka)
10. Amber
11. Anthony Trollope
12. Answers:
 - a: Live And Let Die - Paul McCartney & Wings
 - b: Crocodile Rock - Elton John
 - c: Clair - Gilbert O'Sullivan
 - d: You're So Vain - Carly Simon
 - e: Yesterday Once More - Carpenters
 - f: Space Oddity - David Bowie
 - g: Killing Me Softly (With His Song) - Roberta Flack
 - h: Stuck In The Middle With You - Stealers Wheel
 - i: The Twelfth Of Never - Donny Osmond
 - j: Tie A Yellow Ribbon ('Round The Ole Oak Tree) - Tony Orlando & Dawn
 - k: You Are The Sunshine Of My Life - Stevie Wonder
13. Montego Bay

14. Hugh Hefner
15. China
16. Jane Russell
17. The SS Californian
18. Howard Hughes
19. Holland
20. Isle of Wight

Sample Round 2

1. Traditionally, the utterance of which syllable is banned in Switzerland in the spring?
2. Which actress played Joe's mother in the film 'Lassie Come Home' and the wife to be in the film 'The Bride of Frankenstein'?
3. On the 7th February 1984 Bruce McCandless became the first human to do what untied?
4. Who coined the spying term 'mole'?
5. Which famous vessel constructed with balsa wood was named after a sun god?
6. In book and film, the Paragon Panther, a three-time Grand Prix winner, is better known as what?
7. Which part of the world is named after the goddess of winter and the hunt?
8. Which Star Trek character plays the trombone?
9. The 'Turtle' was the first submarine used in battle. In which war was it used?
10. Which Oscar winning actor played the reclusive Boo Radley in the film 'To Kill A Mockingbird'?
11. The Horn of Amalthea is better known as what?
12. John Kay was the lead singer in which 'acid rock' 60s band?
13. Which book, published in 1086, did the Oxford History Of England call the most famous document of the middle ages?
14. Which discount store was founded by Clemens and August Brenninkmeijer back in 1841 in the Netherlands and still has thousands of stores in over 20 countries worldwide?
15. In which countries are the following tasty cities located?
 - a. Cayenne
 - b. Tabasco
 - c. Gin Gin
16. In a very popular song written by Johnny Mercer, which words precede "eliminate the negative"?

17. In Greek mythology, who was responsible for slaying the Amazon queen Penthesilea?
18. When France decided to leave NATO French President Charles de Gaulle phoned the US President and said he wanted all American service personnel removed from French soil. The US President replied "Does that include those buried in it?" Who was the US President?
19. Of which winter sport did Sir Arthur Conan Doyle become an early British exponent?
20. For each of the following one-liners from famous songs of 1965, name the song title and the responsible artist:
 - a: When I'm drivin' in my car, and the man comes on the radio
 - b: But every now and then I feel so insecure
 - c: When you're alone and life is making you lonely
 - d: And if I get scared, you're always around
 - e: Now there's no welcome look
 - f: Now I need a place to hide away
 - g: She's been married seven times before
 - h: But when I see you hanging about with anyone
 - i: It's your life, And you can do what you want
 - j: Just get away where your worries won't find you
 - k: It's the kiss of death from Mister
 - l: Lonely rivers flow to the sea
21. In archery, what is known as a perfect end?
22. What is the difference between men's lacrosse and women's lacrosse?
23. The channel between Australia and Tasmania was named after a British explorer, who was he (First and last name please)?

Sample Round 2 Answers

1. Yo. In order to prevent avalanches (According to the Oxford English Dictionary yodel means "to utter the syllable yo".)
2. Elsa Lanchester
3. Float in space. With the aid of the Manned Manoeuvring Unit (Jet Pack)
4. John Le Carre (from the novel 'Tinker, Taylor, Soldier, Spy')
5. Kon-Tiki
6. Chitty Chitty Bang Bang
7. Scandinavia
8. Will Riker
9. American War of Independence
10. A very young Robert Duvall
11. Cornucopia or Horn of Plenty
12. Steppenwolf

13. Doomsday Book
14. C & A (From the initials of the two brothers)
15. Three answers
 - a. French Guyana
 - b. Mexico
 - c. Australia
16. "You've got to accentuate the positive"
17. Achilles
18. L B J
19. Skiing
20. Answers:
 - a: (I Can't Get No) Satisfaction - The Rolling Stones
 - b: Help - The Beatles
 - c: Downtown - Petula Clark
 - d: I Got You Babe - Sonny & Cher
 - e: You've Lost That Lovin' Feeling - The Righteous Brothers
 - f: Yesterday - The Beatles
 - g: I'm Henry The Eighth, I Am - Herman's Hermits
 - h: It's Not Unusual - Tom Jones
 - i: Tired Of Waiting For You - The Kinks
 - j: I Know A Place - Petula Clark
 - k: Goldfinger - Shirley Bassey
 - l: Unchained Melody - The Righteous Brothers
21. Six arrows landing in Gold
22. Two extra women on the women's team
23. George Bass

Sample Round 3

1. What exactly is the so called worm in mezcal?
2. The name of which infamous woman without any parents means 'giver of all', 'all gifts' or 'all endowed'?
3. Who wrote the music for The Hollies hit 'The Air That I Breathe' and Leo Sayer's hit 'When I Need You'?
4. Which stately dish was first created in Delmonico's restaurant in 1876?
5. Who were Benny the Ball, Spook, The Brain, Fancy Fancy and Choo Choo?
6. What is the largest landlocked country in the world?
7. Who designed the famous tongue and lips logo for The Rolling Stones?
8. What does the lachrymal sac hold?

9. On 16th August 1960 a certain band first called themselves The Beatles. Previously they were 'The Silver Beatles' and 'The Silver Beetles'. How did they spell their name in May of that year? One word B...
10. John, Paul, George and Ringo were all born in Liverpool. In which country was a. Stuart Sutcliffe and b. Pete Best born?
11. 'Anything that can go wrong will' is not Murphy's Law!! Which Law is it?
12. Which poem deals with the events surrounding the Trojan War?
13. Firsts:
a: What did Count Alessandro Volta demonstrate to Napoleon and his court in 1801?
b: What tool did Charles Moncky first patent even though he did not invent it?
c: What feared device did Dr. Richard Jordan Gatling invent in 1861?
d: What invention of Colonel Jacob Shick could be said to have changed the face of mankind when it appeared in 1931?
e: Which synthetic food was named by its inventor after the Greek word for pearl?
f: What did American Gail Borden do to milk for the first time in 1853, thus increasing its lifetime from three hours to considerably longer?
14. They say that children grow like weeds. What weedy name did Keith Richards give his daughter?
15. How much fuel did the USS Nautilus, the world's first nuclear powered submarine, use in her first ten years of service:
a: 5kg, b: 50kg, c: 500kg or d: 5,000kg?
16. American Sport:
a: Which country's national team did the USA face in 1844 to start the oldest international cricket match in the world?
b: In which of his movies did Ronald Reagan play baseball player G.C. Alexander?
c: Which player on a basketball team usually plays the post, or pivot, position?
d: Which Kennedy scored Harvard's only touchdown in a 21-7 loss to Yale in 1955?
17. One liners from the year 1968 (Many thanks to Ted Smith for these). Name the artist and song:
a: But there ain't no cure
b: So before they come to break down the door
c: They used to laugh about dyin'
d: The man with the foolish grin is keeping perfectly still
e: Everybody's gonna jump for joy
f: The six o'clock alarm would never ring
g: I'll be sittin' when the evenin' come
h: Jesus loves you more than you will know
i: You're just a baby in disguise
j: Wonder how you manage to make ends meet
k: Once upon a time there was a tavern
18. Which play starts with the words "Proceed, Solinus to procure my fall, And, by the doom of death, end woes and all "
19. Which Venetian explorer served the emperor Kublai Khan?
20. What type of foodstuff is sorghum, used as a staple diet in Africa and parts of Asia, though rarely in the west?

Sample Round 3 Answers

1. A butterfly larva.
2. Pandora
3. Albert Hammond (of 'It Never Rains In Southern California' fame)
4. Baked Alaska
5. Members of Top Cat's gang.
6. Kazakhstan (2,670,000 square km)
7. Andy Warhol
8. Tears
9. Beata's
10. a. Stuart Sutcliffe was born in Edinburgh Scotland b. Pete Best was born in Madras India.
11. Finagle's Law (of Dynamic Negatives)
12. Iliad
13. Answers:
 - a: The (electric) battery
 - b: The Monkey wrench (interestingly, the device was called a monkey wrench long before Charles Moncky patented it - he sold the patent for \$2000 in order to buy a house)
 - c: Machine gun, first known as the Gatling gun
 - d: The electric razor
 - e: Margarine - named after 'margarites'.
 - f: Condense it
14. Dandelion
15. a: 5kg
16. Answers
 - a: Canada's
 - b: The Winning Team
 - c: Center
 - d: Teddy Kennedy
17. Answers (Song - Artist (other versions)):
 - a: Summertime Blues - Blue Cheer (Eddie Cochran, The Who)
 - b: Delilah - Tom Jones
 - c: The Ballad Of Bonnie And Clyde - Georgie Fame
 - d: Fool On The Hill - Sergio Mendes & Brazil '66 (Shirley Bassey)
 - e: The Mighty Quinn - Manfred Mann
 - f: Daydream Believer - The Monkees
 - g: (Sittin' On) The Dock Of The Bay - Otis Redding
 - h: Mrs. Robinson - Simon & Garfunkel
 - i: Young Girl - Gary Puckett & The Union Gap
 - j: Lady Madonna - The Beatles
 - k: Those Were The Days - Mary Hopkins
18. The Comedy Of Errors - Shakespeare

19. Marco polo

20. A grain

Sample Round 4

1. What was the name of the sticky sweet night club in which Chubby Checker first introduced the Twist to the world?

2. Which 1972 Academy Award winner for best actress was Freddy Mercury's role model for stage shows?

3. What was the name given to the first true plastic (made with a synthetic polymer) introduced in 1912?

4. In which film does the "bravest of them all" character played by John Wayne constantly use the word Pilgrim?

5. An excursion for pleasure made by an official at the expense of the tax payer and a dessert. Six letters

6. The following books are about which musicians or bands?

- a. The Negative Dialectics Of Poodle Play
- b. The Secret Life Of Gordon Sumner
- c. Behind The Mask
- d. Diary Of A Madman

7. Unready, Martyr, Peaceable and Bastard are all examples of what?

8. The fictional masked crime fighter The Green Hornet is the nephew of which western hero?

9. What are the two oldest forms of script or syllabry in the ancient Aegean world called that predate the Greek alphabet?

10. In the early 14th century, what was a pot-de-fer?

11. A large city in the eastern USA and a popular mouth watering summer dessert . Nine letters

12. Put the following capital cities in order of distance from London, starting with the furthest away:

Warsaw, Moscow, Lisbon, Madrid, Belgrade.

13. Christian Bale has played Bruce Wayne aka Batman in two films. Which other star has also played Batman twice in film?

14. Which fiction writers' stories, such as "The Metamorphosis", "The Trial" and "The Castle", concern troubled individuals in a nightmarishly impersonal and bureaucratic world?

15. Under which other identity is CIA Officer David Webb better known?

16. There are four Guggenheim museums worldwide, several others are under construction. One is in North America and three are in Europe. Name the cities in which one can visit a Guggenheim museum today.

17. In Spanish supermarkets this well-known household product is known as Don Limpio. How is it known in English-speaking countries?
18. Which European country spends a record 53 billion Euro each year on armaments, the highest spend by any European country?
19. Complete the following sequence (Clue: think politics):
Mildred, Hannelore, Hannelore, Doris, _____
20. Who was the American author, best known for his creation of the jungle hero Tarzan and the heroic Mars adventurer John Carter?
21. Time, Space & the Planets
- Which object was named by 13 year old Venetia Burney from Oxford?
 - What sort of creatures were Laska & Benny who were sent into space in 1958?
 - Charon is the only known moon of which orbiting object?
 - Which Star Trek character is Asteroid 2309 named after?
 - Which planet is slightly smaller than the Earth?
 - Which Planets rings were photographed by Voyager 1 in 1980?
 - How many Apollo missions had successful moon landings?
 - When skylab crashed to earth, in which country did it fall?
 - What is the difference between a meteor and meteorite?

Sample Round 4 Answers

1. The Peppermint Lounge
2. Liza Minnelli
3. Bakelite
4. The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance. In the theme song he "was the bravest of them all".
5. Junket
6. Four answers
 - a. Frank Zappa
 - b. Sting
 - c. REM
 - d. Ozzy Osbourne
7. English Kings. Ethelred the Unready (978-1016), Edward the Martyr (975-978), Edgar the Peaceable (959-975) and William the Bastard or Conqueror (1066-1087).
8. The Lone Ranger
9. Linear A and Linear B
10. A cannon. Probably the first cannon made of metal, it was used in the 100 years war.
11. Charlotte
12. Moscow 2508km (1559 miles), Belgrade 1694km (1053 miles), Lisbon 1585km (985 miles), Warsaw 1452km (902 miles), Madrid 1261km (783 miles)
13. Michael Keaton

14. Franz Kafka

15. Jason Bourne (a fictional character of Robert Ludlum novels and subsequent film adaptations all starring Matt Damon, The Bourne Identity for example)

16. Berlin, Bilbao, Venice and New York. The Las Vegas Guggenheim museums are now both closed.

17. UK: Flash, USA/CAN/AUS: Mr. Clean, Germany: Meister Proper, France: Monsieur Propre, Italy: Mastro Lindo

18. The United Kingdom

19. Joachim (Spouses of the previous and current German Chancellors - Mildred Scheel (Walter Scheel), Hannelore Glaser (Helmut Schmidt), Hannelore Kohl (Helmut Kohl), Doris Schröder-Köpf (Gerhard Schröder), Joachim Sauer (Angela Merkel))

20. Edgar Rice Burroughs

21. Nine answers:

- a. Pluto
- b. Mice
- c. Pluto
- d. Spock
- e. Venus
- f. Saturn
- g. 6
- h. Australia
- i. A meteorite has fallen to earth

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