

Films & TV

- ⁴³ **Question 1** In which film does a nun, on the run from the Nazis, and accompanied by a group of children, sing at the Salzburg Festival?
- Answer** The Sound of Music (1965).
- ⁴⁴ **Question 2** Jessica Fletcher is the main character in which TV series?
- Answer** Murder She Wrote
- ⁴⁵ **Question 3** Which car was used as a time machine in the 'Back to the Future' films?
- Answer** A DeLorean
- ⁴⁶ **Question 4** Which of the Marx brothers is a deaf mute?
- Answer** None. Arthur 'Harpo' Marx was a mime, not a mute.
- ⁴⁷ **Question 5** Who said "I'm sorry Dave, I'm afraid I can't do that"?
- Answer** HAL in '2001 A Space Odyssey'.
- ⁴⁸ **Question 6** What was the name of the boy who befriended ET?
- Answer** Elliot
- ⁴⁹ **Question 7** The character 'Q' appears in all but two James Bond films. He is the head of Q Branch (later Q Division). What does Q stand for?
- Answer** Quartermaster
- ⁵⁰ **Question 8** What was known as 'Watery Fowls', 'Flay Otters', 'Fatty Owls', 'Flowery Twats', and 'Farty Towels', in that order?
- Answer** Fawlty Towers. The signs were changed at the beginning of each episode of the second season: Episode 8: 'Watery Fowls'; Episode 9: 'Flay Otters'; Episode 10: 'Fatty Owls'; Episode 11: 'Flowery Twats'; Episode 12: 'Farty Towels'
- ⁵¹ **Question 9** Which English actor has the distinction of having being nominated the most times for Best Actor Academy Award (8) and never having won (although he received an Honorary Award in 2003)?
- Answer** Peter O'Toole
- ⁵² **Question 10** Who plays Hagrid in the Harry Potter films?
- Answer** Robbie Coltrane

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Geography

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- Question 11** Abuja is the capital of the seventh most populous country in the world. Which?
- Answer** Nigeria
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- Question 12** Between which two cities is the shortest intercontinental commercial flight?
- Answer** Gibraltar and Tangier
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- Question 13** How many time zones are there in China?
- Answer** One
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- Question 14** In what language is 'Switzerland' written on Swiss stamps and coins?
- Answer** Latin: Helvetia
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- Question 15** In which Indian city would you find the Taj Mahal?
- Answer** Agra
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- Question 16** London's Fleet Street runs from the Strand to Ludgate Circus and is fast becoming the former home of British journalism. What is it named after?
- Answer** The River Fleet, which still flows under the street in the sewers
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- Question 17** Some call it Sagarmatha, some call it Chomolunga, and others call it...?
- Answer** Mount Everest
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- Question 18** The city of Firenze is better known in English as...?
- Answer** Florence
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- Question 19** The Tower of Hercules (Torre de Hércules) in La Coruña is the oldest what in the world?
- Answer** Working lighthouse
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- Question 20** The Khyber Pass links which two countries?
- Answer** Pakistan and Afghanistan
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Geography

History

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- ¹³ **Question 21** During which battle did the charge of the Light Brigade take place?
Answer The Battle of Balaclava (25th October 1854)
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- ¹⁴ **Question 22** In 1554 a Portuguese ship sighted a beautiful island in East Asia and in an imaginative mood named it 'Ilha Formosa', Beautiful Island. What is its current name?
Answer Taiwan
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- ¹⁵ **Question 23** In the Second World War, what was the 'British Free Corps'?
Answer British and Commonwealth volunteers in the Waffen-SS. It achieved a maximum strength of 27 men.
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- ¹⁶ **Question 24** In which country is Waterloo, where the battle took place?
Answer Belgium
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- ¹⁷ **Question 25** O'Duffy's Irish Brigade and Conolly's Column were made up of Irish volunteers and they fought on opposite sides of which war?
Answer The Spanish Civil War (O'Duffy with Franco and Connolly's Column in the Republican International Brigades)
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- ¹⁸ **Question 26** Parker and Barrow were the surnames of which famous couple?
Answer Bonnie and Clyde
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- ¹⁹ **Question 27** Sir Stamford Raffles founded which city in 1819?
Answer Singapore
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- ²⁰ **Question 28** The Nazi regime was the III Reich. Which was the first?
Answer The Holy Roman Empire. (The second was the German Empire of 1871-1918.)
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- ²¹ **Question 29** The Roundheads or Parliamentarians were the supporters of Parliament during the English Civil War. What were the Royalist known as?
Answer Cavaliers
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- ²² **Question 30** The War of Jenkin's Ear was waged between which two countries?
Answer Britain and Spain (1739) (Known in Spanish as Guerra del Asiento)
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History

Literature

- ²³ **Question 31** Which writer established the three laws of robotics?
- Answer** Isaac Asimov. The rules are introduced in his 1942 short story 'Runaround' although they were foreshadowed in a few earlier stories.
- ²⁵ **Question 32** One of Shakespeare's tragedies is called 'The Scottish Play' by superstitious actors. Which?
- Answer** Macbeth. According to a theatrical superstition, called the Scottish curse, speaking the name Macbeth inside a theatre, other than as called for in the script while rehearsing or performing, will cause disaster.
- ²⁶ **Question 33** What is Sherlock Holmes' seven percent solution in 'The Sign of Four'?
- Answer** Cocaine. Holmes occasionally used morphine and cocaine, the latter of which he injects in a seven-percent solution; both drugs were legal in 19th-century England.
- ²⁷ **Question 34** In which book would you find the exceedingly strong drink called the 'Pan-galactic Gargle Blaster'?
- Answer** The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy
- ²⁸ **Question 35** In Mary Shelley's novel, what is Dr Frankenstein's first name?
- Answer** Victor
- ³⁰ **Question 36** Which famous children's book character was created by Michael Bond?
- Answer** Paddington Bear
- ³¹ **Question 37** In which novel were the Eloi living above ground and the Moorlocks below?
- Answer** 'The Time Machine' by H.G. Wells
- ³² **Question 38** Who wrote the poem that ends with the line: "You're a better man than I am, Gunga Din!"?
- Answer** Rudyard Kipling. The poem was published alongside "Mandalay" and "Danny Deever" in the collection "Barrack-Room Ballads".
- ²⁹ **Question 39** Miguel de Cervantes and William Shakespeare died on the same date, 23rd of April 1616, but they did not die on the same day. Why not?
- Answer** Cervantes died on the 23rd of April in the Gregorian calendar and Shakespeare died on the 23rd of April in the Julian calendar which is the 3rd of May in the Gregorian calendar.
- ²⁴ **Question 40** How many lines are there in a sonnet (Petrarchan or Shakespearean)?
- Answer** Fourteen

Literature

Music

- ³³ **Question 41** How many hours from Tulsa was Gene Pitney in 1963?
Answer 24
- ³⁴ **Question 42** What is Eric Clapton's nickname?
Answer Slowhand (due to his habit of replacing a broken string on stage and the audience slowhand clapping)
- ³⁵ **Question 43** Who sang 'Walk on the Wild Side' in 1973?
Answer Lou Reed
- ³⁶ **Question 44** Which group backed Martha Reeves?
Answer The Vandellas
- ³⁷ **Question 45** 'Strumming my pain with his fingers, singing my life with his words' is the first line of which song?
Answer Killing Me Softly With His Song
- ³⁸ **Question 46** Who had their first major hit in 1965 with "You've Lost That Lovin' Feeling"?
Answer The Righteous Brothers
- ³⁹ **Question 47** Who created the 'Wall of Sound' music production technique in the 1960s?
Answer Phil Spector
- ⁴⁰ **Question 48** Bruce Springsteen won an Oscar for which song?
Answer Streets of Philadelphia
- ⁴¹ **Question 49** Which two singers were killed in a light plane crash in Clear Lake, Iowa, on February 3rd, 1959, together with the Big Bopper and the pilot?
Answer Buddy Holly and Ritchie Valens
- ⁴² **Question 50** Which musical opens with the song 'Food Glorious Food'?
Answer Oliver!

Music

Sport

- ⁵³ **Question 51** What are the only two colours allowed for the ball in Table Tennis competitions?
Answer White and orange
- ⁵⁴ **Question 52** Which sport or game consists of a pick, approach, plant, and toss?
Answer Caber toss
- ⁵⁶ **Question 53** The Marquis of Queensbury Rules are the accepted code of rules for which sport?
Answer Boxing
- ⁵⁷ **Question 54** In which sport would you perform an Eskimo roll?
Answer Kayaking of some sort
- ⁵⁸ **Question 55** How many balls are there on a snooker table at the start of a game?
Answer 22: Fifteen red balls and white, yellow, green, brown, blue, pink, and black.
- ⁵⁹ **Question 56** In Mogul skiing, what are moguls?
Answer Bumps or hills
- ⁶⁰ **Question 57** At the 'Parade of Nations' of the opening ceremony of the modern Olympic Games, which countries march first and last?
Answer Greece always marches first and the host nation last
- ⁶¹ **Question 58** Brazil have been world football champions more times than any other nation. Whom did they beat to become World Champions the first time?
Answer Sweden, in Sweden, 1958.
- ⁶² **Question 59** In golf, what is sometimes called a 10-iron?
Answer A wedge (pitching wedge)
- ⁵⁵ **Question 60** What's the longest distance Olympic event?
Answer The men's cycling road race covers 250km (155.3 miles).

Sport