

The Ultimate 50-Question General Knowledge Pub Quiz

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Q1: In 1984, Wendy's aired one of the most famous TV ads in history featuring 81-year-old Clara Peller demanding to know what about her burger?

- [A] Where's the beef?
- [B] Have it your way!
- [C] Think outside the bun!
- [D] What's inside the box?

Q2: McDonald's iconic "I'm Lovin' It" jingle with the signature "ba-da-ba-ba-ba" hook was recorded in 2003 by which famous pop star for a cool \$6 million?

- [A] Justin Timberlake
- [B] Usher
- [C] Pharrell Williams
- [D] Britney Spears

Q3: Which pizza chain ran a viral 1980s campaign featuring a red claymation creature called "The Noid" who tried to destroy hot delivered pizzas?

- [A] Domino's
- [B] Pizza Hut
- [C] Little Caesars
- [D] Papa Johns

Q4: Which major fast-food giant started out as a humble hot dog cart in Los Angeles in 1941 before opening full drive-in barbecue spots?

- [A] Carl's Jr.
- [B] In-N-Out Burger
- [C] Jack in the Box
- [D] Whataburger

Q5: Subway's famous "\$5 Footlong" promotion became a massive commercial hit in 2008. What inspired a Florida store owner to start the deal in 2004?

- [A] Slow sales on certain weekdays at his hospital shop
- [B] A local rival sub shop was charging \$5.50
- [C] He had a surplus of bread dough expiring
- [D] He ran out of 6-inch bread rolls

Q6: If you visit KFC in Japan during Christmas, you'll see massive lines wrapped around the block. Why has eating KFC become a major Japanese holiday tradition?

- [A] A successful 1974 "Kentucky for Christmas" ad campaign
- [B] Colonel Sanders was born on Christmas Day
- [C] A historic shortage of turkey in Tokyo
- [D] Royal family endorsement in the 80s

Q7: Taco Bell's talking Chihuahua mascot in the late 90s famously shouted "¡Yo quiero Taco Bell!" What was the actual name of the female dog who starred in the ads?

- [A] Gidget
- [B] Chico
- [C] Taco
- [D] Bella

Q8: In-N-Out Burger's secret menu allows customers to order their burger "Animal Style." What does this customized order actually include?

- [A] Mustard-cooked patty, extra spread, pickles, and grilled onions
- [B] Four beef patties and four slices of cheese
- [C] Wrapped in lettuce leaves instead of a bun
- [D] Topped with jalapeños and bacon

Q9: What signature Dairy Queen policy applies if an employee forgets to serve your "Blizzard" upside-down in front of you?

- [A] You receive a coupon for a free Blizzard on your next visit
- [B] You get a free upgrade to a large size
- [C] Your entire meal is free
- [D] You get a free hot fudge sundae

Q10: In 1998, McDonald's released a temporary Szechuan dipping sauce to promote which Disney animated movie?

- [A] Mulan
- [B] Tarzan
- [C] Hercules
- [D] Aladdin

Q11: In The Office (US), Michael Scott hosts "The Dundies" at which casual dining restaurant chain in the first season?

- [A] Chili's
- [B] Applebee's
- [C] TGI Fridays
- [D] Outback Steakhouse

Q12: On Friends, what is the full name of Chandler Bing's TV guide subscription address typo that he refuses to correct?

- [A] Miss Chanandler Bong
- [B] Chanandler Bing Jr.
- [C] Chandler Bang
- [D] Mr. Chandelier Bing

Q13: Which 2000s hit reality show made "Gym, Tan, Laundry" (GTL) a nationwide slang phrase?

- [A] Jersey Shore
- [B] The Hills
- [C] The Real World
- [D] Laguna Beach

Q14: In Parks and Recreation, Tom Haverford and Donna Meagle dedicate one day a year to extreme self-indulgence. What is their famous catchphrase?

- [A] Treat Yo' Self!
- [B] Live It Up!
- [C] Treat The Mind!
- [D] Spend Big Time!

Q15: Which iconic 2004 teen movie popularized wearing pink on Wednesdays and asking people why they are white?

- [A] Mean Girls
- [B] Clueless
- [C] Bring It On
- [D] Easy A

Q16: What was the title of the very first video ever uploaded to YouTube on April 23, 2005?

- [A] Me at the zoo
- [B] Hello World
- [C] My first video
- [D] Testing camera

Q17: Which 2000s drama series featured the famous OC tagline "Welcome to the O.C., bitch!" delivered by Luke Ward in the pilot episode?

- [A] The O.C.
- [B] One Tree Hill
- [C] Gossip Girl
- [D] 90210

Q18: On Lost, what was the ominous 6-digit sequence of numbers that Hurley used to win the lottery before getting stranded on the island?

- [A] 4, 8, 15, 16, 23, 42
- [B] 3, 6, 9, 12, 15, 18
- [C] 7, 14, 21, 28, 35, 42
- [D] 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

Q19: Which handheld gaming device launched by Nintendo in 2004 introduced dual screens and touch controls to modern handheld gaming?

- [A] Nintendo DS
- [B] Game Boy Advance SP
- [C] PSP
- [D] Nintendo 3DS

Q20: In How I Met Your Mother, what secret identity does Barney Stinson use when women ask him what he does for a living?

- [A] PLEASE (Provide Legal Exculpation And Sign Everything)
- [B] Architect
- [C] Wall Street Banker
- [D] Import/Export Manager

Q21: If you drive due south from Detroit, Michigan, across the Detroit River, which foreign nation do you cross into first?

- [A] Canada
- [B] Mexico
- [C] Cuba
- [D] The Bahamas

Q22: Alaska is the northernmost and westernmost US state. Because the 180th Meridian runs through the Aleutian Islands, which state is technically also easternmost by longitude?

- [A] Alaska
- [B] Maine
- [C] Florida
- [D] Hawaii

Q23: Which four states meet at a single geographic point at the famous Four Corners Monument in the American Southwest?

- [A] Arizona, Utah, Colorado, New Mexico
- [B] Nevada, Utah, Colorado, Arizona
- [C] Wyoming, Utah, Colorado, New Mexico
- [D] Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Utah

Q24: Point Roberts is a portion of Washington State that cannot be reached by land from the US without driving 25 miles through Canada. What is this geography anomaly called?

- [A] An Exclave
- [B] An Archipelago
- [C] An Isthmus
- [D] An Atoll

Q25: Which US state capital city sits highest above sea level at roughly 7,000 feet (2,134 meters)?

- [A] Santa Fe, New Mexico
- [B] Denver, Colorado
- [C] Salt Lake City, Utah
- [D] Boise, Idaho

Q26: Badwater Basin in Death Valley sits at -282 feet below sea level. How far away is Mt. Whitney, the highest peak in the contiguous lower 48 states?

- [A] About 85 miles
- [B] About 350 miles
- [C] About 600 miles
- [D] About 1,200 miles

Q27: Which US state shares a domestic land border with only ONE other US state?

- [A] Maine
- [B] Florida
- [C] Washington
- [D] Rhode Island

Q28: The Kentucky Bend peninsula is encased by Missouri and Tennessee. What 1811 natural disaster caused the Mississippi River to run backward and create this border anomaly?

- [A] The New Madrid Earthquakes
- [B] The Great Mississippi Flood
- [C] A glacial shift
- [D] The St. Louis Tornado

Q29: Which state holds claim to both the geographical center of North America AND the center of the 50 US states?

- [A] North Dakota
- [B] Kansas
- [C] Nebraska
- [D] South Dakota

Q30: Hawaii is the southernmost US state, but which state contains the southernmost point in the CONTIGUOUS (lower 48) United States?

- [A] Florida
- [B] Texas
- [C] California
- [D] Louisiana

Q31: In 1919, Oregon became the first US state to introduce which tax that is now standard across every state in America?

- [A] Gasoline tax
- [B] State income tax
- [C] Property tax
- [D] Sales tax

Q32: Which popular snack food was accidentally created in 1953 at a resort in Saratoga Springs, New York, after a chef tried to annoy a picky customer complaining about thick fried potatoes?

- [A] Potato chips
- [B] French fries
- [C] Mozzarella sticks
- [D] Onion rings

Q33: Before it became famous for athletic wear, what was Nike's original company name when founded in 1964 by Phil Knight and Bill Bowerman?

- [A] Blue Ribbon Sports
- [B] Athletic Shoe Co.
- [C] Swoosh Athletics
- [D] Standard Runner

Q34: Which famous US highway, stretching from Chicago to Los Angeles, earned the iconic nickname "The Mother Road" in John Steinbeck's novel The Grapes of Wrath?

- [A] Route 66
- [B] US Route 101
- [C] I-95
- [D] The Lincoln Highway

Q35: Which toy company originally invented Play-Doh in the 1930s as a household compound designed to clean soot off wallpaper?

- [A] Kutol Products
- [B] Hasbro
- [C] Mattel
- [D] Fisher-Price

Q36: What was the original color of Santa Claus in Coca-Cola advertising campaigns before his famous red and white suit became standardized in 1931?

- [A] Green
- [B] Blue
- [C] Brown
- [D] Purple

Q37: Which American president was the first to appear on live television during the 1939 New York World's Fair?

- [A] Franklin D. Roosevelt
- [B] Harry S. Truman
- [C] Dwight D. Eisenhower
- [D] Herbert Hoover

Q38: In 1904, the ice cream cone was popularized at the St. Louis World's Fair when an ice cream vendor ran out of bowls. What waffle-like Syrian pastry did he partner with to hold the ice cream?

- [A] Zalabia
- [B] Baklava
- [C] Knafeh
- [D] Churro

Q39: Which iconic board game was created during the Great Depression by Charles Darrow, who sold it to Parker Brothers in 1935?

- [A] Monopoly
- [B] Scrabble
- [C] Clue
- [D] Sorry!

Q40: What famous American national monument in South Dakota features the carved faces of Presidents Washington, Jefferson, Roosevelt, and Lincoln?

- [A] Mount Rushmore
- [B] Crazy Horse Memorial
- [C] Devils Tower
- [D] Stone Mountain

Q41: What was the name of the first human-made satellite launched into space orbit by the Soviet Union on October 4, 1957?

- [A] Sputnik 1
- [B] Vostok 1
- [C] Explorer 1
- [D] Soyuz 1

Q42: What color is sunset on Mars, according to imagery captured by NASA's Curiosity and Perseverance rovers?

- [A] Blue
- [B] Bright red
- [C] Deep purple
- [D] Yellow-green

Q43: Which common household appliance was invented after engineer Percy Spencer noticed a candy bar melted in his pocket while standing near a radar magnetron?

- [A] Microwave oven
- [B] Toaster
- [C] Electric kettle
- [D] Induction stove

Q44: What chemical element on the Periodic Table has the atomic number 1 and is the most abundant chemical element in the universe?

- [A] Hydrogen
- [B] Helium
- [C] Oxygen
- [D] Carbon

Q45: In 1996, scientists in Scotland successfully cloned Dolly the Sheep. What made Dolly's birth a landmark moment in biological history?

- [A] She was the first mammal cloned from an adult somatic cell
- [B] She lived twice as long as normal sheep
- [C] She was immune to sheep pox
- [D] She was born glowing in dark light

Q46: What natural geological feature in Yellowstone National Park erupts roughly every 60 to 110 minutes, shooting boiling water up to 180 feet high?

- [A] Old Faithful
- [B] Steamboat Geyser
- [C] Grand Prismatic
- [D] Mammoth Hot Springs

Q47: Which gas makes up roughly 78% of Earth's atmosphere, far surpassing Oxygen at 21%?

- [A] Nitrogen
- [B] Argon
- [C] Carbon Dioxide
- [D] Methane

Q48: What famous 1905 physics equation published by Albert Einstein established that mass and energy are interchangeable?

- [A] $E = mc^2$
- [B] $F = ma$
- [C] $V = IR$
- [D] $PV = nRT$

Q49: What is the hardest naturally occurring substance found on Earth?

- [A] Diamond
- [B] Quartz
- [C] Titanium
- [D] Corundum

Q50: What was the official name of the Apollo mission that successfully landed astronauts Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin on the Moon on July 20, 1969?

- [A] Apollo 11
- [B] Apollo 13
- [C] Apollo 8
- [D] Apollo 17