

2012 Questions and Answers

Green

1. What island is known as The Emerald Isle?
 - a. Ireland
2. What US state is known as, "The Green Mountain State?"
 - a. Vermont
3. Which superhero's arch nemesis is The Green Goblin?
 - a. Spiderman
4. What song was written by Curly Putman and recorded by Johnny Darrell, Bobby Bare, Tom Jones, Jerry Lee Lewis, Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Joan Baez, Kenny Rogers, and others.
 - a. The Green, Green Grass of Home.
5. Who was Captain Kangaroo's sidekick?
 - a. Mr. Green Jeans
6. Play "Green, Green" in the introduction and ask which group is singing.
 - a. The New Christie Minstrels
7. In the 1973 science fiction classic "Soylent Green," what is Soylent Green?
 - a. People
8. Within 5 gallons, how many gallons of water does the average clothes washing machine use per load?
 - a. 41 gallons (36 - 46)
9. Which book did Dr Seuss write after his editor dared him to write a book with fewer than 50 different words?
 - a. "Green Eggs & Ham"
10. What year was the first Earth Day observed?
 - a. 1970

Women In Literature

1. In what state was Laura Ingalls Wilder born?
 - a. Pepin, Wisconsin
2. What Pequot Lakes graduate wrote the Abercrombie Trail series? (Abercrombie Trail, Pomme de Terre, Birdie)
 - a. Candace Simar
3. What is the pen name of Mary Anne Evans?
 - a. George Elliot
4. Which Agatha Christie play became the longest running play in history?
 - a. The Mousetrap
5. What was the first American novel to sell over 1 million copies?
 - a. "Uncle Tom's Cabin"
6. Who wrote, "I know why the caged bird sings?"
 - a. Maya Angelou
7. Who is Lady Tremaine?
 - a. Cinderella's step mother.
8. An American poet, novelist and short-story writer, known for her controversial novel, The Bell Jar, she has been compared with Virginia Woolf, because of their shared life-long struggles with depression. Who is she?
 - a. Sylvia Plath
9. When she first encounters Tom Sawyer, she gives him a pansy to show her love. Who is she?
 - a. Becky Thatcher
10. Main characters of this book and movie are Skeeter Phelan, Aibileen Clark, Hilly Holbrook and Minny Jackson. What is the title?
 - a. The Help by Kathryn Stockett

Technologies

1. Hedy Lamarr, actress from Hollywood's 'golden age' was, granted a US Patent on August 11, 1942. Her invention was instrumental in the development of what?
 - a. Cellular Telephones.
2. What is "a technique whereby a solution is forced through a semi-permeable membrane under pressure; used to generate drinkable water from sea water, or to separate chemical compounds?"
 - a. Reverse Osmosis
3. What was the Zenith 'Space Command?'
 - a. Wireless remote control for TV ca. 1956
4. What was the first car brand to have electric turn signals?
 - a. Buick in 1938
5. How many channels are there on a VHF television receiver?
 - a.12
6. What year was the Wright Brother's first flight?
 - a. December 17, 1903
7. This transportation machine invented by Dean Kamen was hailed "as big a deal as the PC" by Steve Jobs.
 - a. Segway
8. How many matches in a standard book of matches?
 - a. 20
9. All computers now have USB ports. What does USB stand for?
 - a. Universal Serial Bus
10. In what decade was the microwave oven patented?
 - a. 1940's

Logos and Ads

1. Who said Maxwell House Coffee was, "Good to the last drop?"
 - a. Teddy Roosevelt.
2. What company wanted you to 'Put a tiger in your tank?'
 - a. Exxon or Esso
3. What is the slogan for the Morton Salt Co.?
 - a. "When it rains, it pours"
4. What companies' logo, adopted in 1851 still spawns rumors that it is a satanic cult?
 - a. Proctor & Gamble
5. What companies' logo is this?
 - a. Audi
6. What Minnesota product had as it's slogan "It's Good Stuff Maynard?"
 - a. Malt-O-Meal
7. "You can trust your car to the man who wears the star"
 - a. Texaco
8. "Stronger Than Dirt"
 - a. Ajax
9. "Double your pleasure, double your fun"
 - a. Wrigley's Doublemint Gum
10. "You'll wonder where the yellow went"
 - a. Pepsodent

Politics & History

1. Who was the first female astronaut?
 - a. Sally Ride
2. During his term as Governor of Minnesota the first sales tax was created. He also created The Metropolitan Council, The Pollution Control Agency, and the first Human Rights Department. Who was he?
 - a. Harold LeVander
3. Who was the 33rd Vice President of the United States? He served under FDR from 1941 to 1945, preceding Harry Truman
 - a. Henry A. Wallace
4. What party was formed in 1833 in opposition to the policies of President Andrew Jackson and the Democratic Party?
 - a. The Whig Party
5. Who was the first woman elected to the US House of Representatives?
 - a. Margaret Chase Smith
6. This governor AND his Lt. governor were both their party's nominee for President of the United States
 - a. Michael Dukakis & John Kerry
7. Who was the only president to be sworn in by a woman?
 - a. Lyndon Johnson (Local Judge Sarah Hughes)
8. She was also the first woman elected to the US Senate
 - a. Margaret Chase Smith
9. Who was the last Minnesota Governor to have a male Lt Gov?
 - a. Al Quie (Lou Wangberg)
10. What was the first country to recognize the United States as an independent country in 1777?
 - a. Morocco

Geography

1. What mountain range is the accepted boundary between Europe and Asia?
 - a. The Ural Mountains
2. In what state are the headwaters of the Ohio River?
 - a. The river is formed by the confluence of the Allegheny and Monongahela Rivers in Pittsburgh, PA
3. Which US states are totally in the Pacific Time Zone?
 - a. California, Nevada and Washington.
4. In what country is the driest place on earth?
 - a. Atacama Desert, Chile.
5. A narrow strip of land, bordered on both sides by water, and connecting two larger land masses is called what?
 - a. An isthmus
6. What is the 2nd highest mountain in the world?
 - a. K-2
7. How many Minnesota counties have no natural lakes?
 - a. 4
8. What is the largest lake entirely within the United States?
 - a. Lake Michigan
9. In what Minnesota County is the city at the highest altitude?
 - a. Pipestone
10. Name 3 of the 5 countries that border Argentina
 - a. Paraguay, Brazil, Bolivia, Uruguay, Chile