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(Questions with Answers)

1. What female Russian gymnast gained international fame during the 1972 Olympics?

Answer: Olga Korbut. Korbut is credited with generating widespread interest in gymnastics following the 1972 Olympics, in which she won three gold medals and a silver medal.

2. What is a female peacock called?

Answer: Peahen. Like most bird species, the male peacock is more colorful than the female. The offspring of a peacock and peahen is called a peachick.

3. Of *delineate*, *eschew*, and *demarcate*, which word means "to avoid"?

Answer: Eschew. *Delineate* means "to draw or depict." *Demarcate* means "to separate clearly."

4. Who won the Academy Award for Best Actress for her performance in *It Happened One Night*?

Answer: Claudette Colbert. Colbert did not expect to win the award, so she did not plan to attend the Academy Awards ceremony. She was set to go on a cross-country railroad trip when the studio summoned her to the ceremony to accept the award.

5. Alphabetically, what country falls between Israel and Jamaica?

Answer: Italy. Its official name is the Italian Republic. It is located in southern Europe. According to many sources, it is the fifth-most-populous country in Europe.

6. What famous sculpture depicts a man deep in thought?

Answer: *The Thinker*. Auguste Rodin created the famous marble and bronze sculpture in 1902. The sculpture, which is often used to represent philosophy, is housed in the Musée Rodin (Rodin Museum) in Paris.

7. What contagious disease causes swelling of the salivary glands?

Answer: Mumps. Prior to the development of a vaccine, mumps was a widespread children's disease. It is still a problem in third-world countries.

8. What planet is closest to the sun?

Answer: Mercury. Mercury is one of eight planets. The order of planets from the sun is Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune.

9. What member of the Rat Pack sang the hit "The Candy Man"?

Answer: Sammy Davis Jr. The song first appeared in the 1971 film *Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory*.

10. What does the Latin phrase *ante bellum* mean?

Answer: Before the war. *Ante* means "before" and *bellum* means "war" in Latin. The term generally refers to the period before the Civil War.

11. Alphabetically, what Canadian province is last?

Answer: Saskatchewan. Canada has 10 provinces (Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Prince Edward Island, Quebec, and Saskatchewan).

12. What actor starred in both *High Noon* and *Sergeant York*?

Answer: Gary Cooper. Cooper won the Academy Award for Best Actor for his performance in *Sergeant York* in 1942 and *High Noon* in 1953. He also played Lou Gehrig in *The Pride of the Yankees*. He is ranked 11th on the American Film Institute's 100 Years...100 Stars list.

13. What is a Muslim temple or place of worship called?

Answer: Mosque. The first mosques were plots of ground marked as sacred at the home of the Prophet Mohammad. Religious ceremonies surrounding weddings and births are not performed within a mosque. It is strictly a place for prayer.

14. What inventor created the kinetograph and the kinetoscope?

Answer: Thomas Alva Edison. The kinetograph was a motion picture camera, and the kinetoscope was a peephole motion picture viewer. Both were developed between 1889 and 1892.

15. In the fairy tale *Cinderella*, what time does Cinderella need to return home?

Answer: Midnight. In the Grimm Brothers' popular fairy tale, Cinderella must return home from the ball before midnight or the spell will be broken and she, her coach, and her horses will turn back to their original states.

16. What is the study of religion called?

Answer: Theology. The literal translation of the word *theology* is "the study of God." Persons who study theology are called theologians.

17. What type of card game is Texas Hold'em?

Answer: Poker. Texas Hold'em poker originated in Robstown, Texas, in the early 1900s but did not gain nationwide popularity until the 2000s, largely due to television and the internet.

18. What do the songs "Zip-a-Dee-Doo-Dah," "Buttons and Bows," and "Que Sera, Sera" have in common?

Answer: Each song received the Academy Award for Best Original Song. The Academy Award for Best Original Song is given to the songwriters, not the musicians. The song must be written specifically for a film to be nominated. The award was first presented to Con Conrad and Herb Magidson for the song "The Continental" from *The Gay Divorcee* in 1935 at the seventh Academy Awards.

19. What sport did Pelé play?

Answer: Soccer. Pelé holds the world record for league goals scored, with 541 total. According to many sources, no one will beat this record.

20. What is the fear of heights known as?

Answer: Acrophobia. Most people experience a slight fear of heights. Women tend to be more affected than men.

21. Who is closely identified with the song "Moon River"?

Answer: Andy Williams. Andy Williams died at the age of 84 from bladder cancer on September 25, 2012.

22. What automobile manufacturer produced the Crown Victoria, Thunderbird, and Escort?

Answer: Ford Motor Company. Ford is based in Dearborn, Michigan. The first Ford model was the Model A. Other popular Ford models include the Model T, Mustang, Pinto, and Ranger.

23. What do you call the art of stuffing and mounting animals?

Answer: Taxidermy. Roy Rogers' horse, Trigger, was stuffed and later auctioned off for \$266,500 at Christie's auction house in New York City in 2010.