

# 50+ 1970s Trivia Questions

## 70s TV Trivia

- 1 Peter Falk — the actor behind famous homicide detective, Lt. Columbo — had what major surgery as a child that affected his career trajectory?
- 2 Before she appeared as the sharp and wry Dorothy Zbornak in *The Golden Girls*, Bea Arthur starred in what Norman Lear comedy?
- 3 Suzanne Summers might be well known for her exercise videos, but she first rose to fame as one of the leads in which sitcom?
- 4 Shirley Jones, known for her starring role in *The Partridge Family*, was married to which famous actor?
- 5 Scream queen and Hollywood legacy, Jamie Lee Curtis, debuted her acting skills in what iconic 70s medical/crime drama?
- 6 What series, based on an Alex Haley novel, launched the miniseries craze of the late-1970s?
- 7 The extremely popular first responder dramas of the 2010s and 2020s have which 1970s show to thank for doing it first?
- 8 David Soul of *Starsky & Hutch* fame wrote many hit songs, including what number one single from 1977?
- 9 How many seasons did Farrah Fawcett star in *Charlie's Angels* before being replaced by Cheryl Ladd?
- 10 In the TV show *B.J. and the Bear*, who was Bear?
- 11 In *The Six Million Dollar Man*, NASA astronaut Steve Austin was given what bionic implants?
- 12 Before he captivated teens with his role as Danny Zuko in *Grease*, John Travolta starred in which 70s sitcom?
- 13 Which show featured two young women who shared an apartment and worked in a bottling factory?
- 14 Nellie Olsen was one of the main antagonists on what famous 70s family show?
- 15 Which iconic Norman Lear comedy was adapted from the BBC program *Steptoe and Son*?

## 1970s Movie Trivia

- 1 Actress Gena Rowlands was married to which famous actor and director?
- 2 Filming *The Godfather* was rife with difficulties and spurred the creation of what political advocacy group?
- 3 They relied heavily on what standard film technique while filming *Star Wars*?
- 4 Before Michael Myers was given an identity in the Halloween sequel, he was referred to as what in the script?
- 5 Which two famous Mel Brook's comedies premiered in 1974?
- 6 Which Al Pacino film released in 1975 was based on a true story?
- 7 Burt Reynolds got seriously injured while filming a stunt for which film?
- 8 Linda Blair sustained what injuries while filming *The Exorcist*?
- 9 *Jaws* launched what (now) standard theatrical feature?
- 10 Which legendary actress was only 12 years old when she was cast in *Taxi Driver* alongside Robert DeNiro?
- 11 Before George Lucas filmed his cosmic epic *Star Wars*, he directed Harrison Ford in what 1973 movie?
- 12 Little Edie and Big Edie became cultural icons for allowing documentarians to get a glimpse of their lives in what 1975 documentary?

## 70s True Crime Trivia

- 1 Which former Manson family member tried to assassinate President Gerald Ford in 1975?
- 2 Who were the two murder victims that Ted Bundy was convicted and sentenced to death for?
- 3 In 2018, which California murderer who was active in the 1970s and 1980s was found and arrested thanks to forensic genealogy?
- 4 The phrase, "Don't drink the Kool-Aid," stems from what shocking 1970s event?
- 5 In 1974, which resistance group stole a number of extremely valuable artworks from historic masters like Johannes Vermeer and Peter Paul Rubens?
- 6 D.B. Cooper hijacked a plane in 1971 and demanded how much money in ransom?
- 7 Which heiress was kidnapped by the SLA and later converted into a member?
- 8 Which TV show did Rodney Alcala, a rampant 1970s murderer, guest star on?

## 70s Music Trivia

- 1 Who sang the 1978 hit "YMCA"?
- 2 What year did Loretta Lynn win her first Grammy award?
- 3 Queen's "Bohemian Rhapsody" is on which 1975 album?
- 4 Which Stevie Wonder album won Album of the Year at the 1976 Grammy Awards?
- 5 Which 1970 Cat Stevens album contained the hits "Wild World" and "Hard Headed Woman"?
- 6 Which famous singer wrote Mott the Hoople's hit "All the Young Dudes"?
- 7 Which glam rock band's hits include "Hot Love" and "Bang a Gong (Get It On)"?
- 8 Legend has it that which famous artist called Sid Vicious of the Sex Pistols Simon Ferocious after he'd made a snide comment to them?
- 9 In what year did the Beatles officially break up?
- 10 Which of Stevie Nicks' powerful songs was pulled from Rumors because it made the album "too long"?
- 11 Which band wrote the popular disco soundtrack for *Saturday Night Fever*?

## 70s Pop Culture Trivia

- 1 Who used to beg customers, "Please don't squeeze the Charmin?"
- 2 Which toy answered the user's questions with replies like, "It is certain" or "Reply hazy, try again?"
- 3 Which sound system required the use of large, rectangular tape cartridges?
- 4 Which piece of jewelry first introduced in the 70s included liquid crystal display technology?
- 5 Which popular 70s carpet had long fibers and was used to cover everything from floors to van interiors?
- 6 People used phrases like, "10-4 good buddy" when communicating on which radio system?
- 7 What was the nickname of the wide-legged denim pants that were so popular throughout the 70s?
- 8 What's the name of the 70s shoe line that featured heels that were lower than the rest of the soles?
- 9 Which inanimate "pet" reached its peak popularity during the 70s?
- 10 What famous line dance defined parties in the 1970s?

# 1970s Trivia Answer Key

## 70s TV Trivia

- 1 He had his right eye removed due to retinoblastoma and has worn a fake eye ever since.
- 2 *Maude*
- 3 *Three's Company*
- 4 Jack Cassidy
- 5 *Quincy M.E.*
- 6 *Roots*
- 7 *Emergency!*
- 8 "Don't Give Up on Us"
- 9 Only one season
- 10 B.J.'s pet chimpanzee
- 11 His right arm, both legs, and left eye.
- 12 *Welcome Back, Kotter*
- 13 *Laverne & Shirley*
- 14 *Little House on the Prairie*
- 15 *Sanford and Son*

## 1970s Movie Trivia

- 1 John Cassavetes
- 2 The Italian-American Civil Rights League
- 3 Using matte paintings to fill in the background
- 4 The Shape

- 5 *Blazing Saddles & Young Frankenstein*
- 6 *Dog Day Afternoon*
- 7 *Deliverance*
- 8 She fractured her back
- 9 The summer blockbuster
- 10 Jodie Foster
- 11 *American Graffiti*
- 12 *Grey Gardens*

## 70s True Crime Trivia

- 1 Lynette "Squeaky" Fromme
- 2 Lisa Levy and Margaret Bowman
- 3 Joseph James DeAngelo aka The Golden State Killer
- 4 The forced murder-suicide of 900+ cult members in Jonestown, Guyana under the leadership of Jim Jones.
- 5 The Irish Republican Army (IRA)
- 6 \$200,000
- 7 Patty Hearst
- 8 *The Dating Game*

## 70s Music Trivia

- 1 The Village People
- 2 1971
- 3 *A Night at the Opera*
- 4 *Songs in the Key of Life*
- 5 *Tea for the Tillerman*
- 6 David Bowie
- 7 T. Rex
- 8 Freddie Mercury
- 9 1974
- 10 "Silver Springs"
- 11 The Bee Gees

## 70s Pop Culture Trivia

- 1 Mr. Whipple
- 2 Magic 8 Ball
- 3 8-track tape player
- 4 Mood ring
- 5 Shag carpet
- 6 CB radio
- 7 Bell bottoms
- 8 Earth shoes
- 9 Pet rocks
- 10 The Hustle