

# 45+ Totally Tubular 1980s Trivia Questions

## 80s TV Trivia

- 1 Farrah Fawcett of Charlie's Angels fame starred in the made-for-TV movie *The Burning Bed*, which is based on what famous case?
- 2 Which TV show's finale aired in 1983 and is the most-watched TV ending of all time?
- 3 Which recurring character from *The Carol Burnett Show* got her own spinoff in 1983?
- 4 What was the name of the car in *Knight Rider*?
- 5 Which 1988 TV show was loosely based on the 1967 film of the same name starring Sidney Poitier?
- 6 Right after he starred in *Rocky III*, Mr. T went on to film what popular 80s television show?
- 7 In *Star Trek: The Next Generation*, Captain Jean Luc Picard calls First Officer William Riker what nickname?
- 8 Which 80s show police procedural was significant because it broke the male-led mold by starring two female detectives?
- 9 What show do you have to thank for the term that describes someone being able to fix something without the proper tools or instructions?
- 10 What is Rose Nylund's hometown in *The Golden Girls*?
- 11 What is the name of Bob Ross's instructional landscape painting show which debuted in 1983?
- 12 What catchphrase swept America in 1980 thanks to the plush soap opera *Dallas*?

## 80s Movie Trivia

- 1 What mockumentary does the famous line "these go to eleven" come from?
- 2 Stanley Kubrick terrorized what actress during the shooting of *The Shining*?
- 3 Which actor was originally cast as Marty McFly in *Back to the Future* and fired within a few months of shooting?
- 4 What 1987 cult classic features a ragtag group of teenage vampires terrorizing a coastal California town?

- 5 Denzel Washington won his first Academy Award for his supporting role in what 1989 Civil War feature film?
- 6 Paul Newman reprises his role as Fast Eddie Felson in what 1986 film?
- 7 Having S. Ngor, who starred in and won an Academy Award for his role in *The Killing Fields*, survived what horrifying event?
- 8 Movie special effects broke the mold with what scene in the 1981 horror movie *Scanners*?

## 80s True Crime Trivia

- 1 Dorothy Stratten, a famous Playboy Playmate, was dating who when her ex-husband murdered her?
- 2 In 1980, Candy Montgomery was acquitted of murdering her friend with what?
- 3 What tragedy befell America's Most Wanted's host, John Walsh, in 1981?
- 4 John DeLorean — Pontiac GTO and Firebird designer — was arrested for what in 1982?
- 5 What year did John Gotti have Paul Castellano — the head of the Gambino crime family — assassinated?
- 6 Who assassinated John Lennon in December 1980?
- 7 In 1981, which President was shot and wounded by John Hinckley Jr.?
- 8 What was the group of young men targeted in a racially motivated false conviction in 1989 called?
- 9 Who were police looking for during the largest manhunt in South Carolina history in 1985?

## 80s Music Trivia

- 1 What massive multi-venue concert featuring some of the biggest artists of the time was held in the summer of 1985?
- 2 Dionne Warwick was a cousin to which famous vocalist whose debut album came out in 1985?
- 3 In 1980, Led Zeppelin broke up over what tragic event?
- 4 Which iconic artist is credited with inventing the crossfader and helping to bring rap to the masses?
- 5 What controversial performance at the 1984 MTV Video Music Awards catapulted Madonna into the stratosphere?

- 6 What was the first music video to air on MTV?
- 7 Which rock legend performed the guitar solo on Michael Jackson's 1982 song "Beat It"?
- 8 Which iconic 1980s singer babysat Paula Abdul long before either of them were stars?
- 9 Vince Neil — frontman for 80s metal band Mötley Crüe — had to pay 2.6 million dollars and spend 30 days in jail for what incident?

## 80s Pop Culture Trivia

- 1 Which religious "panic" gripped America throughout the 1980s?
- 2 What famous elastic hair tie was patented in 1987?
- 3 Which famous futuristic car brand was a massive failure?
- 4 MTV captured 1980s teens with what tagline?
- 5 In 1984, Wendy's launched a hugely successful commercial where what question was posed?
- 6 Around 750 million people tuned in to watch what royal event on July 29, 1981?
- 7 Which TV network debuted the first 24-hour news cycle in 1980?
- 8 What colorful puzzle cube delighted and frustrated people throughout the 1980s?
- 9 What famous lost wreckage was discovered on September 2, 1985?
- 10 What rescue mission were people tuned into around the clock in October 1987?

# 1980s Trivia Answer Key

## 80s TV Trivia

- 1 It's based on the Francine Hughes murder trial. She claimed that she killed her husband in response to 13 years of domestic abuse.
- 2 *M\*A\*S\*H\**
- 3 Thelma "Mama" Harper
- 4 KITT
- 5 *In the Heat of the Night*
- 6 *The A-Team*
- 7 Number One
- 8 *Cagney & Lacey*
- 9 *MacGyver*
- 10 St. Olaf
- 11 *Joy of Painting*
- 12 Who shot JR?

## 80s Movie Trivia

- 1 *This is Spinal Tap*
- 2 Shelley Duvall
- 3 Eric Stoltz
- 4 *The Lost Boys*
- 5 *Glory*
- 6 *The Color of Money*
- 7 He survived rule under the Khmer Rouge
- 8 Capturing someone's head exploding in real time

## 80s True Crime Trivia

- 1 Director Peter Bogdanovich
- 2 A wood-splitting axe
- 3 The kidnapping and murder of his son, Adam Walsh
- 4 Intent to distribute 55 pounds of cocaine
- 5 1986
- 6 Mark David Chapman
- 7 Ronald Reagan
- 8 The Central Park Five
- 9 Larry Gene Bell

## 80s Music Trivia

- 1 Live Aid
- 2 Whitney Houston
- 3 Drummer John Bonham's death
- 4 Grandmaster Flash
- 5 Her performance of "Like a Virgin"
- 6 The Buggles' "Video Killed the Radio Star"
- 7 Eddie Van Halen
- 8 Michael Bolton
- 9 He crashed while drinking and driving and killed his passenger, Nicholas "Razzle" Dingley

## 80s Pop Culture Trivia

- 1 The Satanic Panic
- 2 The scrunchie
- 3 DeLorean Motor Company
- 4 I Want My MTV
- 5 Where's the beef?
- 6 They watched Diana Spencer marry Prince Charles
- 7 CNN
- 8 The Rubik's Cube
- 9 The Titanic
- 10 Seeing if Baby Jessica could be rescued alive from a hole 22 feet underground