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Trivia for Seniors

100 multiple-choice questions, with answers

10 rounds: the 1950s • the 1960s • around the house • states & capitals • animals
food • famous firsts • sports legends • science • finish the saying

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The 1950s



ROUND 1 OF 10 • QUESTIONS 1–5 • CIRCLE ONE ANSWER

1 Which TV comedy starring Lucille Ball first aired in 1951?

- A.** The Honeymooners
- C.** Leave It to Beaver

- B.** I Love Lucy
- D.** Father Knows Best

2 Which toy, a plastic hoop swung around the waist, became a craze in 1958?

- A.** Yo-yo
- C.** Hula Hoop

- B.** Slinky
- D.** Frisbee

3 Who announced a safe and effective polio vaccine in 1955?

- A.** Jonas Salk
- C.** Alexander Fleming

- B.** Louis Pasteur
- D.** Edward Jenner

4 What was the name of the first satellite, launched into orbit in 1957?

- A.** Explorer 1
- C.** Telstar

- B.** Vostok 1
- D.** Sputnik 1

5 Which U.S. president served from 1953 to 1961?

- A.** Harry S. Truman
- C.** John F. Kennedy

- B.** Dwight D. Eisenhower
- D.** Franklin D. Roosevelt

The 1950s

ROUND 1 OF 10 • QUESTIONS 6–10 • CIRCLE ONE ANSWER



6 Which two states joined the United States in 1959?

- A.** Alaska and Hawaii
 - B.** Arizona and New Mexico
 - C.** Utah and Nevada
 - D.** Oklahoma and Texas
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7 Which famous theme park opened in California in 1955?

- A.** Knott's Berry Farm
 - B.** SeaWorld
 - C.** Disneyland
 - D.** Six Flags
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8 Which doll did Mattel introduce in 1959?

- A.** Raggedy Ann
 - B.** Cabbage Patch Kid
 - C.** Chatty Cathy
 - D.** Barbie
-

9 Which credit card began in 1950 as a card for paying at restaurants?

- A.** Diners Club
 - B.** American Express
 - C.** Visa
 - D.** MasterCard
-

10 Ray Kroc began franchising which restaurant chain in 1955?

- A.** Burger King
- B.** McDonald's
- C.** Wendy's
- D.** Dairy Queen

The 1960s



ROUND 2 OF 10 • QUESTIONS 1–5 • CIRCLE ONE ANSWER

1 Who was the first person to walk on the Moon, in 1969?

A. Buzz Aldrin

B. John Glenn

C. Neil Armstrong

D. Alan Shepard

2 Which candidate won the U.S. presidential election of 1960?

A. Richard Nixon

B. John F. Kennedy

C. Lyndon B. Johnson

D. Barry Goldwater

3 What was the name of the Apollo 11 lunar module that landed on the Moon?

A. Eagle

B. Falcon

C. Columbia

D. Snoopy

4 Which Stone Age cartoon family first appeared on TV in 1960?

A. The Jetsons

B. The Addams Family

C. The Munsters

D. The Flintstones

5 In 1961 a wall was built to divide which city?

A. Vienna

B. Berlin

C. Warsaw

D. Prague

The 1960s



ROUND 2 OF 10 • QUESTIONS 6–10 • CIRCLE ONE ANSWER

6 Who became the first American to orbit the Earth, in 1962?

A. John Glenn

B. Gus Grissom

C. Neil Armstrong

D. Yuri Gagarin

7 Which science-fiction TV series with Captain Kirk first aired in 1966?

A. Lost in Space

B. Star Trek

C. The Twilight Zone

D. Doctor Who

8 Martin Luther King Jr. gave his famous "I Have a Dream" speech in 1963 in which city?

A. Atlanta

B. Chicago

C. Washington, D.C.

D. Memphis

9 The first Super Bowl was played in which year?

A. 1960

B. 1963

C. 1965

D. 1967

10 Which children's TV show featuring Big Bird first aired in 1969?

A. Sesame Street

B. Mister Rogers'
Neighborhood

C. Captain Kangaroo

D. The Electric Company

Around the House



ROUND 3 OF 10 • QUESTIONS 1–5 • CIRCLE ONE ANSWER

1 Before electric refrigerators, an "icebox" kept food cold using what?

- A.** Snow
- B.** Blocks of ice
- C.** Cold water pipes
- D.** Salt

2 What was a telephone "party line"?

- A.** A line shared by several households
- B.** A phone kept for parties
- C.** A long-distance line
- D.** A line only for emergencies

3 On older washing machines, what was the "wringer" used for?

- A.** Adding soap
- B.** Heating the water
- C.** Squeezing water out of clothes
- D.** Folding clothes

4 A percolator is used to make what?

- A.** Tea
- B.** Toast
- C.** Soup
- D.** Coffee

5 S&H Green Stamps could be traded in for what?

- A.** Cash
- B.** Household goods and gifts
- C.** Bus fares
- D.** Postage

Around the House



ROUND 3 OF 10 • QUESTIONS 6–10 • CIRCLE ONE ANSWER

6 Swanson's early TV dinners came on what kind of tray?

- A.** Aluminum
- C.** Glass

- B.** Wooden
- D.** Paper

7 What did you do with a telephone's rotary dial?

- A.** Change the volume
- C.** Dial a number

- B.** Turn the phone on
- D.** Answer a call

8 The Sears "Wish Book" was a famous what?

- A.** Cookbook
- C.** Map

- B.** Diary
- D.** Mail-order catalog

9 Before ballpoint pens, schoolchildren dipped their pens into what?

- A.** Inkwells
- C.** Water cups

- B.** Paint pots
- D.** Glue jars

10 What would a milkman leave on the doorstep?

- A.** Newspapers
- C.** Letters

- B.** Bottles of milk
- D.** Bread

U.S. States & Capitals

ROUND 4 OF 10 • QUESTIONS 1–5 • CIRCLE ONE ANSWER



1 What is the capital of Texas?

- A. Houston
- C. Austin

- B. Dallas
 - D. San Antonio
-

2 What is the capital of California?

- A. Sacramento
- C. San Francisco

- B. Los Angeles
 - D. San Diego
-

3 What is the capital of New York State?

- A. New York City
- C. Rochester

- B. Buffalo
 - D. Albany
-

4 What is the capital of Florida?

- A. Miami
- C. Orlando

- B. Tallahassee
 - D. Tampa
-

5 What is the capital of Pennsylvania?

- A. Philadelphia
- C. Harrisburg

- B. Pittsburgh
- D. Scranton

U.S. States & Capitals

ROUND 4 OF 10 • QUESTIONS 6–10 • CIRCLE ONE ANSWER



6 What is the capital of Illinois?

- A.** Springfield
- C.** Peoria

- B.** Chicago
 - D.** Rockford
-

7 Which is the largest U.S. state by area?

- A.** Texas
- C.** Montana

- B.** California
 - D.** Alaska
-

8 Which is the smallest U.S. state by area?

- A.** Delaware
- C.** Connecticut

- B.** Rhode Island
 - D.** New Jersey
-

9 Which state is nicknamed the "Sunshine State"?

- A.** California
- C.** Florida

- B.** Arizona
 - D.** Hawaii
-

10 Mount Rushmore is in which state?

- A.** South Dakota
- C.** Wyoming

- B.** North Dakota
- D.** Montana

Animals & Nature

ROUND 5 OF 10 • QUESTIONS 1–5 • CIRCLE ONE ANSWER



1 What is the largest animal known to have ever lived?

- A.** African elephant
- C.** Giraffe

- B.** Blue whale
 - D.** Great white shark
-

2 How many legs does a spider have?

- A.** Six
- C.** Eight

- B.** Ten
 - D.** Twelve
-

3 Which bird is the national bird of the United States?

- A.** Bald eagle
- C.** Robin

- B.** Wild turkey
 - D.** Cardinal
-

4 What is a baby kangaroo called?

- A.** Cub
- C.** Calf

- B.** Kit
 - D.** Joey
-

5 Which is the fastest land animal?

- A.** Lion
- C.** Horse

- B.** Cheetah
- D.** Greyhound

Animals & Nature

ROUND 5 OF 10 • QUESTIONS 6–10 • CIRCLE ONE ANSWER



6 What is a group of lions called?

A. A pack

B. A herd

C. A pride

D. A flock

7 Acorns grow on which tree?

A. Oak

B. Maple

C. Pine

D. Elm

8 How many hearts does an octopus have?

A. One

B. Two

C. Four

D. Three

9 Which tall yellow flower is named after the sun?

A. Daffodil

B. Sunflower

C. Marigold

D. Buttercup

10 What do bees make from the nectar of flowers?

A. Wax only

B. Pollen

C. Honey

D. Sugar cane

Food & Cooking

ROUND 6 OF 10 • QUESTIONS 1–5 • CIRCLE ONE ANSWER



1 What is the main ingredient in guacamole?

- A.** Avocado
 - B.** Cucumber
 - C.** Green pepper
 - D.** Peas
-

2 Which nut is used to make marzipan?

- A.** Walnut
 - B.** Peanut
 - C.** Almond
 - D.** Cashew
-

3 Hummus is made mainly from which food?

- A.** Lentils
 - B.** Chickpeas
 - C.** Potatoes
 - D.** Rice
-

4 Raisins are dried versions of which fruit?

- A.** Plums
 - B.** Cherries
 - C.** Figs
 - D.** Grapes
-

5 Popcorn is made from which grain?

- A.** Corn
- B.** Wheat
- C.** Rice
- D.** Oats

Food & Cooking

ROUND 6 OF 10 • QUESTIONS 6–10 • CIRCLE ONE ANSWER



6 Which spice gives curry its bright yellow color?

A. Cinnamon

B. Turmeric

C. Paprika

D. Nutmeg

7 Sauerkraut is made from which vegetable?

A. Lettuce

B. Onion

C. Cabbage

D. Carrot

8 Maple syrup comes from the sap of which tree?

A. Birch

B. Oak

C. Pine

D. Maple

9 Pizza Margherita comes from which country?

A. Italy

B. Greece

C. Spain

D. France

10 Which fruit is traditionally used in a "Waldorf salad"?

A. Banana

B. Apple

C. Orange

D. Mango

Famous Firsts & Inventions



ROUND 7 OF 10 • QUESTIONS 1–5 • CIRCLE ONE ANSWER

1 Who received the first U.S. patent for the telephone, in 1876?

- A.** Thomas Edison
- B.** Samuel Morse
- C.** Alexander Graham Bell
- D.** Nikola Tesla

2 Who made the first powered airplane flights in 1903?

- A.** The Wright brothers
- B.** Charles Lindbergh
- C.** Amelia Earhart
- D.** Henry Ford

3 Who discovered penicillin in 1928?

- A.** Marie Curie
- B.** Louis Pasteur
- C.** Jonas Salk
- D.** Alexander Fleming

4 Which company introduced the Model T car in 1908?

- A.** Chevrolet
- B.** Ford
- C.** Dodge
- D.** Buick

5 Who was the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic, in 1932?

- A.** Amelia Earhart
- B.** Bessie Coleman
- C.** Sally Ride
- D.** Harriet Quimby

Famous Firsts & Inventions



ROUND 7 OF 10 • QUESTIONS 6–10 • CIRCLE ONE ANSWER

6 Who was the first President of the United States?

- A.** John Adams
- B.** Thomas Jefferson
- C.** George Washington
- D.** Abraham Lincoln

7 Who was the main author of the Declaration of Independence?

- A.** Benjamin Franklin
- B.** Thomas Jefferson
- C.** John Hancock
- D.** James Madison

8 Johannes Gutenberg is famous for which invention?

- A.** The compass
- B.** The telescope
- C.** The clock
- D.** The printing press with movable type

9 Which scientist developed the theory of relativity?

- A.** Albert Einstein
- B.** Isaac Newton
- C.** Galileo Galilei
- D.** Charles Darwin

10 Who is credited with the first practical light bulb, in 1879?

- A.** Benjamin Franklin
- B.** Thomas Edison
- C.** Alexander Graham Bell
- D.** George Westinghouse

Sports Legends

ROUND 8 OF 10 • QUESTIONS 1–5 • CIRCLE ONE ANSWER



1 Babe Ruth was a star in which sport?

- A.** Football
- C.** Baseball

- B.** Basketball
- D.** Hockey

2 Jesse Owens won four gold medals at which Olympic Games?

- A.** Berlin 1936
- C.** Helsinki 1952

- B.** London 1948
- D.** Rome 1960

3 Muhammad Ali was a champion in which sport?

- A.** Wrestling
- C.** Track

- B.** Tennis
- D.** Boxing

4 How many players does a baseball team have on the field?

- A.** Seven
- C.** Ten

- B.** Nine
- D.** Eleven

5 Which golfer was nicknamed "The Golden Bear"?

- A.** Arnold Palmer
- C.** Jack Nicklaus

- B.** Gary Player
- D.** Ben Hogan

Sports Legends

ROUND 8 OF 10 • QUESTIONS 6–10 • CIRCLE ONE ANSWER



6 The Stanley Cup is awarded in which sport?

- A.** Ice hockey
- C.** Baseball

- B.** Basketball
- D.** Soccer

7 How many holes are on a standard golf course?

- A.** 9
- C.** 16

- B.** 12
- D.** 18

8 Which famous tennis tournament is played on grass in London?

- A.** The U.S. Open
- C.** The French Open

- B.** Wimbledon
- D.** The Australian Open

9 In 1947, Jackie Robinson joined which major league team?

- A.** New York Yankees
- C.** Brooklyn Dodgers

- B.** Boston Red Sox
- D.** Chicago Cubs

10 How many points is a touchdown worth in American football?

- A.** Six
- C.** Seven

- B.** Three
- D.** Two

Science & Space

ROUND 9 OF 10 • QUESTIONS 1–5 • CIRCLE ONE ANSWER



1 Which planet is closest to the Sun?

- A.** Venus
- C.** Mars

- B.** Mercury
 - D.** Earth
-

2 Which is the largest planet in our solar system?

- A.** Saturn
- C.** Jupiter

- B.** Neptune
 - D.** Uranus
-

3 Which planet is known as the "Red Planet"?

- A.** Mars
- C.** Jupiter

- B.** Venus
 - D.** Mercury
-

4 Water freezes at how many degrees Fahrenheit?

- A.** 0
- C.** 212

- B.** 100
 - D.** 32
-

5 How many continents are there on Earth?

- A.** Five
- C.** Six

- B.** Seven
- D.** Eight

Science & Space

ROUND 9 OF 10 • QUESTIONS 6–10 • CIRCLE ONE ANSWER



6 Which gas do plants take in from the air to make food?

- A.** Oxygen
 - B.** Nitrogen
 - C.** Carbon dioxide
 - D.** Helium
-

7 What is the hardest natural substance on Earth?

- A.** Diamond
 - B.** Gold
 - C.** Granite
 - D.** Iron
-

8 How many bones are in the adult human body?

- A.** 106
 - B.** 156
 - C.** 256
 - D.** 206
-

9 Which force keeps our feet on the ground?

- A.** Magnetism
 - B.** Gravity
 - C.** Friction
 - D.** Electricity
-

10 Which organ pumps blood around the body?

- A.** The lungs
- B.** The liver
- C.** The heart
- D.** The kidneys

Finish the Saying

ROUND 10 OF 10 • QUESTIONS 1–5 • CIRCLE ONE ANSWER



1 An apple a day keeps the ___ away.

A. dentist

B. doctor

C. neighbor

D. rain

2 The early bird catches the ____.

A. worm

B. train

C. sunrise

D. seed

3 A penny saved is a penny ____.

A. spent

B. lost

C. earned

D. found

4 Don't count your chickens before they ____.

A. grow

B. lay eggs

C. cross the road

D. hatch

5 Actions speak louder than ____.

A. words

B. thunder

C. music

D. shouts

Finish the Saying

ROUND 10 OF 10 • QUESTIONS 6–10 • CIRCLE ONE ANSWER



6 Every cloud has a silver ____.

- A.** edge
- C.** rain

- B.** lining
 - D.** sky
-

7 Too many cooks spoil the ____.

- A.** soup
- C.** broth

- B.** meal
 - D.** kitchen
-

8 Better late than ____.

- A.** early
- C.** tomorrow

- B.** sorry
 - D.** never
-

9 Birds of a feather flock ____.

- A.** together
- C.** home

- B.** south
 - D.** away
-

10 Where there's smoke, there's ____.

- A.** steam
- C.** a chimney

- B.** fire
- D.** a cook

Answers

ROUNDS 1–5 • FOR THE QUIZ HOST



ROUND 1 • THE 1950S

1. **B** I Love Lucy
2. **C** Hula Hoop
3. **A** Jonas Salk
4. **D** Sputnik 1
5. **B** Dwight D. Eisenhower
6. **A** Alaska and Hawaii
7. **C** Disneyland
8. **D** Barbie
9. **A** Diners Club
10. **B** McDonald's

ROUND 2 • THE 1960S

1. **C** Neil Armstrong
2. **B** John F. Kennedy
3. **A** Eagle
4. **D** The Flintstones
5. **B** Berlin
6. **A** John Glenn
7. **B** Star Trek
8. **C** Washington, D.C.
9. **D** 1967
10. **A** Sesame Street

ROUND 3 • AROUND THE HOUSE

1. **B** Blocks of ice
2. **A** A line shared by several households
3. **C** Squeezing water out of clothes
4. **D** Coffee
5. **B** Household goods and gifts
6. **A** Aluminum
7. **C** Dial a number
8. **D** Mail-order catalog
9. **A** Inkwells
10. **B** Bottles of milk

ROUND 4 • U.S. STATES & CAPITALS

1. **C** Austin
2. **A** Sacramento
3. **D** Albany
4. **B** Tallahassee
5. **C** Harrisburg
6. **A** Springfield
7. **D** Alaska
8. **B** Rhode Island
9. **C** Florida
10. **A** South Dakota

ROUND 5 • ANIMALS & NATURE

1. **B** Blue whale
2. **C** Eight
3. **A** Bald eagle
4. **D** Joey
5. **B** Cheetah
6. **C** A pride
7. **A** Oak
8. **D** Three
9. **B** Sunflower
10. **C** Honey

Answers

ROUNDS 6–10 • FOR THE QUIZ HOST



ROUND 6 • FOOD & COOKING

1. **A** Avocado
2. **C** Almond
3. **B** Chickpeas
4. **D** Grapes
5. **A** Corn
6. **B** Turmeric
7. **C** Cabbage
8. **D** Maple
9. **A** Italy
10. **B** Apple

ROUND 7 • FAMOUS FIRSTS & INVENTIONS

1. **C** Alexander Graham Bell
2. **A** The Wright brothers
3. **D** Alexander Fleming
4. **B** Ford
5. **A** Amelia Earhart
6. **C** George Washington
7. **B** Thomas Jefferson
8. **D** The printing press with movable type
9. **A** Albert Einstein
10. **B** Thomas Edison

ROUND 8 • SPORTS LEGENDS

1. **C** Baseball
2. **A** Berlin 1936
3. **D** Boxing
4. **B** Nine
5. **C** Jack Nicklaus
6. **A** Ice hockey
7. **D** 18
8. **B** Wimbledon
9. **C** Brooklyn Dodgers
10. **A** Six

ROUND 9 • SCIENCE & SPACE

1. **B** Mercury
2. **C** Jupiter
3. **A** Mars
4. **D** 32
5. **B** Seven
6. **C** Carbon dioxide
7. **A** Diamond
8. **D** 206
9. **B** Gravity
10. **C** The heart

ROUND 10 • FINISH THE SAYING

1. **B** doctor
2. **A** worm
3. **C** earned
4. **D** hatch
5. **A** words
6. **B** lining
7. **C** broth
8. **D** never
9. **A** together
10. **B** fire