

TV Series Quiz

Questions with the answers

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ROUND 1

Classic Sitcoms

1. Which 1950s sitcom starring Lucille Ball famously filmed before a live studio audience using three cameras, a technique still used today?

| ANSWER **I Love Lucy**

NOTE The three-camera technique was pioneered by cinematographer Karl Freund specifically for this show.

2. Which 1970s sitcom followed single career woman Mary Richards working at a Minneapolis TV newsroom?

| ANSWER **The Mary Tyler Moore Show**

NOTE The show's famous hat-toss opening became one of the most iconic images in TV history.

3. Which groundbreaking 1970s sitcom centered on outspoken bigot Archie Bunker and tackled controversial social issues head-on?

| ANSWER **All in the Family**

NOTE The show was adapted from the British sitcom 'Till Death Us Do Part'.

4. Which sitcom set during the Korean War followed army surgeons stationed at a mobile hospital unit?



| ANSWER **M*A*S*H**

NOTE Its series finale in 1983 remains one of the most-watched TV broadcasts in American history.

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5. Which sitcom was set in a Boston basement bar owned by former Red Sox pitcher Sam Malone?



| ANSWER Cheers

NOTE The show spawned the spinoff Frasier, one of the most successful spinoffs ever.

6. Which sitcom centered on four older women sharing a house together in Miami?

| ANSWER The Golden Girls

NOTE The show's theme song 'Thank You for Being a Friend' became a cultural anthem.

7. Which sitcom, a spinoff of All in the Family, followed a Black family 'movin' on up' to a Manhattan high-rise?



| ANSWER The Jeffersons

NOTE It ran for eleven seasons, longer than the show it spun off from.

8. Which sitcom set in 1950s Milwaukee followed teenager Richie Cunningham and his friends hanging out at Arnold's Drive-In?



| ANSWER Happy Days

NOTE The phrase 'jumping the shark' originated from a water-ski stunt episode of this show.

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9. Which sitcom followed widowed dad Danny Tanner raising three daughters with help from his brother-in-law and best friend in San Francisco?



ANSWER Full House

NOTE The Olsen twins famously shared the role of youngest daughter Michelle.

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10. Which sitcom, set at a fictional New York City cab company, launched the career of a young Danny DeVito as dispatcher Louie?

ANSWER Taxi

NOTE The theme, Bob James's 'Angela,' was named after a guest character from a single early episode — and its popularity helped push his 1978 jazz album Touchdown to platinum.

Crime and Drama Series

11. In 'Breaking Bad', what is the street name used for the blue methamphetamine cooked by Walter White?

| ANSWER **Blue Sky**

NOTE The 'blue sky' meth prop was actually made from rock candy.

12. Set primarily in which American city does 'The Wire' explore drugs, policing, and institutions?



| ANSWER **Baltimore**

13. In the British series 'Line of Duty', what is the name of the anti-corruption police unit at the center of the show?

| ANSWER **AC-12**

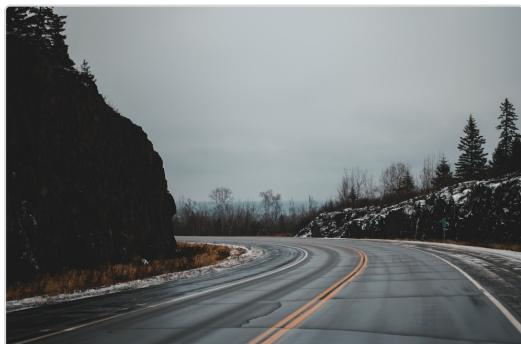
14. Which actor played detective Rustin 'Rust' Cohle opposite Woody Harrelson in the first season of 'True Detective'?

| ANSWER **Matthew McConaughey**

15. 'Narcos' dramatizes the rise and fall of which Colombian drug lord in its first two seasons?

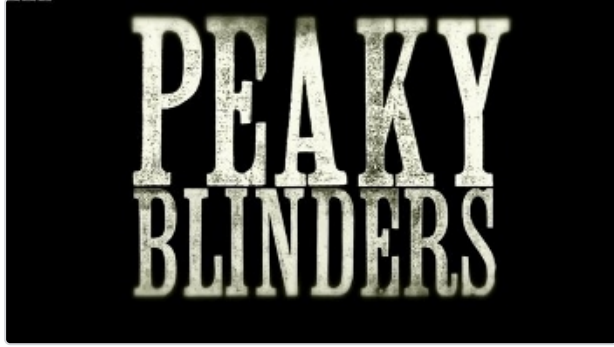
| ANSWER **Pablo Escobar**

16. The TV series ' Fargo ' takes its title and snowy Midwest setting from a 1996 film by which directing duo?



| ANSWER **Coen Brothers**

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17. 'Peaky Blinders' follows a gangster family in which English city during the years following World War I?



| ANSWER Birmingham

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18. Which actress played tenacious detective Jane Tennison in the British series 'Prime Suspect'?

| ANSWER Helen Mirren

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19. In 'Ozark', the Byrde family relocates from Chicago to launder money in a lake region of which US state?

| ANSWER Missouri

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20. 'Better Call Saul' is a prequel/spin-off centered on the transformation of struggling lawyer Jimmy McGill into which flashy criminal attorney?

| ANSWER Saul Goodman

TV Catchphrases and Theme Songs

21. Which cool, leather-jacketed Happy Days character was known for the catchphrase 'Ayyy'?

| ANSWER The Fonz (Arthur Fonzarelli)

NOTE Actor Henry Winkler's thumbs-up gesture with 'Ayyy' became so iconic it's referenced across countless later shows.

22. Which regional manager of Dunder Mifflin was famous for declaring 'That's what she said'?

| ANSWER Michael Scott

NOTE Steve Carell improvised many of Michael's lines, and the phrase predates the show but became forever linked to him.

23. The Cheers theme song famously declares you want to go 'where everybody knows your' what?

| ANSWER Name

NOTE The full song, 'Where Everybody Knows Your Name,' was written by Gary Portnoy and Judy Hart Angelo.

24. Which M*A*S*H colonel was known for old-fashioned exclamations like 'Horse hockey!'?

| ANSWER Colonel Sherman Potter

25. The theme rap for The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air tells how the hero's life got 'flipped, turned upside down' in which city, before he moved to Bel-Air?

| ANSWER Philadelphia (West Philadelphia)

NOTE Will Smith co-wrote and performed the theme himself, based loosely on his own upbringing.

26. The theme song to Gilligan's Island explains the castaways were stranded after a 'three-hour' what?

| ANSWER Tour

NOTE The theme song was written specifically to explain the show's premise to viewers tuning in mid-episode.

27. Which composer wrote the sweeping orchestral theme music for Game of Thrones?

| ANSWER Ramin Djawadi

28. In Sabrina the Teenage Witch, which talking black cat delivered sarcastic one-liners as the witch's familiar?

| ANSWER Salem Saberhagen

NOTE Salem was originally a warlock who was punished by being turned into a cat for attempting world domination.

Streaming-era Hit Series

29. Netflix's 'Stranger Things' is set in which fictional small town in Indiana?

| ANSWER Hawkins

NOTE The show's synth-heavy score by Kyle Dixon and Michael Stein won multiple awards and became a hit on its own.

30. Netflix's 'The Crown' chronicles the reign of which British monarch?

| ANSWER Queen Elizabeth II

31. In the Spanish hit 'Money Heist' (La Casa de Papel), the robbers wear masks depicting which famous painter's face?

| ANSWER Salvador Dalí

32. In Disney+'s 'The Mandalorian', what nickname do fans use for Grogu, the small green Force-sensitive character?

| ANSWER Baby Yoda

33. Amazon's 'The Boys' centers on a corrupt superhero team called what?

| ANSWER The Seven

34. In 'Squid Game', contestants compete in deadly versions of what kind of games?

| ANSWER Children's playground games

35. In Apple TV+'s 'Ted Lasso', the title character is an American football coach hired to manage which sport in England?

| ANSWER Soccer (football)

36. Which actress and writer created and starred in the acclaimed BBC/Amazon series 'Fleabag'?

| ANSWER Phoebe Waller-Bridge

37. Netflix's 'The Witcher', starring Henry Cavill, is based on a series of novels by which Polish author?

| ANSWER Andrzej Sapkowski

38. HBO's 'Succession' follows the power struggles within a family that controls a global media and entertainment conglomerate called what?

| ANSWER Waystar RoyCo
