# Round 1 Questions & Answers

- 1. Four presidents held office in the 1920s. Which served longest?
  - A. Calvin Coolidge
  - B. Warren G. Harding
  - C. Herbert Hoover
  - D. Woodrow Wilson
- 2. Which member of the animal kingdom is responsible for the most deaths in the world?
  - A. Scorpion
  - B. Mosquito
  - C. Dog
  - D. Hippopotamus
- 3. In which sport would you find the "charity stripe"?

Basketball

4. British actress Angela Lansbury required just one take to record this song, which won a 1992 Oscar.

"Beauty and the Beast" (1991)

5. Blockbuster that's a synonym for "Craggy"

"Rocky"

- 6. In which state was the chocolate chip cookie invented?
  - A. Connecticut
  - B. Massachusetts
  - C. Ohio
- 7. "Where's the Beef?"

Wendy's

8. His 1796 Farewell Address contained the first reference to a presidential administration.

George Washington

- 9. This car-collecting host feuded with David Letterman and Conan O'Brien.

  Jay Leno
- 10. Why do monarchs' and popes' names contain Roman numerals?

To better identify those with the same name

# Round 2 Questions & Answers

- 1. Time magazine's 1938 "Man of the Year"
  - A. Winston Churchill
  - B. Franklin D. Roosevelt
  - C. Adolf Hitler
  - D. Joseph Stalin
- Referring to the steel wool pad, what does "S.O.S" mean?
  - A. Save Our Saucepans
  - B. Scrub Our Saucepans
  - C. Sink of Suds
  - D. Suds of Steel
- 3. You'll use a *shuttlecock* while playing this game.

Badminton

- 1994 classic featuring a meerkat-warthog duo "The Lion King"
- Blockbuster that's a synonym for "Just After Sunset" "Twilight"
- 6. On March 31, 1880, Wabash became the first city in the world to be lit by electricity. Name the state.
  - A. Tennessee
  - B. Texas
  - C. Illinois
  - D. Indiana
- 7. "Like a Rock"

Chevrolet

8. Thanks to Zachary Taylor, a president's spouse, once called *presidentress*, is now known by this easily pronounced phrase.

First Lady

9. She launched the careers of Dr. Phil and Dr. Oz.

**Oprah Winfrey** 

10. It ditched Roman numerals just for 2016 to celebrate its 50th anniversary.

The Super Bowl

# Round 3 Questions & Answers

1. Which came first: V-J Day or V-E Day?

V-E Day

- 2. Which of the following stars is NOT a twin?
  - A. Vin Diesel
  - B. Elvis Presley
  - C. Ashton Kutcher
  - D. Tom Hanks
- 3. "Sticky wicket," a synonym for difficult circumstances, originated from what sport?

Cricket

4. In Disney's "The Great Mouse Detective," what kind of animal is Ratigan's sidekick Fidget?

Bat

5. Blockbuster that's a synonym for "July 4, 1776"

"Independence Day"

- 6. Only in this state are self-service gas stations completely prohibited
  - A. New Jersey
  - B. Arizona
  - C. Kentucky
  - D. Florida
- 7. "Don't Leave Home Without It"

American Express

- 8. President Harding coined the term *Founding Fathers*. Who is not considered one?
  - A. Alexander Hamilton
  - B. Benjamin Franklin
  - C. Abraham Lincoln
  - D. John Adams
- 9. His talk show ran from 1970-1996 and was the first to include audience participation.

Phil Donahue

10. No one's sure why this Roman numeral is written two different ways on clocks and watches.

4 (IIII or IV)

### Round 4 Questions & Answers

- The 1950s saw the development of the first polio vaccine by whom? Jonas Salk
- 2. If meteorologists mention "high barometric pressure," what might the forecast be?
  - A. Fair weather
  - B. Rain
  - C. Snow
  - D. Tornadoes
- 3. Kitchen spice that also means "to kick the soccer ball between an opponent's legs."

Nutmeg

4. What was unusual about sea witch Ursula's tentacles in "The Little Mermaid" (1989)?

She only had six - plus two arms.

- 5. Blockbuster that's a synonym for "Celestial Body Conflicts" "Star Wars" (1977)
- 6. Each Dec. 31, "spec-taters" watch a 16-foot-tall steel-and-foam potato drop in this state's capital

Idaho

7. "Just Do It"

Nike

 FDR popularized a common adjective of four letters meaning "uncertain," "up in the air," "doubtful" or "questionable."
 Iffy

9. His characters included Floyd R. Turbo, Carnac the Magnificent and Aunt Blabby.

**Johnny Carson** 

10. "II" has a different meaning than "Jr." after a last name. When is "II" used? When a person is named for someone other than his/her father.

#### Round 5 Questions & Answers

1. The first televised presidential debate – seen by 70 million – was a game changer in the 1960 election. Name the candidates.

(John F.) Kennedy and (Richard M.) Nixon

- 2. What is the metal foot-measuring device at shoe stores called?
  - A. Micrometer
  - B. Theodolite
  - C. Brannock Device
  - D. Protractor
- 3. Tennis term that may originate from the French word l'oeuf, meaning "goose egg" (slang for zero).

Love

- 4. He escaped from a touring circus group as a cub in "Aladdin" (1992). Rajah the tiger
- 5. Blockbuster that's a synonym for "The Furious Feathered-Creature Film" "The Angry Birds Movie" (2016)
- 6. For more than 150 years, it was part of Massachusetts.
  - A. Maine
  - B. New Hampshire
  - C. Vermont
- 7. "It's the Real Thing"

Coca-Cola

8. He served from 1901-1909 and has been described as "the most colorful presidential contributor to the language."

Theodore Roosevelt

9. The original host of NBC's "Tonight Show" (1953-1957) Steve Allen

- 10. When do historians say the use of Roman numerals began?
  - A. Around 2700 B.C.
  - B. Around 1800 B.C.
  - C. Around 900 B.C.
  - D. Around 900 A.D.

### Round 6 Questions & Answers

1. This '70s fashion trend originated with sailors.

**Bell-bottoms** 

- 2. Which company distributes the largest number of toys?
  - A. Amazon
  - B. Oriental Trading Company
  - C. McDonalds
  - D. Mattel
- 3. The *nelson hold* likely came from Admiral Horatio Nelson's practice of surrounding his enemies. Name the sport.

Wrestling

4. Name the three Darling children in "Peter Pan" (1953).

Wendy, Michael and John

- 5. Blockbuster that's a synonym for "Guys Wearing Ebony" "Men in Black" (1997)
- 6. Congress intended this state to be a perfect rectangle, but surveyors wandered off course.

Colorado

- 7. "Plop, Plop, Fizz, Fizz, Oh What a Relief It Is" Alka-Seltzer
- 8. President Eisenhower often took "do-overs" while playing golf, causing this term to soar in popularity.

Mulligan

9. As host of the Emmy Awards on Nov. 4, 2001, she lifted American spirits after 9/11.

Ellen DeGeneres

10. Express the number of *contiguous* U.S. states in Roman numerals.

XLVIII or XXXXVIII (48)

# Round 7 Questions & Answers

- A. The 1980s saw the rise of the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. Who was the group's leader?
  - A. Leonardo
  - B. Raphael
  - C. Donatello
  - D. Michelangelo
- 2. Which of these organs is heaviest?
  - A. Heart
  - B. Large intestine
  - C. Liver
  - D. Stomach
- 3. In the U.K., a "clean sheet" means a team kept its opponent from scoring. What's the American term?

Shutout

4. Names originally suggested for these characters include Awful, Blabby, Gaspy, Nifty, Jumpy, Dirty and Gloomy

The Seven Dwarves ("Snow White," 1937)

- Blockbuster that's a synonym for "Amazing Lady" "Wonder Woman" (2017)
- 6. Everett's Boeing factory is the world's largest building by volume and could hold 75 football fields. Name the state.

Washington

7. "Breakfast of Champions"

Wheaties

8. Our third president is credited with 110 new words, including *belittle, mammoth* and *pedicure.* Who is he?

**Thomas Jefferson** 

9. He's credited with launching the acting career of "correspondent" Steve Carell.

Jon Stewart ("The Daily Show")

10. Divide the year the Declaration of Independence was signed by 2. Express this number in Roman numerals.

DCCCLXXXVIII (888)

# Round 8 Questions & Answers

1. He was released Feb. 11, 1990 after 27 years in prison and rose to become his country's president.

Nelson Mandela

- 2. He's the main character of J.D. Salinger's Catcher in the Rye.
  - A. Patrick Bateman
  - B. Holden Caulfield
  - C. Atticus Finch
  - D. Dean Moriarty
- 3. '75 Dallas Cowboys quarterback who caused widespread use of the term "Hail Mary pass."

Roger Staubach

4. Disney executives changed this main character from a ventriloquist dummy (too scary!) to a cowboy

Woody from "Toy Story" (1995)

- 5. Blockbuster that's a synonym for "Arachnid Male" "Spider-Man" (2002)
- 6. This state borders just one state, has the pinecone for its "official flower" and a one-syllable name.

Maine

7. "Betcha Can't Eat Just One"

Lay's Potato Chips

- 8. In 1815, John Adams popularized *quixotic*, meaning impulsive or extravagantly romantic. From what 1605 novel does this word come? Don Quixote
- 9. Born in 1974, he was voted "Most Likely to Replace David Letterman" in eighth grade.

Jimmy Fallon

10. Modern Woodmen was founded in MDCCCLXXXIII. What year is that?

### Round 9 Questions & Answers

1. Millions have been sold since 2002, despite their wild colors and large, oddly placed holes.

Crocs

- Its brain is most similar to a cat's.
  - A. Dog
  - B. Dolphin
  - C. Mouse
  - D. Human
- If a team "puts the biscuit in the basket," what sport is it playing? Ice hockey
- 4. Fittingly, this main character's name literally means "little wooden head." Pinocchio
- 5. Blockbuster that's a synonym for "Mandibles" "Jaws" (1975)
- 6. This state's 1904 World's Fair popularized ice cream cones, hamburgers, hot dogs and peanut butter.

Missouri

7. "We Try Harder"

Avis

8. James Madison used this word meaning "a title or explanation for a picture or illustration" a century before it became common.

Caption

9. He and co-host Ben Stein were presented a Daytime Emmy Award in 1999 for Outstanding Game Show Host.

Jimmy Kimmel

10. Determine the cube root of LXIV. What is the modern (Arabic) numeral?

4. (LXIV = 64; the cube root of 64 is 4.)

# Round 10 Questions & Answers

- 1. The most popular baby names from 2010-2017
  - A. Henry and Samantha
  - B. Noah and Emma
  - C. Jackson and Grace
  - D. Nicolas and Summer
- 2. This fruit's family members include cashews and poison ivy.
  - A. Avocado
  - B. Lychee
  - C. Dragon fruit
  - D. Mango
- Rock-climbing term meaning "to secure a person or rope to an anchor point."
   Belay
- 4. "Alice in Wonderland" (1951) eventually became a campus cult classic, partly due to this '67 Jefferson Airplane hit.

"White Rabbit"

- Blockbuster that's a synonym for "Foreigner" "Alien" (1979)
- 6. This state was scientifically proven to be "flatter than a pancake" using an actual pancake!

Kansas

7. "Can You Hear Me Now?"

Verizon Wireless

8. He used *sugar-coat* (to make a difficult or distasteful thing appear pleasant or acceptable) in his 7/4/1861 message to Congress.

Abraham Lincoln

9. A talk-show host from 1965-1986, he created "Jeopardy!" and "Wheel of Fortune"

Merv Griffin

10. Pivotal U.S. event occurring in late MCMLXIII.

The assassination of Pres. John F. Kennedy (1963)