1950s Trivia

Choose one answer per question. Circle A, B, C, or D.

1. In which California city did the first Disneyland park open in 1955?
   A. Anaheim
   B. Burbank
   C. Long Beach
   D. San Diego

2. Who won the Best Actress Oscar for Roman Holiday at the 1954 Academy Awards?
   A. Deborah Kerr
   B. Grace Kelly
   C. Audrey Hepburn
   D. Ava Gardner

3. Which U.S. territory became the 49th state in January 1959?
   A. Hawaii
   B. Alaska
   C. Puerto Rico
   D. Guam

4. Which Brazilian player matched teammate Vavá’s two goals in the 1958 men’s World Cup final against Sweden?
   A. Mário Zagallo
   B. Garrincha
   C. Didi
   D. Pelé

5. What shape did the DNA model described in 1953 propose for the molecule?
   A. A single helix
   B. A double helix
   C. A triple helix
   D. A flat ladder

6. Charlie Brown appears in the first Peanuts strip, published in October 1950. Which two characters appear with him?
   A. Shermy and Patty
   B. Linus and Lucy
   C. Snoopy and Woodstock
   D. Schroeder and Sally

7. Australia’s horse quarantine rules affected the 1956 Summer Olympics. Where did organizers hold the equestrian events while Melbourne remained the main host?

A. Copenhagen
B. Helsinki
C. Rome
D. Stockholm

8. What feature near Earth did scientists identify using 1958 measurements from Explorer 1 and Explorer 3?

A. A second natural satellite orbiting beyond the Moon
B. A ring of ice particles orbiting above Earth’s equator
C. A belt of charged particles trapped by Earth’s magnetic field
D. A gap in Earth’s gravity above the North Pole

9. The April 1955 Asian-African Conference took its common name from the city of Bandung. Which country hosted it?

A. Indonesia
B. India
C. Pakistan
D. Egypt

10. Which toy company made the hollow plastic Hula Hoop that became a craze in 1958?

A. Ideal
B. Mattel
C. Hasbro
D. Wham-O

11. A fictional 1959 caption calls every part of the shipping route from the Atlantic to the upper Great Lakes the St. Lawrence Seaway. Which edit best distinguishes the Seaway from the full system?

A. The Seaway starts at Lake Erie and reaches west to Lake Superior.
B. The Seaway runs from the Atlantic to Montreal and ends before any of the locks.
C. The Seaway reaches from Montreal to mid-Lake Erie within the longer Atlantic-to-Great Lakes route.
D. The Seaway runs from Montreal to the Hudson River and reaches the Atlantic through New York.

12. Articles II and III of the 1959 Antarctic Treaty address research. Which pair of rules would fit a research team’s summary of those articles?

A. Scientists remain free to investigate, and teams keep observations and results private.
B. Scientists remain free to investigate, and teams share observations and results.
C. Scientific investigation ends, and earlier results are shared.
D. Scientific investigation is limited to a single country, and findings are shared only within that country.

13. A museum lists two TAT-1 cables laid between Scotland and Newfoundland by 1956. How did the original telephone link use the pair for speech?

A. Both cables carried speech eastward, with westward speech sent by radio.
B. One cable carried speech both ways, and the other stayed on standby.
C. Both cables carried speech westward, with eastward speech sent by radio.
D. One cable carried speech in each direction.

14. A fictional display describes LEGO’s 1958 brick as locking together with the top studs alone. What feature completes the design described in the company’s patent history?

A. Tubes underneath the brick help hold the studs of the brick below in place.
B. New studs on both faces line up tip to tip when bricks are stacked.
C. A separate flat connector must slide between every pair of bricks.
D. Bricks grip each other only where slots on their outside walls line up.

15. A theater wants to recreate the original picture presentation of This Is Cinerama. Which setup matches the one described in the Library of Congress archive?

A. One projector sends the same picture to three separate flat screens.
B. Three projectors alternate frames on a small flat screen.
C. Three projectors run together to fill sections of a deeply curved screen.
D. Two projectors overlap their pictures on a flat screen for viewers wearing glasses.