1990s Music Trivia

Use this key to check answers and read the explanations.

1. Which group took “Barbie Girl” to number one in the United Kingdom in 1997?
   A. Aqua
   B. Steps
   C. Vengaboys
   D. S Club 7
   Correct answer: A. Aqua
   Official Charts credits Aqua with the 1997 UK number-one single.

2. Who recorded the dance-pop single “Believe” that topped the UK chart in 1998?
   A. Kylie Minogue
   B. Madonna
   C. Cher
   D. Annie Lennox
   Correct answer: C. Cher
   Cher's “Believe” reached number one on the Official UK Singles Chart in 1998.

3. Which Oasis song reached number two in the United Kingdom in 1995?
   A. Don't Look Back in Anger
   B. Wonderwall
   C. D'You Know What I Mean?
   D. All Around the World
   Correct answer: B. Wonderwall
   “Wonderwall” peaked at number two on the UK singles chart in 1995. The other three choices peaked at number one.

4. Which Roberta Flack hit did the Fugees cover and take to UK number one in 1996?
   A. Fu-Gee-La
   B. Ready or Not
   C. No Woman, No Cry
   D. Killing Me Softly
   Correct answer: D. Killing Me Softly
   The Fugees reached number one with their cover of “Killing Me Softly” and followed it with another chart-topper, “Ready or Not.”

5. Which 1999 Ricky Martin single is listed in the National Recording Registry?
   A. She Bangs
   B. Livin’ La Vida Loca
   C. The Cup of Life
   D. Shake Your Bon-Bon
   Correct answer: B. Livin’ La Vida Loca
   The Library of Congress added Ricky Martin's 1999 single “Livin’ La Vida Loca” to the registry in 2022.

6. Which R.E.M. song won the short-form music video Grammy in 1992?
   A. Losing My Religion
   B. Everybody Hurts
   C. Man on the Moon
   D. What's the Frequency, Kenneth?
   Correct answer: A. Losing My Religion
   The Recording Academy lists the video for “Losing My Religion” as its 1992 short-form winner.

7. Which Green Day album does the National Recording Registry date to 1994?
   A. Warning
   B. Insomniac
   C. Nimrod
   D. Dookie
   Correct answer: D. Dookie
   The Library of Congress lists Dookie as a 1994 recording and added it to the National Recording Registry in 2024.

8. Which pair won a 1999 Grammy for the R&B duet “The Boy Is Mine”?
   A. Janet Jackson and Mary J. Blige
   B. Aaliyah and Missy Elliott
   C. Brandy and Monica
   D. Toni Braxton and Whitney Houston
   Correct answer: C. Brandy and Monica
   Brandy and Monica won in the R&B performance category for a duo or group with vocals.

9. Who shares the Best Country Song Grammy with Shania Twain for co-writing “You're Still the One”?

A. Robert John “Mutt” Lange
B. Vince Gill
C. Randy Scruggs
D. Kirk Franklin

Correct answer: A. Robert John “Mutt” Lange
The Recording Academy credits Twain and Robert John “Mutt” Lange as the songwriters for the 1999 award.

10. Which British band recorded OK Computer, listed by the Library of Congress as a 1997 album?

A. Blur
B. Pulp
C. Suede
D. Radiohead

Correct answer: D. Radiohead
The National Recording Registry credits Radiohead with the 1997 album OK Computer.

11. Which single beat Oasis's “Roll With It” to number one in the August 1995 UK chart race?

A. Alright
B. Common People
C. Country House
D. Disco 2000

Correct answer: C. Country House
Blur's “Country House” outsold Oasis's “Roll With It” in their head-to-head release week.

12. Which accordionist recorded Partners, the 1992 album listed in the National Recording Registry?

A. Steve Jordan
B. Flaco Jiménez
C. Joel Guzmán
D. Santiago Jiménez Jr.

Correct answer: B. Flaco Jiménez
Flaco Jiménez played accordion throughout Partners, an album of duets with rock and country artists.

13. Which duo won Song of the Year in 1999 for writing Celine Dion's recording of “My Heart Will Go On”?

A. Elton John and Tim Rice
B. John Rzeznik and Rob Cavallo
C. David Foster and Diane Warren
D. James Horner and Will Jennings

Correct answer: D. James Horner and Will Jennings
The songwriting award went to James Horner and Will Jennings. The recording also won Record of the Year, a separate award.

14. Which album did the Library of Congress date to 1993, between The Chronic and Ready to Die?

A. Enter the Wu-Tang (36 Chambers)
B. The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill
C. The Low End Theory
D. Illmatic

Correct answer: A. Enter the Wu-Tang (36 Chambers)
The registry dates The Chronic to 1992, Enter the Wu-Tang (36 Chambers) to 1993, and Ready to Die to 1994.

15. At the 1999 Grammys, Wide Open Spaces beat other country albums, while Version 2.0 was up for Album of the Year. Which acts recorded those albums, in order?

A. The Chicks and Sheryl Crow
B. Shania Twain and Madonna
C. The Chicks and Garbage
D. Shania Twain and Garbage

Correct answer: C. The Chicks and Garbage
The Chicks, credited at that ceremony as the Dixie Chicks, won Best Country Album for Wide Open Spaces. Garbage recorded Version 2.0.