2000s Throwback

Use this key to check answers and read the explanations.

1. Which green ogre starred in a 2001 animated film?
   A. Shrek
   B. Sulley
   C. Hulk
   D. Grinch
   Correct answer: A. Shrek
   DreamWorks released the original Shrek in 2001.

2. Which company introduced the iPod in 2001?
   A. Samsung
   B. Sony
   C. Apple
   D. Microsoft
   Correct answer: C. Apple
   The original iPod paired a small hard drive with Apple's music software.

3. Which Nintendo console launched in 2006 with motion-sensitive controllers?
   A. GameCube
   B. Wii
   C. Nintendo 64
   D. Switch
   Correct answer: B. Wii
   The Wii Remote brought motion control to a broad audience.

4. Who played Harry Potter in the eight main film adaptations?
   A. Robert Pattinson
   B. Rupert Grint
   C. Tom Felton
   D. Daniel Radcliffe
   Correct answer: D. Daniel Radcliffe
   Grint played Ron and Felton played Draco; Radcliffe played Harry.

5. Which video-sharing platform launched in 2005?
   A. TikTok
   B. YouTube
   C. Vine
   D. Twitch
   Correct answer: B. YouTube
   YouTube began in 2005; the other platforms launched later.

6. Which singer released the album The Fame in 2008?
   A. Lady Gaga
   B. Adele
   C. Katy Perry
   D. Rihanna
   Correct answer: A. Lady Gaga
   The Fame introduced hits including Just Dance and Poker Face.

7. The survivors in Lost crash on their island aboard which airline?
   A. Pan Am
   B. Dharma
   C. Ajira
   D. Oceanic
   Correct answer: D. Oceanic
   Oceanic Flight 815 is the crash that begins the series.

8. Who plays Captain Jack Sparrow in the Pirates of the Caribbean films?
   A. Geoffrey Rush
   B. Orlando Bloom
   C. Johnny Depp
   D. Javier Bardem
   Correct answer: C. Johnny Depp
   Bloom plays Will Turner and Rush plays Barbossa; Depp plays Sparrow.

9. The original Guitar Hero asks players to perform using a controller shaped like what?
   A. A guitar
   B. A keyboard
   C. A saxophone
   D. A violin
   Correct answer: A. A guitar
   Colored fret buttons and a strum bar simulate playing guitar parts.

10. In WALL-E, what does WALL-E spend his days compacting?

A. Metal coins only
B. Ice
C. Clouds
D. Trash

Correct answer: D. Trash
The robot cleans an abandoned, waste-covered Earth.

11. The first iPhone was introduced in which year?

A. 2004
B. 2001
C. 2007
D. 2009

Correct answer: C. 2007
Apple announced the first iPhone in January 2007.

12. The U.S. version of The Office is set mainly in which Pennsylvania city?

A. Pittsburgh
B. Scranton
C. Harrisburg
D. Allentown

Correct answer: B. Scranton
The fictional Dunder Mifflin branch is in Scranton.

13. Which duo released the 2003 double album Speakerboxxx/The Love Below?

A. Pet Shop Boys
B. Daft Punk
C. The Chemical Brothers
D. OutKast

Correct answer: D. OutKast
The two halves showcase Big Boi and André 3000 respectively.

14. Which film won the first competitive Academy Award for Animated Feature, awarded in 2002?

A. Shrek
B. Monsters, Inc.
C. Spirited Away
D. Finding Nemo

Correct answer: A. Shrek
Shrek won for films released in 2001, the category's first eligible year.

15. In the 2004 film Mean Girls, what is the name of the school's math competition team?

A. Algebra Aces
B. Number Ninjas
C. Mathletes
D. Calculators

Correct answer: C. Mathletes
Cady joins the Mathletes and competes in the film's climactic math tournament.