Funny Trivia for Seniors

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

1. What food is the 1952 Oscar Mayer Wienermobile at The Henry Ford shaped like?
   A. A hot dog in a bun
   B. A slice of pizza
   C. An ear of corn
   D. A banana split

2. On the classic sitcom Mister Ed, what kind of animal could talk to Wilbur Post?
   A. A parrot
   B. A sheepdog
   C. A horse
   D. A mule

3. Richard James watched a spring seem to walk after it fell from a shelf. Which toy came from that surprise?
   A. Yo-yo
   B. Slinky
   C. Hula Hoop
   D. Jump rope

4. Which drink did Rhode Island choose as its official state drink in 1993?
   A. Orange soda
   B. Root beer
   C. Hot apple cider
   D. Coffee milk

5. Imagine a host means to say funny bone but says bunny phone. What name fits that swap of starting sounds?
   A. Palindrome
   B. Spoonerism
   C. Rhyme
   D. Tongue twister

6. Jim Henson made the first Kermit puppet from an old coat and jeans. What did he cut in half for the eyes?

A. A ping-pong ball
B. A wooden spool
C. A bath sponge
D. A cork stopper

7. In 2013, Oregon set aside August 9 to celebrate Boring, Oregon, and its pairing with which Scottish community?

A. Stirling
B. Aberfeldy
C. Elgin
D. Dull

8. What could shoppers do in Clarence Saunders’s patented layout for Piggly Wiggly before reaching the checkout?

A. Ask a clerk to select their entire order by phone
B. Have every item brought out to the front counter
C. Pick goods from the shelves themselves
D. Bid against other shoppers for the next basket

9. The Library of Congress keeps an 18th-century kitchen-machine drawing made by Thomas Jefferson. What was the machine designed to make?

A. Macaroni
B. Butter
C. Waffles
D. Ice cream

10. What did the special equipment for the 1960 film Scent of Mystery deliver to individual theater seats?

A. Recorded hints about the plot
B. Color slides from deleted scenes
C. Hot air during desert scenes
D. Scents timed to the film

11. A newspaper playfully said early Edison talking dolls had a governess to teach them their lines. What work lay behind that story?

A. Store clerks recited from behind a curtain when a doll was lifted.
B. Governesses spoke through concealed tubes during demonstrations.
C. Performers spoke the lines into a recorder for the dolls.
D. A keyboard let shopkeepers make a doll speak one letter at a time.

12. The 19th-century Hansen Writing Ball had keys on a rounded dome. How did its differently angled typebars print at the same spot?

A. They struck in a circle while the paper spun underneath.
B. They angled inward to a common point on the paper.
C. They embossed a strip wrapped around the outside of the dome.
D. They printed onto separate strips that the machine joined.

13. At Cambridge, a camera watched the Trojan Room coffee pot. Which timeline gets its two debuts right?

A. The lab and the web both got access in 1993.
B. Web viewers saw it in 1991. The lab got access in 1993.
C. The lab and the web both got access in 1991.
D. Lab viewers saw it in 1991. Web viewers got access in 1993.

14. Mary Anderson’s 1903 patent describes a device swept across glass and controlled from inside a vehicle. Which museum label best fits that description?

A. An early windshield wiper with an inside control
B. An early rearview mirror with an adjustable angle
C. A glass heater powered by the vehicle
D. A sun visor that folds up from the dashboard

15. Congress commissioned a statue of George Washington for the Capitol Rotunda. Which caption explains Horatio Greenough’s surprising choice for the seated figure?

A. Washington’s pose reproduced the figure on a U.S. dollar coin.
B. Washington’s pose copied a painted portrait of King George III.
C. Washington’s pose took inspiration from a statue of Zeus.
D. Washington’s pose came from a photograph of him in the Rotunda.