Gen X Era Trivia

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

1. What did Sony’s original TPS-L2 Walkman, released in Japan in 1979, play?
   A. Audio cassette tapes
   B. Compact discs
   C. Seven-inch records
   D. Eight-track cartridges

2. What did players try to do in the 1978 electronic game Simon?
   A. Move a token through a maze
   B. Match numbers on rolling dice
   C. Repeat a pattern of lights and sounds
   D. Guess a word from recorded voice clues

3. Who began hosting the PBS reading series Reading Rainbow in 1983?
   A. Fred Rogers
   B. LeVar Burton
   C. Bill Nye
   D. Bob Ross

4. Which singer recorded Jagged Little Pill, the 1996 Grammy winner for Album of the Year?
   A. Fiona Apple
   B. Sheryl Crow
   C. Tori Amos
   D. Alanis Morissette

5. At the 1992 Summer Olympics, in which sport did the U.S. men’s team nicknamed the Dream Team compete?
   A. Baseball
   B. Basketball
   C. Volleyball
   D. Water polo

6. Which combination does Mead identify with the Trapper Keeper binder associated with the 1980s and 1990s?

A. Rings to hold folders and a closure to keep the binder shut
B. A roll of blank paper in a refillable case
C. A set of removable index cards with no binder
D. A spiral-bound pad with a built-in pencil sharpener

7. The Television Academy’s interview archive groups Rugrats and Doug with a third early Nickelodeon cartoon. Which series completes that group?

A. The Wild Thornberrys
B. Hey Arnold!
C. Rocko’s Modern Life
D. The Ren & Stimpy Show

8. Which LEGO line does the company’s timeline record as the introduction of its intelligent brick system in 1998?

A. LEGO Bionicle
B. LEGO Duplo
C. LEGO Mindstorms
D. LEGO Castle

9. Delegates voted on resolutions at the 1977 National Women’s Conference in Houston. What did organizers aim to deliver to the federal government?

A. A national plan of action based on the resolutions
B. A new census of the city of Houston
C. A final schedule for an Olympic bid
D. A list of appointments to state courts

10. What theme did McDonald’s give the package for its first nationwide U.S. Happy Meal in June 1979?

A. An ice cream truck
B. A space shuttle
C. A school bus
D. A circus wagon

11. A fictional exhibit says the 1978 Speak & Spell played a tape recording to say each word. What correction matches the Computer History Museum’s account?

A. It played spoken words from a tiny record with grooves.
B. It played spoken words recorded on a miniature cassette.
C. It generated spoken words using an electronic speech synthesis chip.
D. It received spoken words by tuning to a nearby radio station.

12. A fictional caption says the 1985 Etak Navigator worked out a car’s position from satellite signals. Which correction fits the Interface Museum’s record?

A. It calculated its position from radio transmitters at traffic lights.
B. It used measurements of the car’s movement together with stored road maps.
C. It estimated position from a live aerial image received from a satellite.
D. It placed the car on the map according to the time of day alone.

13. A fictional production label classifies 1988’s Who Framed Roger Rabbit as fully animated because Roger is a cartoon character. Which description fits Disney’s production account?

A. The film used live action only in a separate prologue, before a fully animated story.
B. The film animated all performers and used actors only to record dialogue.
C. The film used live actors with puppets to portray every cartoon character.
D. The film combined footage of live actors with animated characters.

14. A fictional media exhibit calls the standardized Parental Advisory label introduced in 1990 a government movie rating. Which description fits the Federal Trade Commission’s account?

A. It was a voluntary music-industry label advising listeners about recording content.
B. It was a federal rating assigned to every film before release.
C. It was an age code used by video rental stores to rate all games.
D. It was a label that certified a recording’s sound quality.

15. A fictional timeline shows the first two International Space Station modules launching together in 1998. Which sequence matches NASA’s assembly record?

A. Zarya and Unity were joined on the ground and launched together.
B. Unity launched first, Zarya launched later, and the two were then joined in orbit.
C. Zarya launched first, Unity launched later, and the two were then joined in orbit.
D. Zarya and Unity launched separately, and the two were first joined after both returned to Earth.