Horror Movie Trivia

Use this key to check answers and read the explanations.

1. Who directed the original 1978 Halloween?
   - A. John Carpenter
   - B. Tobe Hooper
   - C. Wes Craven
   - D. Sam Raimi

   Correct answer: A. John Carpenter
   John Carpenter directed the 1978 film and composed its score.

2. Who directed the 1980 film adaptation of Stephen King’s The Shining?
   - A. John Landis
   - B. Brian De Palma
   - C. Stanley Kubrick
   - D. David Cronenberg

   Correct answer: C. Stanley Kubrick
   Stanley Kubrick directed the film starring Jack Nicholson and Shelley Duvall.

3. Which actor appears as Ripley in the 1979 film Alien?
   - A. Carrie Fisher
   - B. Sigourney Weaver
   - C. Jamie Lee Curtis
   - D. Glenn Close

   Correct answer: B. Sigourney Weaver
   The studio’s credits and production stills identify Sigourney Weaver as Ripley.

4. Which actor starred alongside Emily Blunt and also directed the original 2018 A Quiet Place?
   - A. Djimon Hounsou
   - B. Cillian Murphy
   - C. Joseph Quinn
   - D. John Krasinski

   Correct answer: D. John Krasinski
   John Krasinski starred in the original film, directed it, and helped write the screenplay.

5. Who won the 2018 original screenplay Oscar for Get Out?

A. Greta Gerwig
B. Jordan Peele
C. Paul Thomas Anderson
D. Martin McDonagh

Correct answer: B. Jordan Peele
The Academy lists Jordan Peele as the original screenplay winner for Get Out.

6. Who played the vampire in F. W. Murnau’s 1922 film Nosferatu?

A. Max Schreck
B. Conrad Veidt
C. Werner Krauss
D. Emil Jannings

Correct answer: A. Max Schreck
MoMA identifies Max Schreck as the vampire performer in the silent film.

7. Who was cast as the creature in James Whale’s 1931 Frankenstein?

A. Colin Clive
B. Bela Lugosi
C. Claude Rains
D. Boris Karloff

Correct answer: D. Boris Karloff
Boris Karloff played the creature. Colin Clive played the scientist in the same film.

8. Which continent is the setting for the remote research station in John Carpenter’s 1982 The Thing?

A. North America
B. Europe
C. Antarctica
D. Asia

Correct answer: C. Antarctica
The American Film Institute’s catalogue places the station in Antarctica.

9. The Library of Congress lists the same person for direction, writing, and camera work on 1968’s Night of the Living Dead. Who is it?

A. George A. Romero
B. John A. Russo
C. Duane Jones
D. Russell Streiner

Correct answer: A. George A. Romero
George A. Romero is credited for directing, co-writing, and camera work.

10. Which composer wrote the string score for Alfred Hitchcock’s 1960 Psycho?

A. Henry Mancini
B. Elmer Bernstein
C. Alex North
D. Bernard Herrmann

Correct answer: D. Bernard Herrmann
Bernard Herrmann wrote the original score using string instruments.

11. The sets of The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari use painted, slanted streets and distorted walls. Which visual movement does the design exemplify?

A. French New Wave
B. Italian Neorealism
C. German Expressionism
D. Soviet montage

Correct answer: C. German Expressionism
The deliberately distorted surroundings are characteristic of German Expressionism.

12. William Peter Blatty won an Oscar in 1974 for The Exorcist. Which contribution won him that award?

A. Composing the original score
B. Adapting the screenplay from a novel
C. Directing the film
D. Winning Best Picture as producer

Correct answer: B. Adapting the screenplay from a novel
Blatty wrote the screen adaptation of his novel. The Academy lists him as the winner in the adapted screenplay category.

13. Elsa Lanchester appears as the bride in Bride of Frankenstein. Which historical writer does she also portray in the film’s opening?

A. Emily Brontë
B. Jane Austen
C. Ann Radcliffe
D. Mary Shelley

Correct answer: D. Mary Shelley
Lanchester plays Mary Shelley in the prologue as well as the title character.

14. Which pair won the 1992 lead acting Oscars for their roles in the same film, The Silence of the Lambs?

A. Anthony Hopkins and Jodie Foster
B. Robert De Niro and Geena Davis
C. Warren Beatty and Susan Sarandon
D. Robin Williams and Bette Midler

Correct answer: A. Anthony Hopkins and Jodie Foster
The Academy lists Anthony Hopkins as the leading actor winner and Jodie Foster as the leading actress winner for the same film.

15. Universal released English- and Spanish-language versions of Dracula in 1931. What explains the shared scenery and the different cast credits?

A. The Spanish version used footage from a later color remake
B. The Spanish version dubbed the same performances from the English version
C. A second crew filmed the Spanish version separately on the same sets
D. Both versions used one original cast with interchangeable subtitles

Correct answer: C. A second crew filmed the Spanish version separately on the same sets
George Melford’s crew filmed the Spanish-language version on the sets Tod Browning’s English-language crew used, with different actors.