Pop Culture Showdown

Use this key to check answers and read the explanations.

1. Which superhero's civilian identity is Peter Parker?
   - A. Spider-Man
   - B. Batman
   - C. Superman
   - D. Iron Man

   Correct answer: A. Spider-Man
   Peter Parker becomes Spider-Man after a spider bite in his origin story.

2. Which band recorded Abbey Road?
   - A. Queen
   - B. The Rolling Stones
   - C. The Beatles
   - D. The Beach Boys

   Correct answer: C. The Beatles
   The Beatles released Abbey Road in 1969.

3. Which film series features the Jedi?
   - A. Star Trek
   - B. Star Wars
   - C. Dune
   - D. The Matrix

   Correct answer: B. Star Wars
   Jedi are guardians associated with the Force in Star Wars.

4. In Friends, which coffee shop is the group's regular meeting place?
   - A. Café Nervosa
   - B. Monk's Café
   - C. Luke's Diner
   - D. Central Perk

   Correct answer: D. Central Perk
   Central Perk is the fictional New York coffee shop central to the series.

5. Which yellow cartoon family lives in Springfield?
   A. The Flintstones
   B. The Simpsons
   C. The Jetsons
   D. The Griffins
   Correct answer: B. The Simpsons
   Homer, Marge, Bart, Lisa and Maggie are the Simpsons.

6. Who composed the main scores for the original Star Wars trilogy?
   A. John Williams
   B. Hans Zimmer
   C. Danny Elfman
   D. Howard Shore
   Correct answer: A. John Williams
   Williams created themes including the main title and the Imperial March.

7. Which musical features the characters Elphaba and Glinda?
   A. Les Misérables
   B. Cats
   C. Hamilton
   D. Wicked
   Correct answer: D. Wicked
   Wicked reimagines the witches' history before the familiar Oz story.

8. In The Lord of the Rings, who carries the One Ring for most of the quest to Mordor?
   A. Aragorn
   B. Bilbo Baggins
   C. Frodo Baggins
   D. Gimli
   Correct answer: C. Frodo Baggins
   Frodo accepts the burden of taking the Ring toward its destruction.

9. Which musician was born Farrokh Bulsara?
   A. Freddie Mercury
   B. David Bowie
   C. Elton John
   D. George Michael
   Correct answer: A. Freddie Mercury
   Queen's frontman adopted the stage name Freddie Mercury.

10. What does a Foley artist primarily create for a film?

A. Camera lenses
B. Costume sketches
C. Computer-generated crowds
D. Performed sound effects

Correct answer: D. Performed sound effects
Foley artists perform synchronized sounds such as footsteps and clothing movement.

11. In Stranger Things, what is the name commonly used for the dark alternate dimension?

A. The Other Side
B. The Bad Place
C. The Upside Down
D. The Dark Zone

Correct answer: C. The Upside Down
The Upside Down mirrors parts of Hawkins in a dangerous alternate environment.

12. Who directed the 1993 film Jurassic Park?

A. James Cameron
B. Steven Spielberg
C. Ridley Scott
D. George Lucas

Correct answer: B. Steven Spielberg
Spielberg adapted Michael Crichton's dinosaur theme-park novel.

13. An EGOT refers to winning an Emmy, Grammy, Oscar and which other award?

A. Pulitzer
B. BAFTA
C. Golden Globe
D. Tony

Correct answer: D. Tony
The Tony completes the television, recording, film and Broadway award quartet.

14. Which director made Spirited Away?

A. Hayao Miyazaki
B. Isao Takahata
C. Satoshi Kon
D. Mamoru Hosoda

Correct answer: A. Hayao Miyazaki
Miyazaki wrote and directed Studio Ghibli's 2001 film.

15. In The Princess Bride, Inigo Montoya is searching for a man with what distinguishing feature?

A. Two different-colored eyes
B. A missing left ear
C. Six fingers on his right hand
D. A tattoo of a crown

Correct answer: C. Six fingers on his right hand
The six-fingered Count Rugen killed Inigo's father, motivating his quest.