

40 80s music quiz questions and answers

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1. Which Norwegian band released 'Take On Me' in 1985?

- A) Duran Duran
- B) Spandau Ballet
- C) Tears for Fears
- D) a-ha

2. Who sang 'Like a Virgin' in 1984?

- A) Cyndi Lauper
- B) Madonna
- C) Whitney Houston
- D) Kylie Minogue

3. Which band recorded 'Sweet Child o' Mine' in 1987?

- A) Bon Jovi
- B) Def Leppard
- C) Guns N' Roses
- D) Aerosmith

4. 'Don't You Want Me' was the 1981 UK Christmas number one for which band?

- A) The Human League
- B) Soft Cell
- C) Depeche Mode
- D) Ultravox

5. Which charity single did Band Aid release in 1984?

- A) We Are the World
- B) Feed the World Tonight
- C) Do They Know It's Christmas?
- D) Heal the World

6. Which singer had a hit with 'Girls Just Want to Have Fun' in 1983?

- A) Madonna
- B) Belinda Carlisle
- C) Cyndi Lauper
- D) Debbie Harry

7. Simon Le Bon was the lead singer of which band?

- A) Spandau Ballet
- B) Wham!
- C) ABC
- D) Duran Duran

8. 'Relax' was a controversial 1984 number one for which band?

- A) Bronski Beat
- B) Soft Cell
- C) Culture Club
- D) Frankie Goes to Hollywood

9. Which Irish band released the album 'The Joshua Tree' in 1987?

- A) The Pogues
- B) Simple Minds
- C) U2
- D) The Cranberries

10. Which Michael Jackson album, released in 1987, followed 'Thriller'?

- A) Dangerous
- B) Off the Wall
- C) Invincible
- D) Bad

11. What was Kylie Minogue's first UK number one, in 1988?

- A) Locomotion
- B) Better the Devil You Know
- C) I Should Be So Lucky
- D) Hand on Your Heart

12. Which band sang 'Everybody Wants to Rule the World' in 1985?

- A) Tears for Fears
- B) Talk Talk
- C) Simple Minds
- D) a-ha

13. Which Bon Jovi song includes the line 'Whoa, we're half way there'?

- A) You Give Love a Bad Name
- B) Wanted Dead or Alive
- C) Bad Medicine
- D) Livin' on a Prayer

14. Which duo had a 1981 hit with a cover of 'Tainted Love'?

- A) Soft Cell
- B) Pet Shop Boys
- C) Erasure
- D) Yazoo

15. Who had a 1984 hit with 'Careless Whisper'?

- A) Andrew Ridgeley
- B) Rick Astley
- C) Paul Young
- D) George Michael

16. Which 1984 Bruce Springsteen album has the Stars and Stripes on the cover?

- A) The River
- B) Nebraska
- C) Born in the U.S.A.
- D) Tunnel of Love

17. Which band had a 1983 hit with 'Gold'?

- A) Duran Duran
- B) ABC
- C) Spandau Ballet
- D) Heaven 17

18. What was Rick Astley's 1987 debut single?

- A) Together Forever
- B) Never Gonna Give You Up
- C) Whenever You Need Somebody
- D) Cry for Help

19. Which duo released 'Sweet Dreams (Are Made of This)' in 1983?

- A) Yazoo
- B) Eurythmics
- C) Tears for Fears
- D) Pet Shop Boys

20. Complete the title of Whitney Houston's 1987 hit 'I Wanna Dance with...'

- A) Somebody
- B) Everybody
- C) You Tonight
- D) My Baby

21. In which year was the Live Aid concert held?

- A) 1985
- B) 1984
- C) 1986

D) 1989

22. At which London stadium was Live Aid held?

- A) Twickenham
- B) Crystal Palace
- C) Wembley Stadium
- D) Highbury

23. Morrissey was the singer with which Manchester band?

- A) The Smiths
- B) New Order
- C) The Stone Roses
- D) Happy Mondays

24. Which band had a 1983 number one with 'Karma Chameleon'?

- A) Culture Club
- B) Wham!
- C) Kajagoogoo
- D) Dead or Alive

25. Who was the lead singer of Culture Club?

- A) Boy George
- B) Marilyn
- C) Pete Burns
- D) Limahl

26. Which heavy metal band released 'The Number of the Beast' in 1982?

- A) Judas Priest
- B) Motörhead
- C) Iron Maiden
- D) Def Leppard

27. Which band had a hit with 'You Spin Me Round (Like a Record)'?

- A) Bronski Beat
- B) Erasure
- C) Dead or Alive
- D) Frankie Goes to Hollywood

28. Which American girl group released 'Walk Like an Egyptian' in 1986?

- A) The Go-Go's
- B) Bananarama
- C) Heart
- D) The Bangles

29. Which band had a 1982 number one with 'Come On Eileen'?

- A) Madness
- B) The Specials
- C) UB40
- D) Dexys Midnight Runners

30. Who sang 'Total Eclipse of the Heart' in 1983?

- A) Kim Wilde
- B) Sheena Easton
- C) Bonnie Tyler
- D) Belinda Carlisle

31. Which Scottish band sang 'Don't You (Forget About Me)' for 'The Breakfast Club'?

- A) Simple Minds
- B) Big Country
- C) Deacon Blue
- D) Del Amitri

32. Which 2 Tone band had a 1981 number one with 'Ghost Town'?

- A) Madness

- B) The Beat
- C) The Specials
- D) The Selecter

33. Which drummer and singer released 'In the Air Tonight' in 1981?

- A) Sting
- B) Peter Gabriel
- C) Mark King
- D) Phil Collins

34. Which band had 1981 hits with 'Stand and Deliver' and 'Prince Charming'?

- A) Adam and the Ants
- B) Bow Wow Wow
- C) Spandau Ballet
- D) Visage

35. In which year did the music channel MTV launch in the United States?

- A) 1981
- B) 1979
- C) 1984
- D) 1987

36. Which Wham! hit begins with the word 'Jitterbug'?

- A) Club Tropicana
- B) Wake Me Up Before You Go-Go
- C) Freedom
- D) I'm Your Man

37. Which prog rock band had a 1983 hit with 'Owner of a Lonely Heart'?

- A) Genesis
- B) Asia
- C) Toto
- D) Yes

38. Which American band released 'Africa' in 1982?

- A) Journey
- B) Foreigner
- C) Toto
- D) Chicago

39. Which Tracy Chapman song about escaping a small town was a hit in 1988?

- A) Talkin' 'bout a Revolution
- B) Baby Can I Hold You
- C) Give Me One Reason
- D) Fast Car

40. Which Dire Straits hit features the line 'I want my MTV'?

- A) Walk of Life
- B) Money for Nothing
- C) Sultans of Swing
- D) Brothers in Arms

Answers

1. a-ha
2. Madonna
3. Guns N' Roses
4. The Human League
5. Do They Know It's Christmas?
6. Cyndi Lauper
7. Duran Duran
8. Frankie Goes to Hollywood
9. U2
10. Bad
11. I Should Be So Lucky
12. Tears for Fears
13. Livin' on a Prayer
14. Soft Cell
15. George Michael
16. Born in the U.S.A.
17. Spandau Ballet
18. Never Gonna Give You Up
19. Eurythmics
20. Somebody
21. 1985
22. Wembley Stadium
23. The Smiths
24. Culture Club
25. Boy George
26. Iron Maiden
27. Dead or Alive
28. The Bangles
29. Dexys Midnight Runners
30. Bonnie Tyler
31. Simple Minds
32. The Specials
33. Phil Collins
34. Adam and the Ants
35. 1981
36. Wake Me Up Before You Go-Go
37. Yes
38. Toto
39. Fast Car
40. Money for Nothing