

1970s MUSIC TRIVIA

QUESTIONS 1-5 | Choose one answer for each question.

1. Which Swedish group recorded "Dancing Queen"?

- A. Boney M.
- B. Brotherhood of Man
- C. ABBA
- D. The New Seekers

2. Who released "Rocket Man" in 1972?

- A. Elton John
- B. David Bowie
- C. Billy Joel
- D. Rod Stewart

3. Which group recorded "Stayin' Alive" for the Saturday Night Fever soundtrack?

- A. KC and the Sunshine Band
- B. Earth, Wind & Fire
- C. The Jacksons
- D. Bee Gees

4. Which band released "Hotel California"?

- A. America
- B. Eagles
- C. Chicago
- D. Bread

5. Which singer was widely known as the "Queen of Disco"?

- A. Gloria Gaynor
- B. Diana Ross
- C. Donna Summer
- D. Chaka Khan

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QUESTIONS 6-10 | Choose one answer for each question.

6. Which band recorded "Bohemian Rhapsody"?

- A. Queen
- B. Electric Light Orchestra
- C. Supertramp
- D. Styx

7. Who wrote and recorded the country classic "Jolene"?

- A. Loretta Lynn
- B. Tammy Wynette
- C. Crystal Gayle
- D. Dolly Parton

8. Which duo recorded "Bridge over Troubled Water"?

- A. Seals and Crofts
- B. Simon & Garfunkel
- C. Loggins and Messina
- D. England Dan & John Ford Coley

9. Which band released the album Rumours in 1977?

- A. Heart
- B. Jefferson Starship
- C. Fleetwood Mac
- D. The Doobie Brothers

10. Who sang the disco anthem "I Will Survive"?

- A. Gloria Gaynor
- B. Thelma Houston
- C. Donna Summer
- D. Anita Ward

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QUESTIONS 11-15 | Choose one answer for each question.

11. Who released "Piano Man" in 1973?

- A. Neil Diamond
- B. Barry Manilow
- C. Gilbert O'Sullivan
- D. Billy Joel

12. Which family group recorded "ABC"?

- A. The Osmonds
- B. The Jackson 5
- C. The Sylvers
- D. The Staple Singers

13. Which singer created the stage character Ziggy Stardust?

- A. Alice Cooper
- B. Marc Bolan
- C. David Bowie
- D. Elton John

14. Which group recorded "Y.M.C.A." in 1978?

- A. Village People
- B. The Trammps
- C. Chic
- D. The Hues Corporation

15. Who recorded "American Pie"?

- A. Jim Croce
- B. Harry Chapin
- C. Gordon Lightfoot
- D. Don McLean

QUIZ SCORE My score: _____ / 15

13-15: Music Legend! | 10-12: Jukebox Superstar!

7-9: Golden Hits Expert! | 4-6: Rising Music Fan!

0-3: Time to spin some records!

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ANSWERS & FUN FACTS | 1-8

1. C. ABBA

Fun fact: Before "Dancing Queen," ABBA achieved an international breakthrough by winning the 1974 Eurovision Song Contest with "Waterloo."

2. A. Elton John

Fun fact: Elton John composed the music for "Rocket Man," while his longtime songwriting partner Bernie Taupin wrote the lyrics.

3. D. Bee Gees

Fun fact: The Bee Gees were brothers Barry, Robin, and Maurice Gibb. Their high harmonies became a signature sound of the disco era.

4. B. Eagles

Fun fact: "Hotel California" ends with an extended guitar passage featuring Don Felder and Joe Walsh trading musical lines.

5. C. Donna Summer

Fun fact: Her 1977 recording "I Feel Love" used synthesizers to create nearly all its instrumental sounds, helping shape the future of dance music.

6. A. Queen

Fun fact: "Bohemian Rhapsody" combines a ballad, an operatic section, and hard rock. Despite its unusual structure, it became one of Queen's signature songs.

7. D. Dolly Parton

Fun fact: Dolly has said the name "Jolene" came from a young fan who asked for her autograph.

8. B. Simon & Garfunkel

Fun fact: Paul Simon wrote the song, but Art Garfunkel sang the lead vocal on the original studio recording.

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ANSWERS & FUN FACTS | 9-15

9. C. Fleetwood Mac

Fun fact: The band recorded Rumours while several members were experiencing relationship breakups. Those tensions helped shape the album's lyrics.

10. A. Gloria Gaynor

Fun fact: "I Will Survive" was originally released as the B-side of a single. Its popularity helped turn it into the main attraction.

11. D. Billy Joel

Fun fact: "Piano Man" drew on Joel's experiences playing in a Los Angeles piano bar, where he performed under the name Bill Martin.

12. B. The Jackson 5

Fun fact: "ABC" playfully compares learning about love with learning the alphabet and counting.

13. C. David Bowie

Fun fact: Ziggy Stardust was a fictional rock star with an otherworldly image. Bowie brought the character to life through costumes, music, and stage performances.

14. A. Village People

Fun fact: The familiar dance invites people to form the letters Y, M, C, and A with their arms.

15. D. Don McLean

Fun fact: "American Pie" refers to the 1959 plane crash that killed Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens, and the Big Bopper as "the day the music died."