TV trivia questions and answers

50 questions in 5 rounds. The answer key is on the last page.

Round 1: Sitcoms

1. What is the name of the coffeehouse in Friends?

A. Central Perk
B. Java Joe's
C. The Grind
D. Monk's Cafe

2. Who is Jerry Seinfeld's neighbor across the hall in Seinfeld?

A. Newman
B. Kramer
C. Costanza
D. Puddy

3. In which Pennsylvania city is the US version of The Office set?

A. Pittsburgh
B. Harrisburg
C. Allentown
D. Scranton

4. Which actor played Basil Fawlty in Fawlty Towers?

A. Rowan Atkinson
B. Michael Palin
C. Eric Idle
D. John Cleese

5. In which city is the sitcom Cheers set?

A. New York
B. Chicago
C. Boston
D. Philadelphia

6. What is the name of the bar in How I Met Your Mother?

A. Paddy's Pub
B. Gil's
C. MacLaren's Pub
D. The Drunken Clam

7. What is the name of Frasier Crane's brother in Frasier?

A. Niles
B. Martin
C. Eddie
D. Roz

8. Which British sitcom follows brothers Del Boy and Rodney in Peckham?

A. Porridge
B. Dad's Army

C. Open All Hours
D. Only Fools and Horses

9. Which actor played Sheldon Cooper in The Big Bang Theory?

A. Johnny Galecki
B. Jim Parsons
C. Simon Helberg
D. Kunal Nayyar

10. In which US state is the fictional town of Pawnee in Parks and Recreation?

A. Ohio
B. Kansas
C. Indiana
D. Iowa

Round 2: Dramas

11. What is Walter White's job at the start of Breaking Bad?

A. High school math teacher
B. High school chemistry teacher
C. College physics professor
D. Hospital pharmacist

12. Game of Thrones is based on which book series?

A. The Wheel of Time
B. The Kingkiller Chronicle
C. A Song of Ice and Fire
D. The Stormlight Archive

13. Which US state is The Sopranos set in?

A. New York
B. Connecticut
C. Massachusetts
D. New Jersey

14. Whose murder sets off the story of Twin Peaks?

A. Audrey Horne
B. Shelly Johnson
C. Laura Palmer
D. Donna Hayward

15. Which city is The Wire set in?

A. Baltimore
B. Detroit
C. Philadelphia
D. Chicago

16. In which decade does Mad Men begin?

A. The 1960s
B. The 1950s
C. The 1970s
D. The 1940s

17. What is the family name of the household at the center of Downton Abbey?

A. Carson
B. Crawley
C. Bates
D. Hughes

18. What does the TARDIS look like from the outside in Doctor Who?

A. A blue police box
B. A red telephone box
C. A grey lighthouse
D. A yellow taxi

19. Who is the captain of the starship Enterprise in the original Star Trek series?

A. Jean-Luc Picard
B. James T. Kirk
C. Spock
D. Benjamin Sisko

20. Who is Fox Mulder's FBI partner in The X-Files?

A. Clarice Starling
B. Olivia Dunham
C. Temperance Brennan
D. Dana Scully

Round 3: Game shows

21. Who was the first host of the UK version of Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?

A. Chris Tarrant
B. Bruce Forsyth
C. Noel Edmonds
D. Jeremy Paxman

22. How must contestants phrase their responses on Jeopardy!?

A. In rhyme
B. As a question
C. In one word
D. As a song

23. Which co-host has turned the letters on Wheel of Fortune since 1982?

A. Carol Merrill
B. Janice Pennington
C. Betty White
D. Vanna White

24. Which host presented the US version of The Price Is Right from 1972 to 2007?

A. Bob Barker
B. Drew Carey
C. Monty Hall
D. Pat Sajak

25. Which UK game show is built on letters rounds, numbers rounds and a conundrum?

A. Pointless

B. Countdown
C. The Chase
D. Catchphrase

26. Which nickname belongs to Mark Labbett on The Chase?

A. The Governess
B. The Dark Destroyer
C. The Beast
D. The Sinnerman

27. Who do contestants talk to on the phone in Deal or No Deal?

A. The Auctioneer
B. The Banker
C. The Dealer
D. The Gambler

28. Which UK quiz is known for its black chair and the line "I've started so I'll finish"?

A. University Challenge
B. Eggheads
C. Mastermind
D. Fifteen to One

29. Who was the first presenter of University Challenge in 1962?

A. Bamber Gascoigne
B. Jeremy Paxman
C. Magnus Magnusson
D. Bob Holness

30. Which game show has players choose between three doors?

A. Truth or Consequences
B. Match Game
C. Let's Make a Deal
D. Password

Round 4: Characters and catchphrases

31. Which Friends character says "How you doin'?"

A. Chandler Bing
B. Ross Geller
C. Joey Tribbiani
D. Gunther

32. Which Simpsons character says "D'oh!"?

A. Bart Simpson
B. Ned Flanders
C. Moe Szyslak
D. Homer Simpson

33. Which house in Game of Thrones has the words "Winter is coming"?

A. House Lannister
B. House Stark
C. House Targaryen

D. House Baratheon

34. Which Star Trek character made "Live long and prosper" famous?

A. Spock
B. Kirk
C. McCoy
D. Scotty

35. Which character asks "Did I do that?" in Family Matters?

A. Steve Urkel
B. Carlton Banks
C. Screech
D. Alf

36. Which Doctor Who actor's Doctor often says "Allons-y!"?

A. Christopher Eccleston
B. Matt Smith
C. Peter Capaldi
D. David Tennant

37. Which Sesame Street character lives in a trash can?

A. Big Bird
B. Cookie Monster
C. Elmo
D. Oscar the Grouch

38. What is the name of the gang's van in Scooby-Doo?

A. The Mystery Machine
B. The Ghost Wagon
C. The Clue Cruiser
D. The Spooky Van

39. Which actor plays Mr. Bean?

A. Hugh Laurie
B. Rowan Atkinson
C. Stephen Fry
D. Ricky Gervais

40. Which actor played Sherlock Holmes in the BBC series Sherlock?

A. Martin Freeman
B. Benedict Cumberbatch
C. Jeremy Brett
D. Robert Downey Jr.

Round 5: Creators and behind the scenes

41. Who co-created Seinfeld with Jerry Seinfeld?

A. Jerry Stiller
B. Larry David
C. Garry Shandling
D. Ray Romano

42. Who created The Simpsons?

A. Seth MacFarlane
B. Matt Groening
C. Trey Parker
D. Mike Judge

43. Who created Breaking Bad?

A. David Chase
B. David Simon
C. Vince Gilligan
D. Matthew Weiner

44. Who created Star Trek?

A. George Lucas
B. Rod Serling
C. Gene Roddenberry
D. Isaac Asimov

45. Which anthology series, first aired in 1959, did Rod Serling create and introduce?

A. Tales from the Crypt
B. Black Mirror
C. Amazing Stories
D. The Twilight Zone

46. Which long-running British soap is set on Weatherfield's Rovers Return street?

A. EastEnders
B. Emmerdale
C. Hollyoaks
D. Coronation Street

47. In which year did Sesame Street first air?

A. 1964
B. 1972
C. 1975
D. 1969

48. In which war is the series M*A*S*H set?

A. The Korean War
B. The Vietnam War
C. World War II
D. The Gulf War

49. What does the Emmy Award statuette hold?

A. A film reel
B. A mask
C. An atom
D. A lightning bolt

50. Which channel launched in 1981 with the video "Video Killed the Radio Star"?

A. MTV
B. VH1

C. BET
D. CNN

Answer key

Round 1: Sitcoms

1. A. Central Perk (Monk's Cafe is the diner in Seinfeld.)
2. B. Kramer (His first name is Cosmo.)
3. D. Scranton (The paper company there is Dunder Mifflin.)
4. D. John Cleese (Only 12 episodes were made, in two series of six.)
5. C. Boston (Its theme song says a bar is a place where everybody knows your name.)
6. C. MacLaren's Pub (Ted tells the story to his children in the future.)
7. A. Niles (Niles was played by David Hyde Pierce.)
8. D. Only Fools and Horses (Del Boy drives a yellow three-wheeled Reliant Regal.)
9. B. Jim Parsons (He won four Emmy Awards for the role.)
10. C. Indiana (Leslie Knope works in its parks department.)

Round 2: Dramas

11. B. High school chemistry teacher (The show is set in Albuquerque, New Mexico.)
12. C. A Song of Ice and Fire (The books were written by George R. R. Martin.)
13. D. New Jersey (Tony Soprano was played by James Gandolfini.)
14. C. Laura Palmer (The show was created by David Lynch and Mark Frost.)
15. A. Baltimore (Its creator, David Simon, used to be a newspaper reporter there.)
16. A. The 1960s (The ad agency is on New York's Madison Avenue.)
17. B. Crawley (Robert Crawley is the Earl of Grantham.)
18. A. A blue police box (Doctor Who first aired in November 1963.)
19. B. James T. Kirk (He was played by William Shatner.)
20. D. Dana Scully (The show's tagline is "The truth is out there.")

Round 3: Game shows

21. A. Chris Tarrant (The UK show launched in 1998.)
22. B. As a question (Alex Trebek hosted the modern version from 1984 until 2020.)
23. D. Vanna White (She joined the US show in 1982.)
24. A. Bob Barker (Drew Carey took over after him.)
25. B. Countdown (It was the first program shown on Channel 4, in 1982.)
26. C. The Beast (The other three nicknames belong to other Chasers.)
27. B. The Banker (The Banker is never seen by the contestant.)
28. C. Mastermind (Mastermind first aired in 1972.)
29. A. Bamber Gascoigne (He hosted it until 1987.)
30. C. Let's Make a Deal (The Monty Hall problem is named after its host.)

Round 4: Characters and catchphrases

31. C. Joey Tribbiani (Matt LeBlanc played Joey, in the spin-off too.)
32. D. Homer Simpson (The word was added to the Oxford English Dictionary in 2001.)
33. B. House Stark (Its sigil is a direwolf.)
34. A. Spock (The Vulcan hand salute was shaped by Leonard Nimoy.)
35. A. Steve Urkel (Jaleel White played Urkel.)
36. D. David Tennant (He played the Tenth Doctor.)
37. D. Oscar the Grouch (Oscar is green.)

38. A. The Mystery Machine (The gang is Fred, Daphne, Velma, Shaggy and Scooby.)
39. B. Rowan Atkinson (Atkinson also played Blackadder.)
40. B. Benedict Cumberbatch (Martin Freeman played Dr. Watson.)

Round 5: Creators and behind the scenes

41. B. Larry David (David later created Curb Your Enthusiasm.)
42. B. Matt Groening (Homer and Marge are named after his father and mother.)
43. C. Vince Gilligan (Gilligan also wrote for The X-Files.)
44. C. Gene Roddenberry (The first series aired on NBC from 1966.)
45. D. The Twilight Zone (Serling also wrote many of its episodes.)
46. D. Coronation Street (It first aired in December 1960.)
47. D. 1969 (Many of its puppets were made by Jim Henson's workshop.)
48. A. The Korean War (Its 1983 finale was watched by more than 100 million people in the US.)
49. C. An atom (It is a winged woman holding up an atom.)
50. A. MTV (The song was by The Buggles.)