

Comic Book History Trivia

Comic Book History · Answer Key · 25 Questions

1. In what month and year was 'Action Comics' #1, featuring the first appearance of Superman, officially cover-dated?

- A) April 1938
- B) June 1938**
- C) May 1939
- D) August 1938

2. The 'Comics Code Authority' was established in which year to self-regulate the industry following public outcry?

- A) 1952
- B) 1954**
- C) 1956
- D) 1958

3. Who was the primary artist responsible for creating the iconic visual design of The Joker in 'Batman' #1 (1940)?

- A) Jerry Robinson**
- B) Bob Kane
- C) Bill Finger
- D) Dick Sprang

4. How many pages were contained in the original 1933 publication 'Famous Funnies: A Carnival of Comics', considered the first true modern comic book?

- A) 32
- B) 48
- C) 64**
- D) 128

5. The character 'Captain America' made his debut in 'Captain America Comics' #1, published in which month of 1941?

- A) January
- B) March**
- C) July
- D) December

6. What was the actual name of the short-lived 1940s character that led to the landmark court case 'National Comics Publications, Inc. v. Fawcett Publications, Inc.'?

A) Captain Marvel

- B) Captain Thunder
- C) Captain Amazing
- D) Captain Wonder

7. In 1971, which issue number of 'The Amazing Spider-Man' sparked a change in the Comics Code by depicting drug use without the Code's seal?

A) 92

B) 96

- C) 100
- D) 104

8. Which company was the original publisher of the 'EC Comics' line before it became famous for its horror titles in the 1950s?

A) Educational Comics

- B) Exciting Comics
- C) Entertaining Comics
- D) Everyman Comics

9. What is the specific name of the 1954 book by Fredric Wertham that significantly influenced the creation of the Comics Code?

A) The End of Innocence

B) Seduction of the Innocent

- C) Comics and Crime
- D) The Dark Age of Youth

10. Who is credited with creating the 'Golden Age' character 'The Spirit' in 1940?

A) Will Eisner

- B) Jack Kirby
- C) Joe Simon
- D) C.C. Beck

11. In the history of Marvel Comics, what was the original name of the company when it published 'Marvel Comics' #1 in 1939?

A) Atlas Comics

B) Timely Publications

- C) Victory Comics
- D) Headline Comics

12. Which issue of 'Fantastic Four' is widely credited with starting the 'Marvel Age' of comics in 1961?

- A) #1**
- B) #3
- C) #5
- D) #12

13. How many panels per page was the standard requirement for the short-lived 'Funnies' format before the standard comic book size?

- A) 4
- B) 6
- C) 8**
- D) 10

14. The character 'Wonder Woman' first appeared in 'All Star Comics' issue number:

- A) #5
- B) #8**
- C) #12
- D) #15

15. Which artist/writer created the character 'The Sandman' for DC Comics in 1989?

- A) Alan Moore
- B) Neil Gaiman**
- C) Grant Morrison
- D) Frank Miller

16. What was the specific cover price of 'Action Comics' #1 in 1938?

- A) 5 cents
- B) 10 cents**
- C) 15 cents
- D) 25 cents

17. In what year did DC Comics publish the historic 'Crisis on Infinite Earths' limited series?

- A) 1984
- B) 1985**
- C) 1986
- D) 1987

18. The first appearance of 'Wolverine' occurred in which issue of 'The Incredible Hulk'?

- A) #175
- B) #180
- C) #181**
- D) #185

19. Who is the only person to have been both a publisher and a lead editor at both Marvel and DC Comics during his career?

- A) Jim Shooter**
- B) Carmine Infantino
- C) Jenette Kahn
- D) Roy Thomas

20. 'Watchmen' by Alan Moore and Dave Gibbons was published as a limited series in what year?

- A) 1984
- B) 1985
- C) 1986**
- D) 1988

21. What was the first comic book title to use the 'Marvel' brand name on its cover in 1961?

- A) Fantastic Four**
- B) The Incredible Hulk
- C) Journey into Mystery
- D) Tales to Astonish

22. Which legendary writer/artist worked on 'The Amazing Spider-Man' from issue #1 to #38, excluding the first issue?

- A) Stan Lee
- B) Steve Ditko**
- C) John Romita Sr.
- D) Jack Kirby

23. How many issues did the original 'The Dark Knight Returns' miniseries run for in 1986?

- A) 3
- B) 4**
- C) 6
- D) 12

24. The first appearance of 'The Flash' (Barry Allen) in 'Showcase' #4 occurred in which year?

A) 1954

B) 1956

C) 1958

D) 1960

25. Who was the editor-in-chief of Marvel Comics during the 'Marvel Explosion' of the 1970s?

A) Roy Thomas

B) Len Wein

C) Marv Wolfman

D) Jim Shooter