

Comic Book History Trivia

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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