

Internet Culture Trivia

Internet Culture · Answer Key · 20 Questions

1. What was the name of the first message ever transmitted over ARPANET in 1969?

- A) HELLO
- B) LOGIN
- C) LO**
- D) TEST

2. Which website is credited with being the first to allow user-generated content in the form of a 'blog' by Tim Berners-Lee?

- A) Info.cern.ch**
- B) GeoCities
- C) The Well
- D) Slashdot

3. In 1993, which web browser is widely credited with popularizing the World Wide Web by being the first to display images inline with text?

- A) Netscape Navigator
- B) Mosaic**
- C) Internet Explorer
- D) Opera

4. The term 'spam' for unsolicited bulk email was inspired by a sketch from which comedy troupe?

- A) The Kids in the Hall
- B) Monty Python**
- C) Saturday Night Live
- D) The Second City

5. Which protocol, established in 1983, serves as the fundamental communication language of the internet?

- A) HTTP
- B) FTP
- C) TCP/IP**
- D) SMTP

6. What was the first item ever sold on eBay, then known as AuctionWeb, in 1995?

- A) A broken laser pointer**
- B) A signed baseball
- C) A computer mouse
- D) A stack of comic books

7. What does the acronym 'DNS' stand for in the context of internet infrastructure?

- A) Digital Network System
- B) Data Name Server
- C) Domain Name System**
- D) Direct Node Switching

8. Which major social media platform was originally launched exclusively for Harvard University students in 2004?

- A) MySpace
- B) Facebook**
- C) Friendster
- D) LinkedIn

9. The first YouTube video, titled 'Me at the zoo', was uploaded by which of the site's co-founders?

- A) Steve Chen
- B) Chad Hurley
- C) Jawed Karim**
- D) Bill Gates

10. What is the significance of the year 1991 regarding the World Wide Web?

- A) The first domain was registered
- B) The web became publicly available**
- C) The first graphical browser launched
- D) The first email was sent

11. Which search engine, launched in 1998, pioneered the 'PageRank' algorithm to rank search results?

- A) Yahoo!
- B) AltaVista
- C) Google**
- D) Excite

12. What is the common name for the practice of 'web scraping' or 'indexing' done by search engines to gather data?

- A) Caching
- B) Crawling**
- C) Mirroring
- D) Proxying

13. In 1989, who invented the World Wide Web while working at CERN?

- A) Vint Cerf
- B) Tim Berners-Lee**
- C) Marc Andreessen
- D) Robert Kahn

14. What was the name of the first graphical web browser that supported both Mac and Windows, released in 1994?

- A) Netscape Navigator**
- B) Internet Explorer
- C) Safari
- D) Mosaic

15. What file format, introduced in 1987, became the standard for simple animations on the early web?

- A) PNG
- B) JPEG
- C) GIF**
- D) TIFF

16. Which site launched in 2005 became the primary platform for video hosting before being acquired by Google?

- A) Vimeo
- B) YouTube**
- C) Dailymotion
- D) Metacafe

17. The 'Dot-com bubble' refers to a period of intense speculation and market correction centered around internet companies in which time frame?

- A) 1995-1997
- B) 1998-2001**
- C) 2003-2005
- D) 2008-2010

18. What was the original name of the company that later became known as Amazon.com?

- A) Cadabra**
- B) Relentless
- C) Bookworld
- D) Earth's Store

19. Which messaging protocol was the standard for real-time text chat in the 1990s and early 2000s?

- A) IRC**
- B) XMPP
- C) SIP
- D) SNPP

20. What is the top-level domain (TLD) that was restricted to non-profit organizations in the original DNS setup?

- A) .com
- B) .org**
- C) .edu
- D) .gov