Internet Culture Trivia

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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

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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

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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

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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