Chronicles of Sequential Art

Comic Book History · Answer Key · 18 Questions

1. Which 1933 publication is widely cited by historians as the first modern-format comic book, featuring reprints of newspaper strips?

A) Famous Funnies
B) Detective Comics #1
C) Action Comics #1
D) The Funnies Monthly

2. In 1954, the psychologist Fredric Wertham published which influential book that sparked a moral panic against comic books?

A) The Great Comic Purge
B) Seduction of the Innocent
C) Comic Books and Delinquency
D) The End of Innocence

3. Which company did Will Eisner work for when he created 'The Spirit' in 1940 as a Sunday newspaper supplement?

A) Quality Comics
B) DC Comics
C) Marvel Comics
D) Fawcett Publications

4. What was the original name of Marvel Comics when it was founded by Martin Goodman in 1939?

A) Timely Publications
B) Atlas Comics
C) National Allied Publications
D) Apex Comics

5. Which seminal 1986 limited series written by Alan Moore is credited with ushering in the 'Dark Age' or 'Modern Age' of comics?

A) The Dark Knight Returns
B) Watchmen
C) Crisis on Infinite Earths
D) V for Vendetta

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6. The character Captain Marvel, now known as Shazam, was originally published by which company before being sued for copyright infringement by DC?

A) Fawcett Publications
B) Charlton Comics
C) Dell Comics
D) EC Comics

7. Who was the primary artist and co-creator of the character 'The Sandman' alongside Neil Gaiman in 1989?

A) Sam Kieth
B) Dave McKean
C) Todd McFarlane
D) Frank Miller

8. EC Comics publisher William Gaines was forced to testify before which legislative body in 1954 regarding the 'corrupting' influence of comics?

A) The Senate Subcommittee to Investigate Juvenile Delinquency
B) The House Un-American Activities Committee
C) The Federal Communications Commission
D) The Supreme Court of the United States

9. Which artist is credited with co-creating the 'Marvel Method' of collaborative storytelling, where the artist plots the story before dialogue is written?

A) Steve Ditko
B) Jack Kirby
C) John Romita Sr.
D) Neal Adams

10. The 'Comics Code Authority' was established in 1954 as a direct response to what regulatory pressure?

A) Federal legislation banning horror comics
B) The threat of government censorship and declining sales
C) A strike by the Comic Book Guild
D) A global shortage of newsprint

11. Which Golden Age comic book, published in 1938, featured the first appearance of Superman?

A) Action Comics #1
B) Detective Comics #27
C) Marvel Comics #1
D) Whiz Comics #1

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12. What is the significance of the 1978 graphic novel 'A Contract with God' by Will Eisner?

A) It was the first underground comix publication
B) It popularized the term 'graphic novel'
C) It won the first Hugo Award for a comic
D) It was the first comic book printed in color

13. Which publisher was famous for its 'New Trend' horror titles like 'Tales from the Crypt' before they were shut down by the Comics Code?

A) EC Comics
B) Archie Comics
C) Harvey Comics
D) Gold Key Comics

14. In 1971, Marvel Comics published 'The Amazing Spider-Man' #96, which was notable for being the first to be published without what?

A) The Comics Code Authority seal
B) A cover price
C) A full-page advertisement
D) A letter from the editor

15. Which Belgian artist created the world-famous comic strip 'The Adventures of Tintin' in 1929?

A) Hergé
B) Moebius
C) Hugo Pratt
D) Morris

16. Before becoming Marvel Comics, the company transitioned through which name during the 1950s?

A) Atlas Comics
B) Titan Comics
C) Standard Comics
D) Zenith Comics

17. Which writer is widely recognized for his long run on 'Uncanny X-Men' starting in 1975, which defined the team for decades?

A) Chris Claremont
B) Len Wein
C) Marv Wolfman
D) Roy Thomas

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18. What was the first comic book to win a Pulitzer Prize, awarded in 1992?

A) Maus

B) Persepolis

C) Watchmen

D) Fun Home