

HALLOWEEN TRIVIA FOR ADULTS

1. Which ancient Celtic festival is widely associated with the origins of Halloween?

A. Beltane B. Samhain C. Imbolc D. Lughnasadh

2. Which U.S. state produces the most pumpkins?

A. California B. Texas C. Illinois D. New York

3. Which 1978 horror film introduced the masked killer Michael Myers?

A. Friday the 13th B. Halloween C. Scream D. Psycho

4. What was the original title of Mary Shelley's novel Frankenstein?

A. The Modern Prometheus B. The New Adam
C. The Monster Within D. Prometheus Reborn

5. Which famous magician died on Halloween in 1926?

A. Harry Houdini B. David Devant C. Howard Thurston
D. Chung Ling Soo

6. In 'The Legend of Sleepy Hollow,' what is the schoolmaster's name?

A. Brom Bones B. Ichabod Crane C. Rip Van Winkle
D. Baltus Van Tassel

7. Which candy was originally marketed under the name 'Chicken Feed'?

A. Tootsie Rolls B. Candy corn C. Milk Duds D. Smarties

8. What phobia is the fear of Halloween sometimes called?

A. Samhainophobia B. Nyctophobia C. Phasmophobia
D. Wiccaphobia

9. In Bram Stoker's Dracula, Count Dracula comes from which region?

A. Transylvania B. Bavaria C. Tuscany D. Normandy

10. Which classic horror movie features the Bates Motel?

A. The Shining B. Psycho C. The Exorcist D. Poltergeist

11. Before pumpkins became popular in America, which root vegetable was commonly carved into lanterns in Ireland?

A. Beets B. Turnips C. Parsnips D. Radishes

12. What is the name of the ghostly dog said to appear in British folklore as an omen?

A. Black Shuck B. Cerberus C. Fenrir D. Barghest

13. Which author wrote the famous poem 'The Raven'?

A. Edgar Allan Poe B. Bram Stoker C. H.P. Lovecraft
D. Charles Dickens

14. What is the name of the friendly ghost created by Seymour Reit and Joe Oriolo?

A. Boo B. Casper C. Slimer D. Nearly Headless Nick

15. In the movie Hocus Pocus, what is the last name of the three witch sisters?

A. Sanderson B. Spellman C. Halliwell D. Addams

16. Which actor played Count Dracula in the classic 1931 film Dracula?

A. Boris Karloff B. Vincent Price C. Bela Lugosi D. Lon Chaney

17. What substance is traditionally said to repel vampires?

A. Sage B. Garlic C. Cinnamon D. Rosemary

18. Which Shakespeare play features three witches who deliver prophecies?

A. Hamlet B. Macbeth C. Othello D. King Lear

19. In the Addams Family, what is the first name of Wednesday's brother?

A. Gomez B. Fester C. Pugsley D. Lurch

20. What is the name of Dr. Frankenstein's creation in Mary Shelley's novel?

A. Frankenstein B. Adam C. The creature has no given name
D. Victor

21. Which 1984 comedy features a team that captures supernatural spirits in New York City?

A. Beetlejuice B. Ghostbusters C. Gremlins D. The Lost Boys

22. What does the word 'Halloween' derive from?

A. Harvest Evening B. Hallowed Moon C. All Hallows' Eve
D. Hollow Evening

23. In folklore, a person who transforms into a wolf is called what?

A. Warlock B. Werewolf C. Banshee D. Revenant

24. Which 1819 Washington Irving story features the Headless Horseman?

A. Rip Van Winkle B. The Devil and Tom Walker
C. The Legend of Sleepy Hollow D. The Spectre Bridegroom

25. Which director is known for The Nightmare Before Christmas's story and characters?

A. Wes Craven B. Tim Burton C. John Carpenter
D. Sam Raimi

TIEBREAKER: In what year was Mary Shelley's Frankenstein first published? _____

HALLOWEEN TRIVIA ANSWER KEY

Answers for the host, quizmaster, or keeper of all spooky knowledge.

1. B - Samhain - An ancient Celtic festival marking the end of the harvest season.
2. C - Illinois - Illinois consistently leads U.S. pumpkin production.
3. B - Halloween - John Carpenter's 1978 film introduced Michael Myers.
4. A - The Modern Prometheus - The 1818 novel's full title is Frankenstein; or, The Modern Prometheus.
5. A - Harry Houdini - The famed escape artist died on October 31, 1926.
6. B - Ichabod Crane - He is the schoolmaster at the center of Washington Irving's tale.
7. B - Candy corn - The candy was originally marketed as Chicken Feed.
8. A - Samhainophobia - This term is commonly used for an intense fear of Halloween.
9. A - Transylvania - Dracula's castle is located in Transylvania in Stoker's novel.
10. B - Psycho - Hitchcock's 1960 classic features the fictional Bates Motel.
11. B - Turnips - Turnips were traditionally carved into lanterns in Ireland.
12. A - Black Shuck - A legendary spectral black dog from English folklore.
13. A - Edgar Allan Poe - Poe's 'The Raven' was first published in 1845.
14. B - Casper - Casper the Friendly Ghost debuted in the 1940s.
15. A - Sanderson - Winifred, Mary, and Sarah are the Sanderson sisters.
16. C - Bela Lugosi - Lugosi's 1931 performance became an iconic Dracula portrayal.
17. B - Garlic - European vampire folklore commonly credits garlic with protective powers.
18. B - Macbeth - The Weird Sisters deliver prophecies that drive the tragedy.
19. C - Pugsley - Pugsley Addams is Wednesday's brother.
20. C - The creature has no given name - Shelley never gives Victor Frankenstein's creation a proper name.
21. B - Ghostbusters - The 1984 comedy follows paranormal investigators in New York City.
22. C - All Hallows' Eve - Halloween is a contraction related to the evening before All Hallows' Day.
23. B - Werewolf - A werewolf is a person said in folklore to transform into a wolf.
24. C - The Legend of Sleepy Hollow - Irving's 1819 story famously features the Headless Horseman.
25. B - Tim Burton - Burton conceived the story and characters; Henry Selick directed the film.

TIEBREAKER: 1818

SCORING:

21-25 = Frightfully Brilliant | 16-20 = Spooky Smart | 10-15 = Casual Creature | 0-9 = Better Stick to the Candy Bowl