The 1950s and 1960s

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1. Which singer was called "the King of Rock and Roll"?

A. Buddy Holly **B.** Elvis Presley **C.** Chuck Berry

2. In which year did Neil Armstrong first walk on the Moon?

A. 1965 **B.** 1972 **C.** 1969

3. Which plastic hoop became a craze across America in 1958?

A. The Hula Hoop **B.** The Frisbee **C.** The yo-yo

4. Which television comedy starred Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz?

A. The Honeymooners **B.** The Jack Benny Program **C.** I Love Lucy

5. Which band from England played on "The Ed Sullivan Show" in February 1964?

A. The Beatles **B.** The Rolling Stones **C.** The Who

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6. What do we call the tall "wings" on the back of many late-1950s cars?

A. Bumpers **B.** Running boards **C.** Tail fins

7. Which family comedy, first shown in 1957, starred Jerry Mathers as "the Beaver"?

A. Father Knows Best **B.** The Donna Reed Show **C.** Leave It to Beaver

8. Which famous doll was first sold in 1959?

A. Barbie **B.** Raggedy Ann **C.** Cabbage Patch Kid

9. What was the first man-made satellite, sent into orbit in 1957?

A. Apollo **B.** Sputnik 1 **C.** Telstar

10. Chubby Checker had a hit in 1960 with which dance?

A. The Twist **B.** The Jitterbug **C.** The Charleston

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11. In 1960, how much postage did a one-ounce first-class letter need to go anywhere in the United States?

A. 4 cents **B.** 10 cents **C.** 25 cents

12. Which television western ran from 1955 to 1975 and starred James Arness?

A. Bonanza **B.** Rawhide **C.** Gunsmoke

13. In "Bonanza," which family lived on the Ponderosa ranch?

A. The Barkleys **B.** The Cartwrights
C. The Waltons

14. Which company first sold the Mustang car in 1964?

A. Chevrolet **B.** Ford **C.** Dodge

15. Which plastic food containers were sold at home parties in the 1950s?

A. Pyrex **B.** Tupperware **C.** Corning Ware

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16. Which collie began her own television show in 1954?

A. Lassie **B.** Rin Tin Tin **C.** Benji

17. Who recorded "Rock Around the Clock" with His Comets?

A. Fats Domino **B.** Jerry Lee Lewis **C.** Bill Haley

18. Which game show, first hosted by Bill Cullen in 1956, asked players to guess prices?

A. Jeopardy! **B.** The Price Is Right
C. What's My Line?

19. Which 1965 film starred Julie Andrews as Maria?

A. Mary Poppins **B.** My Fair Lady
C. The Sound of Music

20. In 1962, who became the first American to orbit the Earth?

A. John Glenn **B.** Alan Shepard
C. Neil Armstrong

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