

Older Than Dirt Quiz

1. Where did headlight dimmer switches used to be located?

- a. On the floor shift knob
- b. On the floor, left of the clutch
- c. Next to the horn

2. The bottle top of a Royal Crown Cola bottle has holes in it. For what was it used?

- a. Capture lightning bugs.
- b. To sprinkle clothes before ironing
- c. Large salt shaker

3. Why was having milk delivered a problem in northern winters?

- a. Cows got cold and wouldn't produce
- b. Ice on highways forced delivery by dog sled
- c. Milkmen left deliveries outside doors and milk would freeze, expanding and pushing up the cardboard bottle top.

4. What was the popular chewing gum named for a game of chance?

- a. Blackjack
- b. Gin
- c. Craps

5. What method did women adapt to look as if they were wearing stockings when none was available due to rationing during W.W.II?

- a. Suntan
- b. Leg painting
- c. Wearing slacks

6. What postwar car turned automotive design on its ear when you couldn't tell whether it was coming or going?

- a. Studebaker
- b. Nash Metro
- c. Tucker

7. Which was a popular candy when you were a kid?

- a. Strips of dried peanut butter
- b. Chocolate-licorice bars
- c. Wax coke-shaped bottles with colored sugar water inside

8. How was Butch wax used?

- a. To stiffen hair cut into a flat top so it stood up
- b. To make floors shiny and prevent scuffing
- c. On the wheels of roller skates to prevent rust

9. Before inline skates, how did you keep your roller skates attached to your shoes?

- a. With clamps, tightened by a skate key
- b. Woven straps that crossed the foot
- c. Long pieces of string or twine

10. As a kid, what was considered the best way to reach a decision?

- a. Consider all the facts
- b. Ask Mom
- c. Eeny-meeny-miney-mo

11. What was the worst thing you could catch from the opposite sex?

- a. A cold
- b. VD
- c. Cooties

12. "I'll be down to get you in a _____, Honey?"

- a. SUV
- b. Taxi
- c. Streetcar

13. What was the name of Caroline Kennedy's pet pony?

- a. Old Blue
- b. Paint
- c. Macaroni

14. What was a Duck-and-Cover Drill?

- a. Part of the game of hide and seek
- b. What you did when your mom called you in to do chores

c. Hiding under your desk, covering your head with your arms in an A-bomb drill

15. What was the name of the Indian Princess on the Howdy Doody show?

- a. Princess Summerfallwinterspring
- b. Princess Sacajawea
- c. Princess Moonshadow

16. What did all really savvy students do when mimeographed tests were handed out in school?

- a. Immediately sniffed the purple ink, as this was believed to get you “high”
- b. Made paper airplanes to see who could sail theirs out the window
- c. Wrote another pupils name on the top, to avoid failure

17. Why did your mom shop in stores that gave Green Stamps with purchases?

- a. To keep you out of mischief licking the backs, which tasted like bubble gum
- b. They could be put in special books and redeemed for various household items
- c. They were given to the kids to be used as stick-on tattoos

18. “Praise the Lord, and pass the _____?”

- a. Meatballs
- b. Dames
- c. Ammunition

19. What was the name of the group who made the song “The Gypsy” a hit in the US?

- a. The Ink Spots
- b. The Supremes
- c. The Esquires

20. Who left his heart in San Francisco?

- a. Tony Bennett
- b. Xavier Cugat
- c. George Gershwin

"OLDER THAN DIRT" ANSWERS

1. b) On the floor, left of the clutch. Hand controls, popular in Europe, took till the '60s to catch on.
2. b) To sprinkle clothes before ironing. Who had a steam iron?
3. c) Cold weather caused the milk to freeze and expand, popping the bottle top.
4. a) Blackjack Gum.
5. b) Special makeup was applied followed by drawing a seam down the back of the leg with eyebrow pencil.
6. a) 1946 Studebaker.
7. c) Wax coke bottles containing super-sweet colored water.
8. a) Wax for your flat top (butch) haircut.
9. a) With clamps, tightened by a skate key, which you wore on a shoestring around your neck.
10. c) Eeny-meeny-miney-mo.
11. c) Cooties.
12. b) Taxi. Better be ready by half-past eight!
13. c) Macaroni.
14. c) Hiding under your desk, covering your head with your arms in an A-bomb drill.
15. a) Princess Summerfallwinterspring. She was another puppet.