

March 5, 2025

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Categories

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March	Rivers	Female Historical Figures
Gardening	Medicine Through the Ages	Movie Quotes
Music	En Français	World Mythology
Colours	Canadian Television	Film Adaptations

Results

Rank	Team	1	2	3	Final
1	The Sickos	17	18	15	50
2	Pyschodrama	15	16	12	43
	Where's Bobby	15	16	12	43
4	The 11th Province	11	15	13	39
5	The Rogue Renegades	15	14	6	35
6	TVA Rejects	10	15	8	33
	Just the Three of Us	15	13	5	33
8	All the Names	14	14	3	31
AVERAGE		14	15.1	9.3	38.4

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Category 1 - March

1. The month of March was named after this Roman god, as the month heralded the beginning of the season of his domain.
2. Julius Caesar was famously told to "beware the Ides of March" - what are the Ides of a month, in the Roman calendar?
3. The month of March, in the Gregorian calendar, is host, every year, to this astronomical event. What is it?
4. Some mathematicians celebrate the 14th of March in honour of this mathematical constant.
5. The month of March is also host to a popular feast day for Saint Patrick, who, according to legend, is said to have driven all of these creatures out of Ireland.

Category 2 - Gardening

6. Karesansui is the Japanese word for this specific type of garden, found in many temple grounds, which usually includes very few plants, and was often used as an aid in meditation.
7. This fastest-growing plant in the world is a staple feature in many gardens and indoor plant displays, and can grow as fast as 88cm a day.
8. In viticulture, soil, air quality, climate and topography all affect the taste of a grape and its subsequent wine, referred to collectively by this French term.
9. Vanilla is often referred to as being extracted from vanilla beans - in reality, the plant is not a legume, but rather belongs to this family of popular flowering plants.
10. The largest airborne operation in military history occurred on the 17th of September, 1944, when a combined British and American force of paratroopers attempted to seize three important bridges in the Nazi-occupied Netherlands. What was the name of this operation?

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Category 3 - Music

11. Joni Mitchell's 1973 hit talked about paving paradise to put up a parking lot - what was the title of the song?
12. David Guetta's 2022 hit, "I'm Good", topped the Billboard Pop charts - little surprise, as it takes its main melody and structure from the chart-topping hit from the year 2000, "I'm Blue", by this Italian Eurodance band.
13. This famous band was originally known as "The New Yardbirds", referencing their guitarist's former band, before changing their name to what they are now known as before the release of their self-titled debut album in 1969.
14. This musical group takes their name from the older Wade-Giles romanization of the name of a Chinese mountain range, which was home to one of the two main schools of martial arts in the country, along with its counterpart, the Shaolin Monastery.
15. Justin Timberlake's debut solo album, Justified, featured the single "Rock Your Body", which may not have been included on the album if it hadn't been first offered to and then rejected by this pop artist.

Category 4 - Colours

16. The city of Tyre, in modern-day Lebanon, became famous in the ancient and medieval world for producing a much sought-after dye of this colour, derived from the secretions of sea snails.
17. Elementary schools teach the primary colours as red, yellow, and blue, which are an additive model for creating visible colours. Printers instead use a subtractive model, which is based on using these three colours, as well as black.
18. A 2015 viral phenomenon prompted scientists and philosophers alike to investigate the human perception of colour after disagreements broke out over a photo of this article of clothing.
19. These structures within the human eye are responsible for your perception of colour - a deficiency in any of the three types of them may lead to colour blindness.
20. This H. P. Lovecraft short story was adapted into a 2019 film starring Nicholas Cage, featuring the titular alien entity haunting the farmland of a New England family.

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Category 5 - Rivers

21. This river is alternately known as both "China's Pride" and "China's Sorrow", for its invaluable role in local agriculture, and the frequent floods it causes in the region.
22. The classical music which you might associate with zero gravity or a walk on the moon is from a waltz by Johann Strauss II, which is actually titled in tribute to this European river.
23. In late July of 1942, Stalin signed Order No. 227, forbidding that Soviet troops retreat during the disastrous Battle of Stalingrad - commissars took up the symbolic slogan that there was "no land beyond" this river, which made up the rear of their defensive line.
24. The Maha Kumbh Mela festival in January 2025 set the record for the world's largest gathering of people, with a recorded 660 million people attending to bathe in this river.
25. Despite being surrounded by water, this nation is the only non-city-state in Europe to lack permanent rivers.

Category 6 - Medicine Through the Ages

26. We get the word "hysteria" from this organ, which was thought to cause it since the time of Ancient Egypt.
27. Medieval medicine was no joke - most treatments were focused on balancing four of these substances within the human body.
28. The classic image of the plague doctor features them dressed in encompassing black robes with a long, beaked mask. What was contained within the beak?
29. The world's first international drug cartel was created by the Dutch to regulate the production of quinine, a medicine used to treat this disease.
30. The St. John's Ambulance is one of the last modern remnants of this medical organization, among other things, which was officially incorporated by Papal bull in 1113 AD.

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Category 7 - En Français

31. This term refers to a language that is common across an entire region - somewhat ironically, it originally referred to Latin.
32. A disproven myth in the mid-2000s stated that then-President George W. Bush said that "the problem with the French is that they don't have a word for" this French word, which we generally use to refer to a small business owner.
33. Marie Antoinette is often stated to have said "Let them eat cake" in response to hearing of the starving masses, but the untranslated quote actually references this type of sweet French bread.
34. One of the largest and most celebrated streets in Paris, this road is named after the French translation of this Greek afterlife destination.
35. The fête nationale française is celebrated every year in July. This holiday is better known in English by which name?

Category 8 - Canadian Television

36. This TV comedy is known for starting the careers of Eugene Levy, John Candy, and Rick Moranis, among others, and chronicled the daily mishaps at a television studio in Melonville.
37. This TV sitcom starred Al Waxman as the owner of a convenience store in the titular Toronto landmark.
38. A distinctive flute melody would open each of these sixty-second public service advertisements on Canadian television channels, each focused on a different element of Canada's diverse wildlife.
39. Before breaking out into Hollywood stardom, Ryan Gosling starred on this Canadian comedy-drama series focusing on the lives of high school students.
40. This Canadian trivia show pitted teams of students representing their local high schools against one another - while off the air as a regular game show, the national finals of the in-school competition is still broadcast by the CBC.

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Category 9 - Female Historical Figures

41. This pseudohistorical widow is the titular figure of one book of the Bible's Old Testament, beheading the Assyrian general Holofernes and saving Israel from imminent invasion.
42. This queen of the Iceni led her tribe into battle against Rome in the first century AD - while her rebellion failed, her bravery was noted by Roman chroniclers, and her name endures as a national symbol in the British Isles.
43. The only legitimate child of Lord Byron, this writer and mathematician is known for helping Charles Babbage create the Analytical Engine, one of the earliest forerunners of the modern computer.
44. This saint of the Eastern Orthodox Church is famous for her unsaintly behaviour, retaliating against the Drevlians for their murder of her husband by massacring them and torching their entire city with burning sulphur attached to carrier pigeons.
45. Disco group Boney M. immortalized this American outlaw into an eponymous song with the release of a single off of their second album in 1977, only changing one letter in her name.

Category 10 - Movie Quotes

46. "What we got here is... failure - to communicate."
47. "Inhabitants of Peach Trees... in case you people have forgotten, this block operates under the same rules as the rest of the city. Ma-Ma is not the Law. I am the Law."
48. "We don't read and write poetry because it's cute. We read and write poetry because we are members of the human race, and the human race is filled with passion."
49. "It can't be bargained with, it can't be reasoned with - it doesn't feel pity, or remorse, or fear, and it absolutely will not stop, EVER... until you are dead."
50. "Gentlemen, you can't fight in here! This is the War Room!"

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Category 11 - World Mythology

51. In Norse mythology, the dragon, Nidhogg, gnaws on the roots of this axis mundi, a physical representation of the universe.
52. Frank Herbert's Dune repurposed this name of a cursed family from Greek mythology to name a similarly-troubled House in his fictional universe.
53. This common animal was sacred to one of the gods of Ancient Egypt, and served an important purpose in communities by eliminating vermin who would eat stored food.
54. The namesake of one of the days of the week, this Norse god presided over war, the law, and valour, and lost a hand in the act of chaining the great wolf Fenrir.
55. According to Japanese mythology, the Imperial family descends in an unbroken line from this sun deity, also represented in the red circle on the flag of modern Japan.

Category 12 - Film Adaptations

56. Mary Harron directed this film adaptation of a Bret Easton Ellis novel, which very nearly starred Leonardo DiCaprio due to interference from the studio - Christian Bale, her first choice, ended up playing the title role in the end.
57. This 2022 film was based on a 1985 novel of the same name by Don DeLillo, and featured Adam Driver as a "Professor of Hitler Studies" who must reckon with his own mortality, and a musical number, after being exposed to an "Airborne Toxic Event".
58. Paul W. S. Anderson directed a 2020 adaptation of this popular video game series, which starred Milla Jovovich as a special forces soldier transported to a world of giant, violent wildlife she is forced to hunt, lest she be hunted.
59. Schindler's List was a 1993 adaptation of a historical novel which chronicled the same story under a slightly different title. What was the name of the novel it was based on?
60. Sergio Leone ran afoul of this famous Japanese director after the release of A Fistful of Dollars, who stated that Leone had "made a fine movie, but it was my movie".

Answers Round 1

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	Difficulty
1. Mars (Ares).	0.0%
2. The middle of the month (the 15th of March, the first full moon of the month).	12.5%
3. An equinox (vernal equinox, spring equinox).	25.0%
4. Pi (3.14, π).	0.0%
5. Snakes.	0.0%
6. Zen garden.	0.0%
7. Bamboo.	25.0%
8. Terroir.	37.5%
9. Orchids (Orchidacea).	12.5%
10. Operation Market Garden.	75.0%
11. Big Yellow Taxi.	12.5%
12. Eiffel 65.	75.0%
13. Led Zeppelin.	37.5%
14. The Wu-Tang Clan.	37.5%
15. Michael Jackson.	75.0%
16. Purple.	37.5%
17. Cyan, Magenta, Yellow.	12.5%
18. A dress.	0.0%
19. Cone cells (cones).	25.0%
20. The Colour out of Space.	100.0%

Answers Round 2

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	Difficulty
21. The Huanghe (Yellow) River.	75.0%
22. The Danube (The Blue Danube).	0.0%
23. The Volga.	12.5%
24. The Ganges (Ganga), the Yamuna or the Sarasvati are all acceptable.	0.0%
25. Malta.	25.0%
26. The uterus.	0.0%
27. Humours.	50.0%
28. Herbs or perfume to ward off miasma.	50.0%
29. Malaria.	12.5%
30. The Knights Hospitaller (Knights of Malta, Knights of St. John).	75.0%
31. Lingua franca.	75.0%
32. Entrepreneur.	0.0%
33. Brioche.	37.5%
34. The Elysian Fields (Avenue des Champs-Élysées).	12.5%
35. Bastille Day.	12.5%
36. SCTV (Second City Television).	0.0%
37. King of Kensington.	0.0%
38. Hinterland Who's Who.	25.0%
39. Breaker High.	25.0%
40. Reach for the Top (School Reach).	0.0%

	Difficulty
41. Judith.	100.0%
42. Boudicca.	62.5%
43. Ada Lovelace.	37.5%
44. St. Olga of Kiev.	75.0%
45. Ma Baker (Barker).	87.5%
46. Cool Hand Luke.	25.0%
47. Dredd.	62.5%
48. Dead Poets Society.	12.5%
49. The Terminator.	25.0%
50. Dr. Strangelove, or How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb.	37.5%
51. Yggdrasil, the World Tree.	50.0%
52. Atreides (Atreus).	25.0%
53. The cat.	0.0%
54. Týr (Tiwu, Tiwaz).	75.0%
55. Amaterasu.	87.5%
56. American Psycho.	37.5%
57. White Noise.	87.5%
58. Monster Hunter.	75.0%
59. Schindler's Ark.	50.0%
60. Akira Kurosawa	62.5%

Category	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Avg difficulty	7.5%	30.0%	47.5%	35.0%	22.5%	37.5%	27.5%	10.0%	72.5%	32.5%	47.5%	62.5%

Round	1	2	3
Avg difficulty	30.0%	24.4%	53.8%

Question difficulty	Easy (0-33%)	Medium (34-66%)	Hard (67-100%)
% of game	51.7%	25.0%	23.3%

Extreme Questions	Everyone got it	No one got it
% of game	21.7%	3.3%

General Categories	ART	CUL	ENT	GAM	GEO	HIS	LIT	MIX	MUS	NAT	SCI	SPO
Asked	2	17	17	0	5	10	1	6	5	6	9	0
% of game	3.3%	28.3%	28.3%	0.0%	8.3%	16.7%	1.7%	10.0%	8.3%	10.0%	15.0%	0.0%
Avg difficulty	25.0%	32.4%	42.2%	--	22.5%	62.5%	25.0%	44.7%	47.5%	25.0%	30.6%	--

Team size (players)	1	2	3	4	4+	TTL teams (TTL players)
# of teams	--	1	3	4	--	8 (27)
Avg score	--	50.0	33.7	39.0	--	38.4