



Sci Fi Quiz - Questions and Answers

Questions

1. The books *The Time Machine*, *The Island of Dr. Moreau* and *The War of the Worlds*, which have been filmed several times, are considered great classics of science fiction literature. Who wrote them?

- a) Jules Verne
- b) Charles Dickens
- c) Orson Welles
- d) H. G. Wells

2. Star Wars is without doubt the most successful, best known and best loved science fiction franchise ever. How many of the 7 episodes released so far were also directed by George Lucas, the creator of the series?

- a) Only one film, the original Star Wars (later Episode IV)
- b) For 3 films, namely the original trilogy
- c) For 4 films: Episode IV and later Episodes I-III
- d) In 6 films, all except Episode VII

3. In which classic film do ape-men gather around a huge black block that looks like a large domino?

- a) The Thing
- b) 2001 - A Space Odyssey
- c) Planet of the Apes
- d) Time after Time

4. In which film does the hero have to swallow a red pill to realise his reality is pure illusion?

- a) Matrix
- b) eXistenZ



- c) Tron
- d) The 13th Floor

5. In the Star Trek universe, the clever scientist Mr. Spock is half human and half...?

- a) ...Andorian
- b) ...Deltans
- c) ...Vulcan
- d) ...Caitians

6. This year sees the arrival of Valerian - The City of 1,000 Planets, a film adaptation of a French Sci Fi comic book series first published in 1967, 50 years ago. The director is Luc Besson, who has already given the genre a classic, namely...?

- a) The Fifth Element
- b) The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy
- c) RoboCop
- d) 12 Monkeys

7. Time travel can lead to a lot of problems, not to mention a lot of paradoxes. What problem does Marty McFly cause in Back to the Future on his first trip to the past?

- a) He accidentally prevents the time machine from being built, causing it to disappear and preventing him from travelling back to the future initially.
- b) His teenage mother falls in love with him instead of his father. He must bring the two together to secure his own existence.
- c) He saves John F. Kennedy's life in the assassination attempt in Dallas, but in doing so indirectly triggers World War 3.
- d) He sleeps with his grandmother and thus becomes his own grandfather.

8. Probably the scariest alien being is the Alien from the Alien series, which continues this year in Alien: Covenant. What is not one of the characteristics of this nasty creature, also called a xenomorph?

- a) Aliens have completely black, pupil-less eyes
- b) The shape of an alien's head is elongated
- c) Alien babies nest in the thorax of humans
- d) Alien blood is highly concentrated acid



9. Considered one of the Big Three of American science fiction literature, Isaac Asimov. Even today, his 3 Laws of Robotics are often quoted. Which one is not one of them?

- a) A robot must always obey the orders of its owner, even if these contradict other laws.
- b) A robot must not injure a human being or cause harm through inaction.
- c) A robot must obey the commands of a human being, unless this would result in humans coming to harm.
- d) A robot must protect its own existence, unless doing so would cause harm to humans or cause it to disobey a human's command.

10. What was the name of the first German science fiction series on television?

- a) Ijon Tichy: space pilot
- b) Alpha Alpha
- c) World on a Wire
- d) Space Patrol Orion

11. Which is the longest-running science fiction series in the world to date?

- a) The X-Files
- b) Doctor Who
- c) Star Trek
- d) Twilight Zone

12. Many science fiction books and films paint a bleak future in which much of humanity suffers from the conditions of society or oppression by those in power. What is this socially critical sub genre also called?

- a) Apocalypse
- b) Dystopia
- c) Cyberpunk
- d) Hard science fiction

13. In 1988, a Japanese science fiction anime also had great international success. What is the name of the cult classic in which the teenage member of a biker gang develops superpowers as a result of a failed government research project?

- a) Akira
- b) Cowboy Bebop
- c) Neon Genesis Evangelion
- d) Ghost in the Shell



14. Hollywood master Steven Spielberg has made films in almost every genre, as many as 6 science fiction films! In which of the following do no aliens appear?

- a) Close Encounters of the Third Kind
- b) E.T.
- c) Minority Report
- d) War of the Worlds

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- a) Frank Herbert
- b) Robert A. Heinlein
- c) Arthur C. Clarke
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