

50 Years of I TV Megaquiz

1. What is the registration plate of Inspector Morse's car in 'The Dead of Jericho'?
2. Who composed the theme tune to 'Riviera Police'?
3. Which overseas country provided locations for 'Crane'?
4. What was the name of the first drama series made by Michael Chapman as Associate Producer?
5. What was the name of the prison in 'Within these Walls'?
6. Who stabbed Jim Fenner, when he was a Prison Officer, in 'Bad Girls'?
7. Which unmade play was Dennis Potter's first for I TV?
8. Name all the US guest stars in the second season of ATV's 'Thriller'.
9. How did Valerie Barlow die in 'Coronation Street'?
10. Who played, and what was the real name of 'The Gay Cavalier'?
11. Which I TV pioneer introduced the term 'Newscaster'?
12. Who wrote a TV format for ITC's unmade 'The Elusive Pimpernel'?
13. Which early I TV 'Play of the Week' used drawings by Peter Firmin?

14. What was a Pingwing?
15. Which character and actress scweemed and scweemed until she was sick?
16. On what date did TWW stop broadcasting?
17. Who captained the Galasphere?
18. Name the one actor in both the TV and film versions of 'The Pot Carrier'.
19. Which 1970s I TV play used a real rattlesnake?
20. The original Marconi Cameras in general use in 1955 had a lens turret that could accommodate 4 lenses. Most lenses were available, but there was a standard set of lenses used in most live studio television productions, accepted as the norm. The narrowest lens in general use had a horizontal angle of acceptance of 9 degrees. The widest, 34 degrees. What was the horizontal angle of acceptance of the two intermediate lenses?
21. What was the last prize on '3-2-1'?
22. Metal Mickey began his career on which show?
23. What were the lyrics for the theme tune used in 'Magpie'?
24. Which two actors have played Mr Stabs?
25. TVam was beaten to air by BBC's Breakfast Time by how many days?
26. Before all channels standardised on using page 888 of teletext for subtitles, what page did I TV's Oracle use?
27. Who played Captain Katt?
28. Which footballer's wife set fire to her breasts?
29. Who was 'she' in 'She's Out'?
30. Which character placed the advert for Box 13?
31. Which two actors have played 'The Incredible Mr Tanner'?
32. What does Sid Abbott sell?
33. Who is Jack Rosenthal's widow?

34. Who sang the theme tune to ATV's 'Rupert Bear'?
35. Where did Sir Yellow live?
36. Which Granada series has Sir Denis Forman described as the "greatest flop of my life"?
37. Which American film star appeared with Richard Hearne in a pilot made for ITC?
38. The Prisoner episode "Fall Out"; the Top Secret episode "Escape To Danger"; The Mind of Mr. J. G. Reeder episode "The Poetical Policeman". A connection?
39. Who were managed, at different times, by the characters Derek Huggins and Kitty Schreiber?
40. The play "Where Are They Now?" was written by Frank Hanna. This is a pseudonym for which actor?
41. The author of the autobiography "A Frenzy Of Indifference" was, at separate times, a director of two different ITV contract holders. Name either.
42. What was the working title for the Rediffusion children's magazine programme 'Come Here Often'?
43. Whose nickname was Ev?
44. Name any two 'Rivals of Sherlock Holmes'.
45. Which actors played Doctor Watson opposite Jeremy Brett?
46. Under what name did Lynda La Plante act?
47. Name any six police-personnel from 'The Bill' killed before 1999.
48. In 'MI T' who killed Matthew Boyden?
49. 'Rising Damp' was based on what stage play?
50. Which supermarket chain employed the staff who dreamed the 2003 'Crossroads' revival?
51. Which TV series was set in the Efficacity?
52. Which hospital was a 'General Hospital'?
53. Who killed Ferguson in 'Band of Gold'?

54. Name the film Emma was to appear in according to 'The Avengers' episode 'Epic'.
55. Name all the regular hosts of 'The Golden Shot'.
56. Which Tracy brothers operated Thunderbird 5?
57. The Chocky trilogy featured a young girl who was a maths prodigy. Name her.
58. Sapphire and Steel were "operatives". What was Silver?
59. What did Neville's tattoo show in 'Auf Wiedersehen Pet'?
60. What church did father Unwin look after?
61. The ATV show 'What a Carry On' was based on which stage show?
62. Which two actresses played Stan's mum in 'On The Buses'?
63. Name any two members of the Sugden family who have died in a car crash.
64. Which writer wrote most of the I TV material for Arthur Haynes and Tony Hancock?
65. Who founded TVam?
66. What was Sally James' original name in the acting profession?
67. Name the 'Seven Deadly Sins' represented in Associated Rediffusion's series.
68. What was 'The Flockton Flyer'?
69. What was Duck Halt?
70. Who was the Head of Drama at Associated-Rediffusion, who moved to Yorkshire Television, and filled the same post when A-R closed down?
71. Which young girl vanished at the start of 'Night and Day'?
72. What job does William do in 'William and Mary'?
73. What was David Callan's hobby?
74. Which UK series made three Rod Serling plays?
75. Which character's catchphrase was "I'll have 'alf"?
76. Which character in an I TV sitcom had the codename 'Piglet'?

77. Which I TV company tried to buy 'Dallas'?
78. Who claims they really wrote 'Brideshead Revisited' for I TV?
79. What is a Redcap?
80. What was Budgie's full name?
81. Who is the Leader of Red Troop in 'Ultimate Force'?
82. Name the six 'Beasts' as defined by Nigel Kneale for his ATV series.
83. Who was Raffles' sidekick?
84. Name two spin-off series from 'Coronation Street'.
85. What is the link between 'The Arthur Haynes Show' and 'Four Feather Falls'?
86. Phil Redmond's first scriptwriting credit was for which I TV series?
87. What theatre in London did Rediffusion convert into a studio before they went on the air in September 1955? It was eventually decided it was too small, too remote and too uneconomical to operate.
88. Who were Marlowe, Halliday, Roget and Devon?
89. US sitcom 'Lotsa Luck' was based on which I TV show?
90. What was the name of the play in which one of the leading characters died during the live performance, and everyone had to improvise for an hour?
91. Who was the first ITN newscaster on opening night?
92. Who was the person who is the true founder of I TV, the man who led the lobby for an alternative commercial service?
93. Who was the woman who cleaned her teeth in the first ever advert?
94. Who played the original mum in the Oxo family series of commercials?
95. Where was the largest studio in I TV during the 1960s, what was its number, and who owned it?
96. What was the American title of 'Criss Cross Quiz'?
97. Which newspaper published 'Lytton's Diary'?

98. Who allegedly turned down an invitation to write for 'The Professionals', because he "wouldn't want to write for any series that had dustbins in it"?
99. The "Eyes" team comprised which three characters at the start of 'C.A.T.S. EYES'?
100. Which former TV Detective Chief Inspector formed STG Investigations?
101. 'The Rat Catchers' was originally envisaged as a vehicle for which actor?
102. Which writer also wrote under the pseudonym George St. George?
103. Which Philip Mackie drama series was alleged to be "a thinly disguised portrait of life at Granada television"?
104. Of which testing organisation was Cragoe the head in Thames TV's 'Cover'?
105. Name the actor who was a stand-in for one of the leading characters in the vintage crime series 'No Hiding Place' and then became one of its lead actors?
106. An early live series transmitted by A-R featured a Hotel, the Hotel Orchestra, and the conductor of the Orchestra, (all fictional). The series was a mixture of music, and dramatised anecdotes. What was the name of the series, and who was the star, a comic/musician, who conducted the orchestra and told the anecdotes?
107. On the first night of I TV, what was the production that was interrupted by the commercials, so that the final denouement was never shown?
108. Who is the first person to read the news on BBC and I TV in the same week?
109. Which spoof 1977 documentary suggested there had been a top secret manned mission to Mars?
110. What was Selwyn Froggitt's catchphrase?
111. Which ex-Labour MP was a journalist on 'TV Eye'?
112. The first ad was, of course, for Gibbs SR toothpaste, but how long was it?
113. I TV imported a US science fiction show in 1980 and planned to screen it nationally but when Thames broke ranks and chose its own slot, the rest of the network refused to contribute to the cost. Most of them didn't screen the show at all until 1984. What was the show?
114. What was the codename of the head of department in 'The Sandbaggers'? And what was the real name of the character who first held this role in the series?

115. In 'The Avengers', who performed the card manipulations during the end title sequence of the last season?



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