

Oscar® Trivia Quiz Answers

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1. Who is the most nominated actor in Academy Awards® history?

C: Jack Nicholson has earned 12 nominations.

2. Who is the most nominated director?

B: William Wyler holds the record with 12 nominations in the directing category.

3. Who was the M.C. of the presentation the first year it was broadcast on television?

A: Bob Hope was the master of ceremonies at the 25th Academy Awards held on March 19, 1953, which honored films released in 1952. (THE GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH won Best Picture.)

4. What was the first movie in color to win a Best Picture Oscar?

A: GONE WITH THE WIND in 1939. The others, which won in the four succeeding years, were all shot in black and white.

5. Who was the first woman to win Oscars® in both writing and acting categories?

A: Emma Thompson. In 1992, Thompson won her acting Oscar for HOWARDS END; in 1995, she was honored for her SENSE AND SENSIBILITY screenplay. Ruth Gordon won for acting and was nominated for writing.

6. Which individual has received the most Oscars at a single ceremony?

A: Walt Disney. He received four Oscar statuettes at the 26th Academy Awards; two for documentaries and two for short subjects. Cameron received three Oscars at the 70th Academy Awards for his roles as a producer and film editor of TITANIC, as well as director. Billy Wilder took home three statuettes from the 33rd Awards, as the writer, director and producer of THE APARTMENT. Marvin Hamlisch won three Oscars in 1973.

7. Who was the youngest Best Actor winner?

B: Adrien Brody, 2002, for THE PIANIST. He was 29 years old, just months younger than Richard Dreyfuss, the long-time record holder.

8. Who was the youngest Best Actress winner?

E: Marlee Matlin, 1986, for CHILDREN OF A LESSER GOD. She was 21 years old.

9. Who was the youngest performer ever to receive a **competitive** Academy Award?

B: Tatum O'Neal is the youngest performer to win a competitive Academy Award. She was 10 years old when she was honored for her performance in PAPER MOON. (However, Shirley Temple received a Special Award in 1934, when she was just 6 years and 10 months old.)

10. Who is the oldest performer ever to receive a competitive Academy Award?

C: Jessica Tandy. She was 80 years old when she was honored for her performance in DRIVING MISS DAISY. (However, Groucho Marx was 83 years old when he received an Honorary Award in 1973.)

11. How much did Academy members have to pay to attend the 3rd Academy Awards Presentation (the first year that a fee was charged)?

C: \$10. Prices for the 75th Awards paid from \$50 to \$350.

12. Who was the first performer to win Oscars in both the leading and supporting acting categories?

C: Helen Hayes, who won her first Oscar for her lead performance in THE SIN OF MADELON CLAUDET in 1931/32, and then received the Actress in a Supporting Role award in 1970 for her portrayal of Ada Quonsett in AIRPORT.

13. Who was the first actress to win two Oscars in the Supporting Actress category?

D: Shelley Winters, who won her first in 1959 for THE DIARY OF ANNE FRANK and the second in 1965 for A PATCH OF BLUE.

14. Which two of these movies are tied, at eleven, for the most Academy Awards?

D: BEN-HUR and TITANIC

15. A STREETCAR NAMED DESIRE is one of only two films to win three Academy Awards for acting. What is the other?

C: NETWORK in 1976. Peter Finch, Faye Dunaway and Beatrice Straight took home the Oscars in the Actor, Actress and Supporting Actress categories, respectively. No film has won all four acting awards.

16. Who was the first person to refuse an Oscar?

C: Dudley Nichols, winner for his 1935 screenplay of *THE INFORMER*. He refused the award, he said, not to demean the honor, but because of antagonism between several industry guilds and the Academy over union matters, which resulted in many members boycotting the Awards.

17. Which of these performers received consecutive Academy Awards?

G: All of them. Spencer Tracy for *CAPTAINS COURAGEOUS* in 1937 and *BOYS TOWN* in 1938; Jason Robards for *ALL THE PRESIDENT'S MEN* in 1976 and *JULIA* in 1977; Katharine Hepburn for *GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER* in 1967 and *THE LION IN WINTER* in 1968, Luise Rainer for *THE GREAT ZIEGFELD* in 1936 and *THE GOOD EARTH* in 1937; and Tom Hanks for *PHILADELPHIA* in 1993 and *FORREST GUMP* in 1994.