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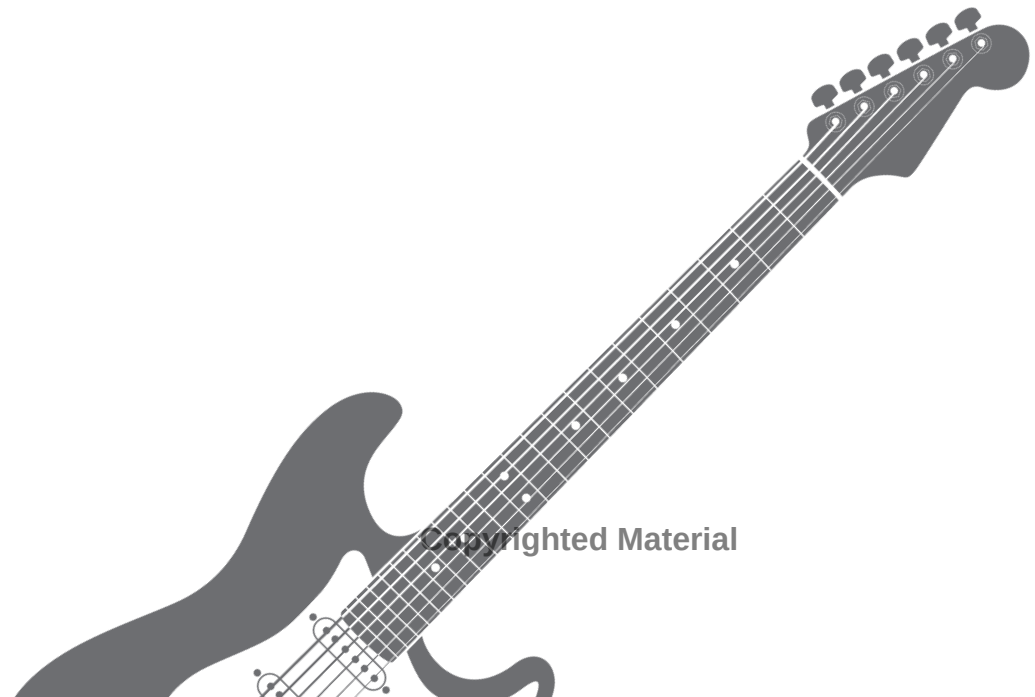
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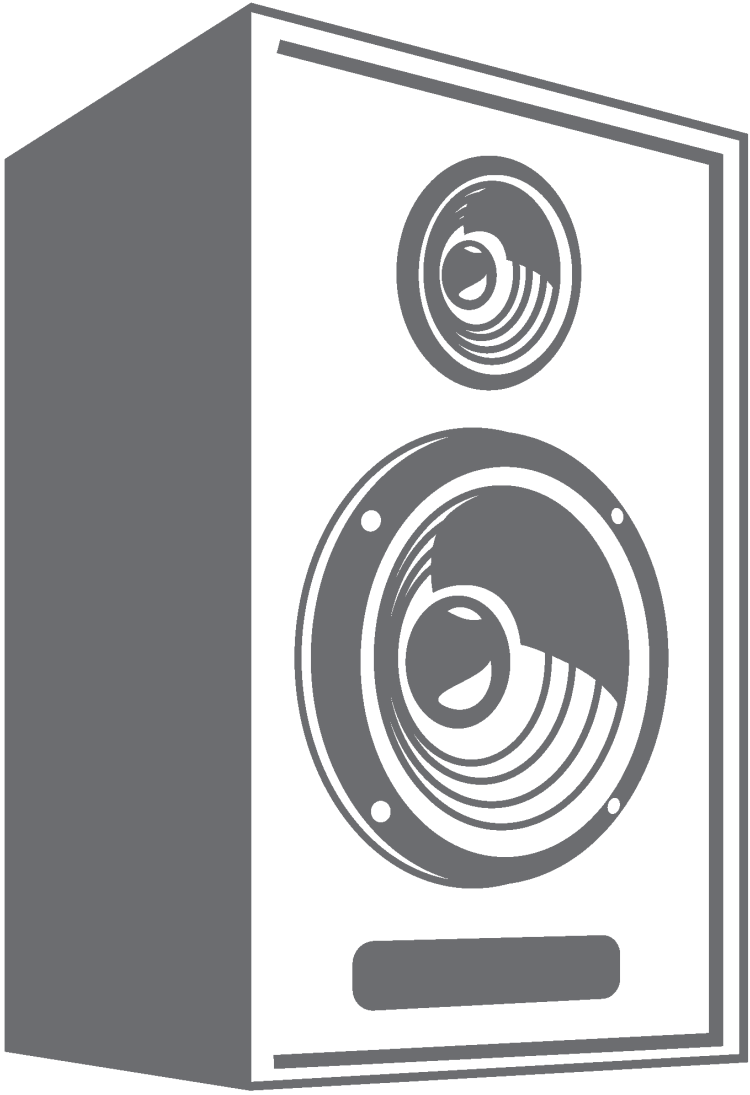
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KEN BRUCE

Ken Bruce was born and raised in Glasgow, where he trained and worked as a chartered accountant before he began his broadcasting career in the mid-1970s in hospital radio in Scotland. In 1977 he began working for the BBC as a staff announcer for Radio 4 Scotland, then became one of the original presenters of *Nightbeat*. In 1985 Bruce left Radio Scotland to replace Terry Wogan on Radio 2's *Breakfast Show*, followed by a variety of slots on Radio 2, including the mid-morning slot from 1992 until 2023. It was on this show in 1996 that the daily PopMaster quiz was first introduced with an expected run of just a few months, but its immense popularity has made it an iconic feature of British radio, now still going strong on Ken's mid-morning show on Greatest Hits Radio. PopMaster is a firm fan favourite on radio and has now been turned into a successful TV show broadcast on Channel 4 and More 4.



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FOREWORD

When I think back to 1996, when PopMaster first appeared on my daily BBC Radio 2 morning show, I can't begin to tell you how thrilled I am that not only is the quiz still running on Greatest Hits Radio, but it has also been turned into a TV show. This is thanks to Jo Street at Channel 4 along with 12 Yard Productions, who had great faith in the project, and the constant nagging and persistence of my co-creator, Phil Swern, to take it to the small screen.

Over the years, the PopMaster radio quiz has become bigger and better, resulting in what has now been recognized as one of the most listened-to thirty minutes of weekday morning radio in the UK. It has also taken on a life of its own with its catchphrase, 'One Year Out', being shouted at me by quizzers as I walk down the road.

In 2020, Penguin Random House published *Ultimate PopMaster* and I am thrilled they have commissioned this second book that you now hold in your hands. I know that much hard work has gone into compiling the questions to make it the best volume yet!

I really hope you enjoy playing along as you turn the pages, all set by our regular question setters, Neil Myners and Phil ('The Collector') Swern – and if you're flicking through a copy in a bookshop then be kind to us and go and make the purchase – you know it makes sense!

Don't forget to join me every weekday morning at 10.30 a.m. on Greatest Hits Radio to hear the quiz, and keep an eye out in the TV listings to catch up on the TV version. You never know, one day you may become one of the lucky ones to become a contestant on a future show.

KEN BRUCE

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POPMASTER

Welcome to PopMaster, the nation's favourite pop music quiz. The questions on the following pages cover a whole range of chart acts – from 'East End Boys' to 'West End Girls' and from 'Band(s) On The Run' to artists 'Ridin' Solo'.

There's something for everyone – from a smattering of easy questions to get you in the mood, right through to our devious Champions level, which might well have you tugging on the toggles of your musical anorak. The book is divided into sections, beginning with our General PopMaster. This covers music from the 1950s right through to the 2020s. It's followed by Pick 'n' Mix – thirty sets of questions with different themes. Either work your way through them or choose your favourites.

We then come to The Golden Years, three sections, each concentrating on a different decade, the 1970s, 1980s and 1990s. In each of these sections you'll find ten sets of questions that cover the entire decade, followed by ten slightly trickier sets that each focus on a particular year, and finally, five sets about five successful acts that made their chart debuts in the given decade. The questions, though, cover the whole of their musical careers.

Our Champions section follows. For those of you who are regular listeners to the radio version of the quiz, you'll know that some of these questions can be fiendishly difficult. And to round things off? Well it wouldn't be PopMaster without the danger of being 'One Year Out'!

Answers can be found over the page – for example, if you're looking for the answers to PopMaster 1, they will be underneath the questions of PopMaster 2, and so on. Also, you'll find the occasional nugget of music trivia alongside some of the answers.

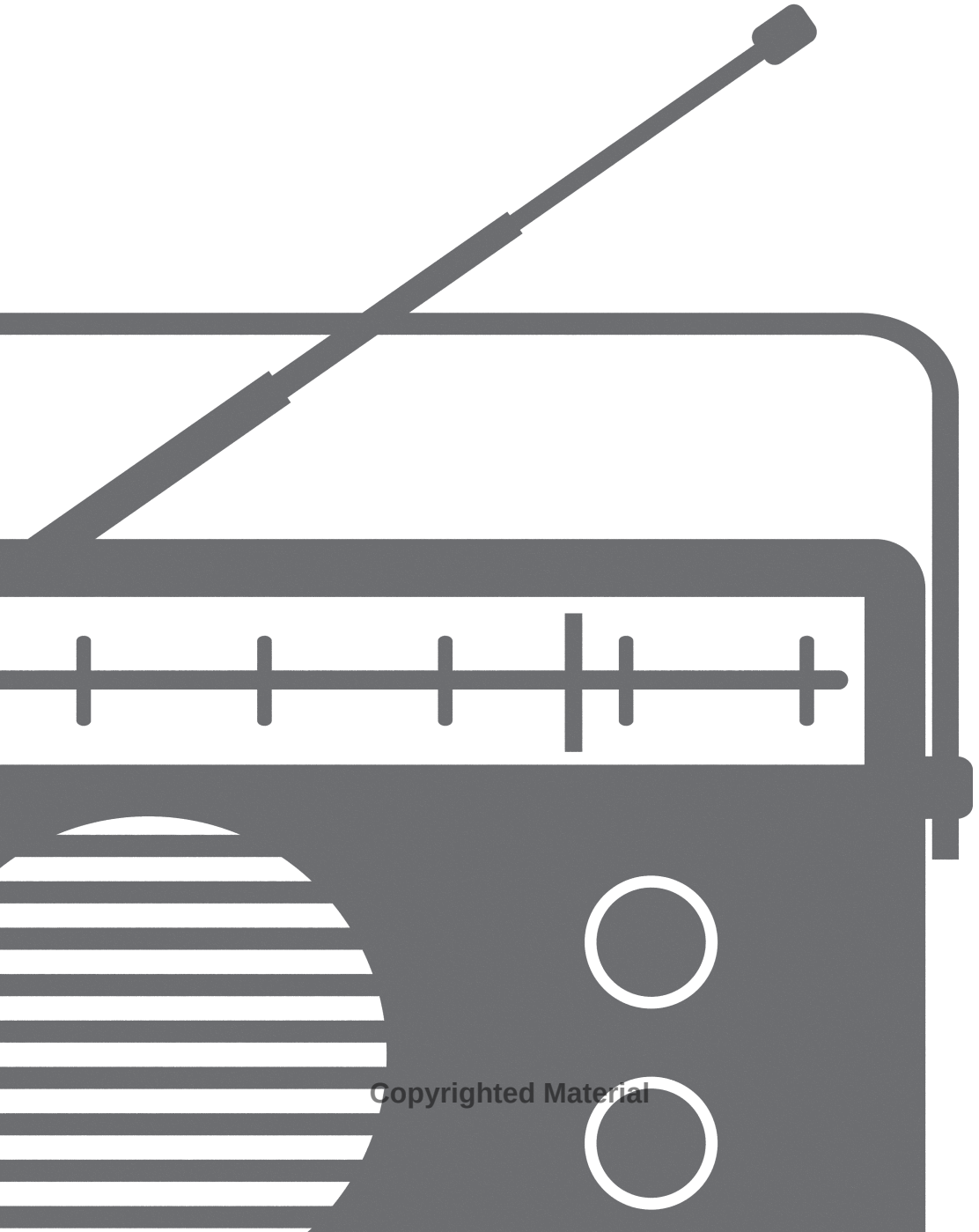
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We hope you enjoy this latest book. It's been good fun writing it, so hopefully it'll be good fun reading it. But if any of the questions have you tearing your hair out, blame it on the boogie, the bossa nova, the bassline, the rain or the weatherman, but don't blame us. We're just the (paperback) writers!

PHIL SWERN AND NEIL MYNERS



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GENERAL POPMASTER

Just to get you warmed up – here are forty sets of questions covering the charts from the 1950s through to the 2020s.

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POPMASTER 1

1. 'Ticket To Ride' was a number one single in 1965 for which group?

2. Maroon 5's number one debut album in the noughties was called *Songs About* _____ who?

3. The Mike of Mike and the Mechanics first reached the charts in the seventies as guitarist in another group. Who is he and what is the name of that group?

4. Known as bubblegum pop, the 1910 Fruitgum Company had a Top 3 hit in 1968 with which song?

5. Bryan 'Dexter' Holland is the lead singer with the American rock band that reached number one in 1999 with 'Pretty Fly (For A White Guy)'. What is the name of the band?

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6 a-ha's second hit single is also the group's only number one in the UK. What is it called?

7 The songs 'Down Boy' and 'Naughty Girl' were both hit singles in 2002 for which one-time *Neighbours* actor?

8 Complete the title of this 1992 Top 20 single by Del Amitri. 'Always The _____' what?

9 What instrument did Rodney Franklin play on his 1980 Top 10 instrumental hit 'The Groove'?

10 In 2023, *Memento Mori* was a Top 3 album for a group whose debut LP *Speak And Spell* was a Top 10 hit 42 years earlier. Can you name the group?

ANSWERS ON NEXT SPREAD

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POPMASTER 2

1. What annual sporting event provided Kraftwerk with the title of a Top 40 hit in both 1983 and 1984?

2. Zager & Evans reached number one in 1969 with a song subtitled '(Exordium & Terminus)'. What is its full title?

3. 'Ready For the Weekend' was a Top 3 single in 2009 for which Scottish DJ and producer?

4. According to the 1974 hit for Sparks, who or what should you 'Never Turn Your Back On _____'?

5. Billie Eilish reached number one in 2020 with her theme song to which James Bond film?

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6 'Too Lost In You' was a Top 10 single at the end of 2003 for which girl group?

7 Lord Rockingham's XI spent three weeks at number one in the late fifties with which single?

8 'Sing A Happy Song', 'It's Been So Long' and 'I Ain't Lyin'' were all hits in 1975 for which singer?

9 Beginning with the earliest, put these three songs by Kate Bush in the order they were originally hits. 'Rubberband Girl', 'King Of The Mountain' and 'Sat In Your Lap'?

10 *Performance And Cocktails* is the title of a 1999 number one album for which Welsh group?

ANSWERS TO POPMASTER 1

1. The Beatles 2. *Songs About Jane* 3. Mike Rutherford, Genesis 4. 'Simon Says' 5. The Offspring 6. 'The Sun Always Shines On TV' 7. Holly Valance 8. 'Always The Last To Know' 9. Piano 10. Depeche Mode

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POPMASTER 3

1. What was the title of the 1981 number one duet by Queen and David Bowie?

2. 'Sweet About Me' was a Top 10 single in 2008 for Gabriella who?

3. Which group reached the charts in 1992 with the singles 'Old Red Eyes Is Back', 'Bell Bottomed Tear' and 'We Are Each Other'?

4. Gilbert O'Sullivan had two number ones in the seventies. 'Clair' in 1972, but which song in 1973?

5. Which band had Top 3 hits in the mid-sixties with 'For Your Love', 'Heart Full Of Soul' and 'Shapes Of Things'?

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6 What shared three-word song title gave different Top 10 hits to The Human League in 1981 and Madonna in 1986?

7 Which British female vocal group had Top 10 singles in the nineties called 'Someday', 'I Am Blessed' and 'Angel of Mine'?

8 What is the one-word title of the 2005 number one single by Gorillaz?

9 'I Don't Feel Like Dancin'' spent a month at number one in 2006 for which group?

10 In the sixties, Graham Nash, Tony Hicks, Allan Clarke and Bobby Elliott were all members of which group?

ANSWERS TO POPMASTER 2

1. 'Tour de France' (No. 22 in 1983, No. 24 in 1984) 2. 'In The Year 2525 (Exordium & Terminus)' 3. Calvin Harris 4. 'Never Turn Your Back On Mother Earth' 5. *No Time To Die* 6. Sugababes 7. 'Hoots Mon' (re-released in 1993, spending one week at No. 60) 8. George McCrae 9. 'Sat In Your Lap' (1981), 'Rubberband Girl' (1993), 'King Of The Mountain' (2005) 10. Stereophonics

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POPMASTER 4

1. ‘Caroline’ is the title of a 1973 Top 5 song by which band?

2. Vanessa Paradis made her chart debut in 1988 with which Top 3 song?

3. Prior to his solo career, Bernard Butler had reached the charts in the early nineties as guitarist with which band?

4. Tracey Thorn and Ben Watt have had hit singles and albums recording as which duo?

5. KC and the Sunshine Band first reached the charts in 1974 with which Top 10 song?

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6 Under what name did Trevor Horn and Geoff Downes have hits in 1980 with the songs 'The Plastic Age' and 'Clean Clean'?

7 What is Fat Les's curry of choice according to the title of the 1998 Top 3 single?

8 Mumford & Sons reached the charts in 2009 with the song 'Little _____ Man'?

9 Which band, formed on the Isle of Wight in the late seventies, had hits in the eighties with 'Micro-Kid', 'The Sun Goes Down (Living It Up)' and 'Leaving Me Now'?

10 Oleta Adams reached the Top 5 in the early nineties with a song written by Brenda Russell. What is it called?

ANSWERS TO POPMASTER 3

1. 'Under Pressure' 2. Gabriella Cilmi 3. The Beautiful South 4. 'Get Down' 5. The Yardbirds 6. 'Open Your Heart' 7. Eternal 8. 'Dare' 9. Scissor Sisters (released in some countries as 'I Don't Feel Like Dancing') 10. The Hollies (Graham Nash left in 1968)

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POPMASTER 5

1. Cilla Black had both of her number ones in 1964. The first was 'Anyone Who Had A Heart'. What was the second?

2. Which group was 'Turning Japanese', according to the title of their 1980 Top 3 hit?

3. Who had both a Top 10 single and album in 2001 called 'Scream If You Wanna Go Faster'?

4. Which song by The Doors reached the Top 40 in both 1971 and 1976?

5. 'Sight For Sore Eyes' was a Top 10 single in 1994 for which chart act?

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6 Bros had a Top 3 hit in 1988 called 'Drop The _____' what?

7 'Money On My Mind' was number one in 2014 for which singer?

8 What was the title of the only solo Top 10 single achieved by Scott Walker in the sixties?

9 The song 'Home And Dry' was Top 20 in 2002 for which duo?

10 Beginning with the earliest, can you put these three Top 10 songs by Erasure in the order they were originally hits. 'Run To The Sun', 'Breathe' and 'Drama!'?

ANSWERS TO POPMASTER 4

1. Status Quo 2. 'Joe Le Taxi' 3. Suede 4. Everything but the Girl
5. 'Queen Of Clubs' 6. The Buggles 7. 'Vindaloo' 8. 'Little Lion Man'
9. Level 42 10. 'Get Here'

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POPMASTER 6

1. What '_____ Runs Out' according to the title of OneRepublic's Top 3 song in 2014?

2. Who was the lead singer with INXS until his death in 1997?

3. Chris Farlowe reached number one in 1966 with his version of which Mick Jagger and Keith Richards song?

4. Which group took the Rolling Stones' 'Sympathy For The Devil' into the Top 10 in 1995?

5. In 1986, the song 'What Have You Done For Me Lately' became the first Top 10 single for which singer?

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6 The solo career of Simon Webbe from Blue began with two Top 5 singles in 2005. 'Lay Your Hands' was one of these. What was the other called?

7 Which group's chart debut came with the 1973 Top 20 single 'Crazy'?

8 What '_____ Girls' did Adam and the Ants sing about on the group's 1982 hit?

9 What is the stage name of singer-songwriter Michael Rosenberg, who spent over three months in the Top 10 in 2013 with his song 'Let Her Go'?

10 Which 1963 Top 5 single by The Crystals was a hit for the group again, when it reached the Top 20 in 1974?

ANSWERS TO POPMASTER 5

1. 'You're My World' 2. The Vapors 3. Geri Halliwell 4. 'Riders On The Storm' 5. M People 6. 'Drop The Boy' 7. Sam Smith 8. 'Joanna' 9. Pet Shop Boys 10. 'Drama!' (1989), 'Run To The Sun' (1994), 'Breathe' (2005)

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POPMASTER 7

1. The song ‘Do You Know The Way To San Jose’ was Top 10 in 1968 for which singer?

2. Enigma had its only number one in January 1991 with which single?

3. Who played ‘Russian Roulette’ on her 2009 Top 3 song?

4. Which George Harrison song gave Steve Harley & Cockney Rebel a Top 10 hit in 1976?

5. The single ‘Wunderbar’ reached the Top 20 in 1981 for which chart act?

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6 What was 'Always Breaking _____' according to the title of Belinda Carlisle's Top 10 single in 1996?

7 Who was 'Levitating' on her 2020 Top 5 song?

8 Released in 1983 and containing the singles 'Every Breath You Take', 'Wrapped Around Your Finger' and 'King Of Pain', what is the title of the final studio album by The Police?

9 The American singer O.C. Smith had a Top 3 single in the late sixties with 'Son Of Hickory Holler's Tramp'. He returned to the Top 40 in 1977 with his only other UK hit. What was it called?

10 'The Shock Of The Lightning' was a Top 3 single in 2008 for which group?

ANSWERS TO POPMASTER 6

1. 'Love Runs Out' 2. Michael Hutchence 3. 'Out Of Time' 4. Guns N' Roses 5. Janet Jackson 6. 'No Worries' 7. Mud 8. 'Deutscher Girls' (released by former record label on the back of the group's success) 9. Passenger 10. 'Da Doo Ron Ron'

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POPMASTER 8

1. In 2022, Harry Styles had a Top 3 song called 'Music For A _____' what?

2. 'Crazy Water', 'Bite Your Lip (Get Up And Dance)' and 'Ego' were three of the smaller Top 40 hits in the seventies for one of the decade's biggest artists. Name the artist.

3. What is the two-word title of the 1993 Top 3 chart debut by Chaka Demus and Pliers?

4. The song 'Only Love Can Hurt Like This' was Top 10 in 2014 for which singer?

5. Released in 1985, which multi-platinum studio album by Phil Collins included the hit singles 'Sussudio', 'One More Night' and 'Take Me Home'?

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6 Who or what was 'Distant _____' according to the title of Jim Reeves' 1966 number one?

7 The song 'Two Can Play That Game' was Top 3 in the mid-nineties for which American singer?

8 The duo Baccara had two Top 40 hits, the number one 'Yes Sir, I Can Boogie' in 1977 and a Top 10 follow-up in 1978. What is the title of this second hit?

9 'Spanish' is the title of a 2003 Top 10 single for which singer?

10 Of the thirteen Top 40 hits in the sixties for Dave Dee, Dozy, Beaky, Mick and Tich, only one of them got to number one. What is it called?

ANSWERS TO POPMASTER 7

1. Dionne Warwick 2. 'Sadness Part 1' (In mainland Europe it was spelled 'Sadeness Part 1'.) 3. Rihanna 4. 'Here Comes The Sun' 5. Tenpole Tudor 6. 'Always Breaking My Heart' 7. Dua Lipa 8. *Synchronicity* 9. 'Together' 10. Oasis

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POPMASTER 9

1. What type of '_____ Vibrations' did The Beach Boys sing about on the group's 1966 number one?

2. The song 'Time (Clock Of The Heart)' was Top 3 in 1982 for which group?

3. Which song spent three weeks at number one for No Doubt in 1997?

4. One half of Savage Garden had solo hits in 2002 called 'Insatiable', 'Strange Relationship' and 'I Miss You'. Who is he?

5. What late sixties instrumental number one by Fleetwood Mac nearly reached the top again, when it was re-issued in 1973 and peaked at number two?

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6 ‘Superheroes’ was the title of a Top 3 single in 2014 for which Irish group?

7 The chart act Freak Power had its biggest hit in 1995 with which Top 3 single?

8 Known as the UK’s ‘King of Skiffle’, who had a hit in 1956 with ‘Rock Island Line’?

9 American soul trio The Hues Corporation had both of their hit singles in 1974. ‘Rock The Boat’ was the first. What was the second?

10 The songs ‘Candy’ and ‘Pencil Full Of Lead’ were Top 20 hits in 2009 for which Scottish singer-songwriter?

ANSWERS TO POPMASTER 8

1. ‘Music For A Sushi Restaurant’ 2. Elton John 3. ‘Tease Me’
4. Paloma Faith 5. *No Jacket Required* 6. ‘Distant Drums’
7. Bobby Brown 8. ‘Sorry, I’m a Lady’ 9. Craig David
10. ‘The Legend Of Xanadu’

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POPMASTER 10

1. The Undertones first reached the charts in 1978 with which song?

2. Who was the vocalist on Mark Ronson's 2007 Top 3 version of the Zutons' song 'Valerie'?

3. What type of '_____ Sunday' did The Monkees sing about on the group's 1967 hit single?

4. The songs 'Happy Ever After' in 1988 and '(Love Moves In) Mysterious Ways' in 1992 were both Top 40 hits for which singer-songwriter?

5. Who did George Ezra 'Blame It On _____' according to the title of his 2014 Top 10 song?

6. 'Rain On Your Parade' was a Top 20 single in 2008 for which Welsh-born singer?

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