

## Mini History Test

1. When did MINI Cooper S make its international debut?

- a. October 2001 (correct)
- b. November 2001
- c. August 2001
- d. January 2001

2. What year is the Classic Mini Cooper S unveiled?

- a. 1963 (correct)
- b. 1962
- c. 1960
- d. 1964

3. Why was the Classic Mini “deported” from the US?

- a. Safety
- b. Too small
- c. Emissions regulations
- d. Both a. and c. (correct)

4. What year did John Cooper pass away?

- a. 1994
- b. 2001
- c. 1999
- d. 2000 (correct)

5. What other car did Issigonis design prior to the Classic Mini?

- a. Austin Seven
- b. MG
- c. Morris Minor
- d. Both a. and c. (correct)

6. Approximately, how many total Classic Mini’s were created?

- a. 5.1 million
- b. 4.4 million
- c. 6.2 million
- d. 5.3 million (correct)

7. In 1995, Autocar magazine gives the Classic Mini the honor of

- a. “Car of the Century” (correct)
- b. “Car of the Decade”
- c. “Best of the Best of the Century”
- d. “Best Small Car”

8. What year does John Cooper get involved with the Classic Mini?

- a. 1961 (correct)
- b. 1960
- c. 1959
- d. 1964

9. What were the goals for creating the car that became the Classic Mini?

- a. Fuel efficient
- b. Capable of carrying 4 adults
- c. Economic reach of everyone
- d. All of the above (correct)

10. Where did the new MINI premiere?

- a. Munich
- b. Paris Autoshow (correct)
- c. New York City
- d. London

11. Queen Elizabeth fell off her horse and broke her wrist. The largest milkshake in the world was made in South Africa. Michael Jackson married Lisa Marie Presley. BMW acquired Rover Group (which included the Mini brand). Name the year.

- a. 1990
- b. 1996
- c. 1994 (correct)
- d. 2000

12. What year does the first Classic Mini land in the US?

- a. 1963
- b. 1959
- c. 1960 (correct)
- d. 1958

13. What year was the Classic Mini "deported" from the US?

- a. 1965
- b. 1969
- c. 1970
- d. 1968 (correct)

14. When was the official Classic Mini launched?

- a. 1956
- b. 1958
- c. 1961
- d. 1959 (correct)

15. What year does the Classic Mini win its first Monte Carlo Rally?

- a. 1963
- b. 1965
- c. 1964 (correct)
- d. 1961

16. Who was the driver of the winning Classic Mini in the 1964 Monte Carlo win?

- a. Alec Issigonis
- b. John Cooper
- c. Paddy Hopkirk (correct)
- d. Ruano Altonen

17. How many people were crammed into the Classic Mini to break the previous Mini-Cram world record?

- a. 26
- b. 24
- c. 25 (correct)
- d. 30

18. Who does Issigonis deliver a custom Classic Mini Cooper to in 1964?

- a. The Queen of England
- b. The Beatles
- c. Sir Leonard Lord
- d. Enzo Ferrari (correct)

19. By 1969, how many Classic Mini's were produced worldwide?

- a. 1 million
- b. 3 million
- c. 2 million (correct)
- d. 5 million

20. What car beat the Classic Mini for the Car of the Century Award in 1999?

- a. Ford T-Bird
- b. Ford Model T (correct)
- c. Ford Mustang
- d. Ford Fairling

21. In 1976, while millions played with their pet rocks and fought to keep their balance in their platform shoes, Mini released a limited edition of its Cooper, which was technically known as:

- a. Mini LE
- b. Mini 76 Special
- c. Mini 1000 Special (correct)
- d. Mini Cooper Limited

22. Mini made enthusiasts smile in 1998 when the Guinness Book of Records listed the Mini as what?

- a. The most fuel efficient car in history
- b. the most successful British car in history (correct)
- c. The smallest four passenger car in history
- d. The most successful rally car in history

23. Although it's pretty hard to believe that anyone would want to voluntarily subject themselves to the pain, how many people crammed into a MINI in order to set a world record during the Olympics in 2004?

- a. 15
- b. 18
- c. 21 (correct)
- d. 27
- e. None of the above

24. Research suggests that it takes lots of practice to master a skill. However, the Classic Mini mastered the art of winning rally races within 3 years. Where did Mini show up the competition and score its first major rally win in 1963?

- a. Monte Carlo Rally

- b. Berlin Rally
- c. Alpine Rally (correct)
- d. Wales Rally

25. Like Christopher Columbus in 1492, the Classic Mini essentially discovered American soil in what year?

- a. 1961
- b. 1958
- c. 1960 (correct)
- d. 1956

26. When the original versions of the Classic Mini were introduced in 1959, many college students passed the time trying to stuff themselves (and many of their friends) into telephone booths for fun in an activity known as telephone booth stuffing. It's hard to believe that, while these bright minds were at work, Alec Issigonis was implementing and popularizing a new technology into his cars. What is the revolutionary technology he included in the first production versions of the Classic Mini in 1959?

- a. Single port fuel injection
- b. Dual wishbone suspension
- c. Transverse engine front-wheel drive (correct)
- d. Longitudinal engine rear-wheel drive

27. Mini joined the ranks of British royalty in 1969 when one of its cornerstone members was knighted for his contributions to the field of automotive engineering. Do you know who this regal knight was?

- a. Sir Paul McCartney
- b. Sir Walter Raleigh
- c. Sir John Cooper
- d. Sir Alec Issigonis (correct)

28. Between 1959 and 2000, the world saw the coming and going of various fads like lava lamps, Ouija boards, dashboard hula girls, Cabbage Patch Kids, and fanny packs. All the while, Mini was churning out an astounding number of cars and keeping up with the times. How many cars did Mini produce worldwide over the course of these forty-one years?

- a. 2 million
- b. 4.2 million
- c. 5.4 million (correct)
- d. 10.3 million

29. In the tradition of monumental forward thinkers like Albert Einstein and Howard Hughes, the Classic Mini took the special features of its 1976 edition Mini Cooper to a bright, comfortable, and innovative new level. What were two of these special features?

- a. Laminate wood paneling and inflatable seat cushions
- b. Orange carpeting and reclining front seats (correct)
- c. One million candlepower headlights and cushioned seatbelts
- d. Neon exterior paint options and fold down rear seats

30. In 1990, Mini enthusiasts motored their way along a 2,000 mile route from England to Italy and back to raise money for children's charities. The event was named after a 1969 movie in which Classic Mini cars starred alongside major Hollywood actor Michael Caine. Can you name the movie?

- a. The Italian Job (correct)
- b. The Love Bug

- c. Easy Rider
- d. Cooperstown

31. In what decade did the Classic Mini bow to the pressure from the manual transmission challenged folks and begin offering automatic transmissions to the public?

- a. 1950's
- b. 1960's (correct)
- c. 1970's
- d. 1980's

32. Celebrities have been drawn to the charm and style of both the Classic Mini and the New MINI. What legendary musician bought a Classic Mini for his wife, Cynthia, in 1964?

- a. Roy Orbison
- b. John Lennon (correct)
- c. Elvis Presley
- d. Mick Jagger

33. The MINI XXL, which debuted in Athens in 2004, most closely resembles what?

- a. a semi-trailer
- b. a Geo Metro
- c. a standard four door sedan
- d. a stretched limo (correct)

34. The new MINI concept car made a brief appearance in 1997 to whet the appetite of MINI enthusiasts who were eager to see the product of the BMW/MINI meld. Do you know where the new MINI concept car made its first quick debut?

- a. Dublin International Auto Show
- b. Frankfurt International Auto Show (correct)
- c. Barret-Jackson Auto Auction
- d. The Italian Job movie premiere in Los Angeles, California

35. Evonne Goolagong (yes, that's her real name) wins Wimbledon, Baltimore defeats Dallas in the Super Bowl, Alec Issigonis retires, and productions of the Mini Cooper S ends. What year did these events occur?

- a. 1983
- b. 1975
- c. 1971 (correct)
- d. 1974

36. The irresistibly charming and engaging name, "Mini" was not the original name given to Issigonis's first generation creation. The first cars had an identity crisis. What were the two names given to the generation of Mini automobiles?

- a. Alec Five and Tiny Phillip
- b. Mouse One and Major Mini
- c. James Four and Morris Minor-Major
- d. Austin Seven and Morris Mini-Major (correct)

37. If you've ever tried snowboarding, you know you pretty much stink the first time you strap on a board. When did Mini entered six cars in its debut rally race in 1960, let's just say that there was

room for improvement. Where did Mini make its rally debut?

- a. Alpine Rally
- b. Monte Carlo Rally (correct)
- c. Ibiza Rally
- d. Cannes Rally