

Round 3: Physics in Popular Culture

1 What was the name of the physicist in Hergé's *Tintin* comics?

- A. Professor Calculus B. Dr Maths C. Prof. Angle D. Dr Division

2 Who played Nikola Tesla in the 2006 film *The Prestige*?

- A. Hugh Jackman B. Christian Bale C. David Bowie D. Michael Caine

3 Which band had a visual representation of the pulsar CP 1919 as the cover image for their debut album?

- A. Oasis B. Joy Division C. The Happy Mondays D. The Smiths

4 Which artist painted a special instrument calibration chart for the *Beagle 2* lander?

- A. David Hockney B. Tracey Emin C. Sarah Lucas D. Damien Hirst

5 Which famous physicist makes an appearance in Steve Martin's 1993 play *Picasso at the Lapin Agile*?

- A. Albert Einstein B. Paul Dirac C. Richard Feynman D. Erwin Schrödinger

6 Who first discovered the 35P/Herschel–Rigollet comet?

- A. William Herschel B. Roger Rigollet C. Caroline Herschel D. Nevil Maskelyne

7 What number reactor was the site of the Chernobyl disaster in 1986?

- A. Reactor 1 B. Reactor 2 C. Reactor 3 D. Reactor 4

8 Which famous physicist once said: "The good thing about science is that it's true whether or not you believe in it."?

- A. Brian Cox B. Carl Sagan C. Neil deGrasse Tyson D. Jocelyn Bell Burnell

9 Who wrote about the Big Bang in their 1846 prose poem *Eureka*?

- A. Edgar Allen Poe B. Walt Whitman C. William Carlos Williams D. Emily Dickinson

10 Which Kurt Vonnegut Jr. novel features the fictional Nobel-prize-winning physicist Felix Hoenikker?

- A. *The Sirens of Titan* B. *Timequake* C. *Cat's Cradle* D. *Galápagos*