# World History MCQ Test with Answers

1. In which year did the French Revolution begin?

* A. 1787
* B. 1789
* C. 1791
* D. 1793

Answer: B. 1789

2. Who was the first emperor of Rome?

* A. Julius Caesar
* B. Augustus
* C. Nero
* D. Caligula

Answer: B. Augustus

3. The Magna Carta was signed in what year?

* A. 1215
* B. 1225
* C. 1235
* D. 1245

Answer: A. 1215

4. Who discovered America in 1492?

* A. Vasco da Gama
* B. Christopher Columbus
* C. Ferdinand Magellan
* D. Amerigo Vespucci

Answer: B. Christopher Columbus

5. The Black Death peaked in Europe during which century?

* A. 12th
* B. 13th
* C. 14th
* D. 15th

Answer: C. 14th

6. Which empire was ruled by Genghis Khan?

* A. Ottoman
* B. Mongol
* C. Persian
* D. Gupta

Answer: B. Mongol

7. The Renaissance began in which country?

* A. France
* B. England
* C. Italy
* D. Spain

Answer: C. Italy

8. Who invented the printing press?

* A. Johannes Gutenberg
* B. Isaac Newton
* C. Galileo Galilei
* D. Leonardo da Vinci

Answer: A. Johannes Gutenberg

9. The American Declaration of Independence was signed in which year?

* A. 1776
* B. 1781
* C. 1783
* D. 1787

Answer: A. 1776

10. Who was the longest-reigning British monarch before Queen Elizabeth II?

* A. Queen Victoria
* B. King George III
* C. Queen Anne
* D. King Henry VIII

Answer: A. Queen Victoria

11. The Berlin Wall fell in which year?

* A. 1987
* B. 1988
* C. 1989
* D. 1990

Answer: C. 1989

12. Who was the first President of the United States?

* A. Thomas Jefferson
* B. George Washington
* C. John Adams
* D. James Madison

Answer: B. George Washington

13. The Russian Revolution happened in which year?

* A. 1905
* B. 1914
* C. 1917
* D. 1920

Answer: C. 1917

14. Who was known as the 'Sun King'?

* A. Louis XVI
* B. Louis XIV
* C. Louis XV
* D. Henry IV

Answer: B. Louis XIV

15. The Industrial Revolution began in which country?

* A. United States
* B. Germany
* C. United Kingdom
* D. France

Answer: C. United Kingdom

16. Who was the Egyptian queen who had a relationship with Julius Caesar?

* A. Cleopatra
* B. Nefertiti
* C. Hatshepsut
* D. Sobekneferu

Answer: A. Cleopatra

17. The Battle of Waterloo took place in what year?

* A. 1812
* B. 1815
* C. 1820
* D. 1825

Answer: B. 1815

18. Who wrote the 95 Theses that sparked the Protestant Reformation?

* A. Martin Luther
* B. John Calvin
* C. Henry VIII
* D. Ulrich Zwingli

Answer: A. Martin Luther

19. The Ottoman Empire officially ended after which war?

* A. Crimean War
* B. World War I
* C. Balkan Wars
* D. World War II

Answer: B. World War I

20. Which city was the capital of the Aztec Empire?

* A. Tenochtitlan
* B. Cuzco
* C. Machu Picchu
* D. Teotihuacan

Answer: A. Tenochtitlan

21. Who led India to independence through nonviolent resistance?

* A. Mahatma Gandhi
* B. Jawaharlal Nehru
* C. Subhas Chandra Bose
* D. Bhagat Singh

Answer: A. Mahatma Gandhi

22. The Pax Romana refers to period of peace in Roman Empire lasting roughly how many years?

* A. 50
* B. 100
* C. 200
* D. 300

Answer: C. 200

23. Who was the famed Carthaginian military commander in the Second Punic War?

* A. Hannibal
* B. Scipio Africanus
* C. Julius Caesar
* D. Saladin

Answer: A. Hannibal

24. The Spanish Armada was defeated in which year?

* A. 1588
* B. 1598
* C. 1608
* D. 1618

Answer: A. 1588

25. Who was the leader of Nazi Germany during World War II?

* A. Adolf Hitler
* B. Benito Mussolini
* C. Joseph Stalin
* D. Winston Churchill

Answer: A. Adolf Hitler

26. The Enlightenment is often called the Age of what?

* A. Reason
* B. Faith
* C. Empires
* D. Revolutions

Answer: A. Reason

27. Which event began on July 28, 1914?

* A. Start of World War I
* B. End of World War I
* C. Start of World War II
* D. End of World War II

Answer: A. Start of World War I

28. Who was the first female Prime Minister of the United Kingdom?

* A. Margaret Thatcher
* B. Theresa May
* C. Angela Merkel
* D. Golda Meir

Answer: A. Margaret Thatcher

29. Which civilization built the pyramids at Giza?

* A. Sumerians
* B. Egyptians
* C. Mayans
* D. Indians

Answer: B. Egyptians

30. The Treaty of Versailles was signed in which year?

* A. 1918
* B. 1919
* C. 1920
* D. 1921

Answer: B. 1919

31. Who painted the Mona Lisa?

* A. Leonardo da Vinci
* B. Michelangelo
* C. Raphael
* D. Donatello

Answer: A. Leonardo da Vinci

32. The Great Wall of China was primarily built to protect against which group?

* A. Mongols
* B. Huns
* C. Turks
* D. Romans

Answer: A. Mongols

33. Who wrote 'The Prince,' a political treatise?

* A. Niccolò Machiavelli
* B. Thomas Hobbes
* C. John Locke
* D. Rousseau

Answer: A. Niccolò Machiavelli

34. The American Civil War began in which year?

* A. 1860
* B. 1861
* C. 1862
* D. 1863

Answer: B. 1861

35. Who was the Roman goddess of wisdom?

* A. Venus
* B. Hera
* C. Minerva
* D. Athena

Answer: C. Minerva

36. The Bolsheviks were a faction during which revolution?

* A. French Revolution
* B. Russian Revolution
* C. Chinese Revolution
* D. American Revolution

Answer: B. Russian Revolution

37. Who was the first European to reach India by sea?

* A. Vasco da Gama
* B. Christopher Columbus
* C. Ferdinand Magellan
* D. Marco Polo

Answer: A. Vasco da Gama

38. The Battle of Hastings occurred in which year?

* A. 1066
* B. 1088
* C. 1100
* D. 1111

Answer: A. 1066

39. Who was the leader of the Soviet Union during World War II?

* A. Vladimir Lenin
* B. Joseph Stalin
* C. Nikita Khrushchev
* D. Mikhail Gorbachev

Answer: B. Joseph Stalin

40. The Magna Carta limited the power of the king of which country?

* A. England
* B. France
* C. Spain
* D. Portugal

Answer: A. England

41. Who was the Mongol ruler who conquered much of Asia in the 13th century?

* A. Kublai Khan
* B. Hulagu Khan
* C. Genghis Khan
* D. Batu Khan

Answer: C. Genghis Khan

42. The Reign of Terror occurred during which revolution?

* A. Russian
* B. French
* C. American
* D. Haitian

Answer: B. French Revolution

43. Who argued for heliocentrism?

* A. Galileo Galilei
* B. Johannes Kepler
* C. Nicolaus Copernicus
* D. Isaac Newton

Answer: C. Nicolaus Copernicus

44. The Berlin Conference of 1884-85 divided control of Africa among European powers. Which country was NOT present?

* A. China
* B. Britain
* C. France
* D. Germany

Answer: A. China

45. Who initiated the Protestant Reformation?

* A. Martin Luther
* B. John Calvin
* C. Henry VIII
* D. Jan Hus

Answer: A. Martin Luther

46. Which empire was known as the Land of the Rising Sun?

* A. Chinese
* B. Japanese
* C. Aztec
* D. Inca

Answer: B. Japanese

47. Who was the British Admiral defeated at the Battle of Trafalgar?

* A. Admiral Nelson
* B. Admiral Beatty
* C. Admiral Jellicoe
* D. Admiral Rodney

Answer: A. Admiral Nelson

48. The Code of Hammurabi was created by which ancient king?

* A. Hammurabi
* B. Gilgamesh
* C. Nebuchadnezzar
* D. Sargon

Answer: A. Hammurabi

49. Who discovered penicillin?

* A. Marie Curie
* B. Alexander Fleming
* C. Louis Pasteur
* D. Jonas Salk

Answer: B. Alexander Fleming

50. The Soviet Union launched the first artificial satellite, Sputnik, in which year?

* A. 1955
* B. 1957
* C. 1959
* D. 1961

Answer: B. 1957