

Global Art & Design Expedition

Art & Design Basics · Answer Key · 21 Questions

1. The ancient Egyptian art style, characterized by its hieroglyphic writing and monumental architecture like the pyramids, is primarily associated with which river valley?

- A) Tigris-Euphrates River Valley
- B) Indus River Valley
- C) Nile River Valley**
- D) Yellow River Valley

2. Which European country is renowned as the birthplace of the Renaissance, a period that profoundly influenced Western art and design with artists like Leonardo da Vinci and Michelangelo?

- A) France
- B) Spain
- C) England
- D) Italy**

3. The intricate geometric patterns and calligraphy found in Islamic art and architecture, such as those in the Alhambra palace, originated from which region?

- A) East Asia
- B) North Africa and the Middle East**
- C) Sub-Saharan Africa
- D) Oceania

4. The distinctive minimalist aesthetic and emphasis on natural materials in many Scandinavian designs have their roots in which geographical area?

- A) The Nordic countries (e.g., Sweden, Denmark, Norway)**
- B) The Balkan Peninsula
- C) The Iberian Peninsula
- D) The British Isles

5. Which continent is the origin of the earliest known cave paintings, such as those found in Lascaux and Chauvet, which are considered foundational to human artistic expression?

- A) Africa
- B) Australia
- C) Europe**
- D) Asia

6. The vibrant and expressive folk art traditions of Mexico, including its distinctive papel picado and Day of the Dead imagery, are deeply influenced by its indigenous heritage and which geographical setting?

- A) The Andes Mountains
- B) The Amazon Rainforest
- C) Mesoamerica**
- D) The Great Plains

7. The art of calligraphy, with its highly developed brushstrokes and ink traditions, is a cornerstone of visual culture in which East Asian country?

- A) Japan
- B) South Korea
- C) China**
- D) Vietnam

8. The iconic 'Art Nouveau' movement, with its organic forms and flowing lines, had significant centers in which two major European cities during its peak?

- A) Berlin and Vienna
- B) Paris and Brussels**
- C) Rome and Florence
- D) London and Edinburgh

9. The traditional Aboriginal dot painting style, known for its complex symbolism and connection to the Dreamtime, originates from which continent?

- A) North America
- B) South America
- C) Africa
- D) Australia**

10. The development of functional and aesthetically pleasing Bauhaus design principles, emphasizing simplicity and mass production, is strongly associated with the industrial landscape of which country?

- A) United States
- B) Germany**
- C) Russia
- D) Canada

11. Which region is known for its vibrant 'ukiyo-e' woodblock prints, depicting scenes of everyday life, beautiful women, and landscapes, a style that heavily influenced Impressionist painters?

- A) India
- B) Indonesia
- C) Japan**
- D) Thailand

12. The rich textile traditions of India, including intricate embroidery and block printing techniques, are deeply tied to its diverse regional cultures and which geographical characteristic?

- A) Arctic tundra
- B) Tropical rainforests
- C) Arid deserts
- D) Monsoon climate**

13. The distinctive style of Dutch Golden Age painting, characterized by realism and domestic scenes, flourished in a period of great prosperity for which nation?

- A) The Netherlands**
- B) Portugal
- C) Belgium
- D) Switzerland

14. The minimalist and Zen-inspired garden design, emphasizing tranquility and natural elements, is a cultural hallmark of which Asian island nation?

- A) Philippines
- B) Taiwan
- C) South Korea
- D) Japan**

15. Which African civilization produced sophisticated bronze sculptures and intricate carvings, particularly from the city of Ife and the Kingdom of Benin, known for their naturalism and craftsmanship?

- A) Ancient Greece
- B) The Roman Empire
- C) West African kingdoms**
- D) Mesoamerican empires

16. The vibrant colours and geometric patterns found in traditional Andean textiles, often woven from alpaca and llama wool, are characteristic of art from which South American mountain range?

- A) The Rockies
- B) The Alps
- C) The Himalayas
- D) The Andes**

17. The Impressionist movement, with its focus on capturing fleeting moments and light, largely developed in and around which major European capital city?

- A) Berlin
- B) Madrid
- C) Paris**
- D) Vienna

18. The art and architecture of Ancient Greece, including the Parthenon and its emphasis on proportion and harmony, significantly influenced the development of Western aesthetics and originated from which Mediterranean region?

- A) The Aegean Sea region**
- B) The Black Sea region
- C) The North African coast
- D) The Eastern Mediterranean islands

19. Which country is famous for its intricate Kente cloth weaving, a traditional textile art form with symbolic patterns and vibrant colors, used for ceremonial occasions and status symbols?

- A) Nigeria
- B) Kenya
- C) Ghana**
- D) Senegal

20. The modern design movement known as 'Scandinavian Modern,' characterized by its functionalism and organic forms, originated in the post-World War II era in which region?

- A) The Baltic states
- B) The Nordic countries**
- C) The British Isles
- D) The Low Countries

21. The art and architecture of the Byzantine Empire, known for its mosaics and domed churches, was centered around which historically significant city?

A) Rome

B) Athens

C) Constantinople (modern-day Istanbul)

D) Alexandria