

Milestones in Photographic History

Photography · Practice Test · 25 Questions

1. What is considered the earliest surviving permanent photograph, taken by Joseph Nicéphore Niépce in 1826 or 1827?

- A) View from the Window at Le Gras
- B) Boulevard du Temple
- C) The Pencil of Nature
- D) Self-Portrait as a Drowned Man

2. Which 1839 process, invented by Louis Daguerre, used silver-plated copper sheets sensitized with iodine vapor?

- A) Calotype
- B) Daguerreotype
- C) Wet Collodion
- D) Tintype

3. Who is credited with inventing the 'calotype' process in 1841, which allowed for the creation of multiple paper prints from a single negative?

- A) William Henry Fox Talbot
- B) John Herschel
- C) Frederick Scott Archer
- D) Hippolyte Bayard

4. What was the first commercial 'dry plate' process introduced in 1871, significantly increasing the convenience of photography?

- A) Gelatin silver process
- B) Albumen print
- C) Cyanotype
- D) Ambrotype

5. In 1861, James Clerk Maxwell demonstrated the first durable color photograph using which color separation method?

- A) Additive color
- B) Subtractive color
- C) Polarized film
- D) Chromogenic process

6. Which invention by Frederick Scott Archer in 1851 provided high detail and short exposure times but required the plate to be developed while wet?

- A) Wet collodion process
- B) Autochrome
- C) Daguerreotype
- D) Carbon print

7. What was the world's first mass-marketed roll-film camera, introduced by George Eastman in 1888?

- A) Leica I
- B) Kodak No. 1
- C) Brownie
- D) Polaroid Land Camera

8. In what year was the first photograph of the human moon landing captured, specifically referring to the first image taken from the lunar surface?

- A) 1965
- B) 1969
- C) 1971
- D) 1972

9. The first practical color photography process, commercially available in 1907, was known as what?

- A) Kodachrome
- B) Autochrome Lumière
- C) Technicolor
- D) Dye-transfer

10. Who took the first photograph of a person, 'Boulevard du Temple,' in 1838 by utilizing a long exposure that excluded moving traffic?

- A) Louis Daguerre
- B) Nicéphore Niépce
- C) Samuel Morse
- D) Thomas Edison

11. What was the primary chemical component used in the invention of 'cyanotype' photography, first described in 1842 by John Herschel?

- A) Iron salts
- B) Silver nitrate
- C) Potassium dichromate
- D) Copper sulfate

12. The first digital camera, built in 1975 by Steven Sasson, was developed while he was working at which corporation?

- A) Kodak
- B) Sony
- C) Canon
- D) Nikon

13. Which female photographer is credited with creating the first book illustrated entirely with photographs, 'Photographs of British Algae: Cyanotype Impressions' (1843)?

- A) Julia Margaret Cameron
- B) Anna Atkins
- C) Dorothea Lange
- D) Margaret Bourke-White

14. What type of camera, patented by Edwin Land in 1947, allowed for the development of a photograph in under one minute?

- A) Instant camera
- B) Rangefinder
- C) Twin-lens reflex
- D) Single-lens reflex

15. The 'first light' photograph (the first image ever captured of a human face) is widely attributed to whom?

- A) John William Draper
- B) Robert Cornelius
- C) Mathew Brady
- D) Timothy O'Sullivan

16. Which 1935 innovation marked the first commercially successful color film for still photography?

- A) Kodachrome
- B) Agfacolor
- C) Fujichrome
- D) Ektachrome

17. What was the name of the first commercially available 35mm camera, introduced in 1925?

- A) Leica I
- B) Contax I
- C) Canon Hansa
- D) Nikon M

18. In 1858, Gaspard-Félix Tournachon (Nadar) achieved what first in the history of photography?

- A) First aerial photograph
- B) First underwater photograph
- C) First X-ray photograph
- D) First microphotography

19. Who is credited with taking the first known photograph of lightning in 1882?

- A) William Jennings
- B) George Shiras III
- C) Louis Daguerre
- D) Eadweard Muybridge

20. What 1878 sequence of photographs proved that all four of a horse's hooves leave the ground at a gallop?

- A) The Horse in Motion
- B) Animal Locomotion
- C) Studies in Motion
- D) Galloping Equine

21. The 'first digital image' created via a scanner (the 'pre-digital camera' era) in 1957 was a photo of what?

- A) The inventor's son
- B) A mountain range
- C) A cat
- D) The moon

22. Which method was used to create the first photograph of the Earth taken from space in 1946 using a V-2 rocket?

- A) 35mm motion picture camera
- B) Large format plate camera
- C) Daguerreotype
- D) Polaroid back

23. The first photograph showing the 'camera obscura' phenomenon, which is the basis for all cameras, was recorded in what ancient text?

- A) The Mozi
- B) The Bible
- C) The Republic
- D) The Iliad

24. What was the first mass-produced camera targeted at children, released by Eastman Kodak in 1900?

- A) Brownie
- B) Instamatic
- C) Disc Camera
- D) Box Tengor

25. The first 'flash' photography was performed by Henry Fox Talbot in 1851 using which substance to create a high-speed burst?

- A) Electric spark
- B) Magnesium powder
- C) Gunpowder
- D) Flashbulb