

Advanced Genealogical Records and History

Genealogy · Answer Key · 12 Questions

1. In which year did the United Kingdom's General Register Office begin the mandatory civil registration of births, marriages, and deaths?

- A) 1801
- B) 1837**
- C) 1858
- D) 1881

2. The Domesday Book, a vital resource for English genealogy, was completed in the reign of which monarch?

- A) William I**
- B) Henry I
- C) Edward the Confessor
- D) Stephen

3. What is the specific name of the generation commonly defined as children born between 1946 and 1964?

- A) Generation X
- B) The Silent Generation
- C) Baby Boomers**
- D) Millennials

4. The 'Great Migration' of Puritans to New England, a major source for American genealogical research, occurred primarily between which years?

- A) 1607-1620
- B) 1620-1640**
- C) 1640-1660
- D) 1660-1680

5. Which Australian state began the official civil registration of births, deaths, and marriages in 1856?

- A) New South Wales
- B) Victoria**
- C) Queensland
- D) Western Australia

6. What is the common term used in genealogy to refer to an individual's direct ancestor who is separated by exactly four generations?

- A) Great-great-grandparent
- B) Great-grandparent
- C) Second great-grandparent
- D) Third great-grandparent

7. The 1881 Census of the United Kingdom was the first to be fully transcribed and indexed by whom?

- A) The National Archives
- B) The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
- C) The British Library
- D) Ancestry.com

8. In French genealogical records, what does the term 'fils naturel' strictly signify?

- A) A son born out of wedlock
- B) A son who inherited the title
- C) A son who entered the clergy
- D) A son born during a leap year

9. Which U.S. Federal Census year was the first to list the names of all household members, rather than just the head of the household?

- A) 1790
- B) 1820
- C) 1850
- D) 1880

10. The 'Old Style' to 'New Style' calendar reform in Britain and its colonies, which shifted the start of the legal year, occurred in which year?

- A) 1600
- B) 1752
- C) 1799
- D) 1812

11. How many generations are typically included in a standard 'Ahnentafel' report covering a subject and their direct ancestors?

- A) 4
- B) 5
- C) 8
- D) Variable length

12. Which British act, passed in 1858, transferred the jurisdiction of probate records from ecclesiastical courts to the state?

A) The Wills Act

B) The Probate Act

C) The Court of Probate Act

D) The Civil Registration Act