

Early Video Game Wonders

Video Game History · Practice Test · 15 Questions

1. What was the name of the very first widely successful arcade video game, released in 1972, where players controlled a paddle to hit a bouncing ball?

- A) Space Invaders
- B) Pac-Man
- C) Pong
- D) Asteroids

2. Which company released the Magnavox Odyssey, considered the first home video game console in 1972?

- A) Atari
- B) Nintendo
- C) Magnavox
- D) Sega

3. Who is often credited with creating the very first video game, 'Tennis for Two', in 1958, using an oscilloscope?

- A) Nolan Bushnell
- B) Shigeru Miyamoto
- C) William Higinbotham
- D) Ralph H. Baer

4. What iconic 1978 arcade game, featuring aliens descending from the top of the screen, was so popular it caused a temporary coin shortage in Japan?

- A) Donkey Kong
- B) Galaxian
- C) Space Invaders
- D) Centipede

5. The Atari 2600, released in 1977, was a groundbreaking home console that used interchangeable cartridges to play different games. What company developed it?

- A) Magnavox
- B) Coleco
- C) Atari
- D) Mattel

6. What character, known for his distinctive yellow, circular shape and love for eating dots, first appeared in arcades in 1980?

- A) Mario
- B) Sonic
- C) Pac-Man
- D) Link

7. Which game, released in 1981, introduced the character of Mario (originally called 'Jumpman') and involved climbing ladders to rescue a damsel in distress from an ape?

- A) Super Mario Bros.
- B) Donkey Kong
- C) Mario Bros.
- D) Yoshi's Island

8. The 'Video Game Crash of 1983' significantly impacted the North American market. What company, known for its popular 'ET the Extra-Terrestrial' game, is often associated with this crash?

- A) Nintendo
- B) Sega
- C) Atari
- D) Coleco

9. What Japanese company revitalized the home video game market in 1985 with the release of the Nintendo Entertainment System (NES)?

- A) Sony
- B) Sega
- C) Nintendo
- D) Konami

10. Which groundbreaking adventure game, first released in 1986 for the Famicom, featured a silent protagonist named Link exploring the land of Hyrule?

- A) Metroid
- B) Final Fantasy
- C) The Legend of Zelda
- D) Dragon Quest

11. In 1989, Nintendo released a portable gaming device that allowed people to play games on the go. What was it called?

- A) Game Gear
- B) Game Boy
- C) Atari Lynx
- D) WonderSwan

12. What iconic blue hedgehog, known for his super speed, was created by Sega as a rival to Nintendo's Mario?

- A) Crash Bandicoot
- B) Sonic
- C) Mega Man
- D) Rayman

13. The Super Nintendo Entertainment System (SNES), released in 1990, was known for its advanced graphics and sound. What company manufactured this console?

- A) Sega
- B) Atari
- C) Sony
- D) Nintendo

14. What puzzle game, featuring falling blocks that players must arrange to clear lines, became a massive international hit in the late 1980s and early 1990s?

- A) Bejeweled
- B) Candy Crush Saga
- C) Tetris
- D) Dr. Mario

15. Which company released the PlayStation console in 1994, marking a significant entry into the home video game market and ushering in a new era of 3D graphics?

- A) Nintendo
- B) Sega
- C) Sony
- D) Microsoft