

Fashion History Fundamentals

History Of Fashion · Answer Key · 18 Questions

1. Which ancient civilization is credited with the invention of the loom for weaving fabric?

- A) Ancient Egypt**
- B) Ancient Greece
- C) Ancient China
- D) Ancient Mesopotamia

2. During the 18th century in Europe, what was the primary purpose of a 'pannier' worn under a dress?

- A) To provide warmth
- B) To extend the width of the skirt**
- C) To support the corset
- D) To create a bustle effect

3. What synthetic fiber, introduced in the 1930s, revolutionized the hosiery industry as a cheaper alternative to silk?

- A) Polyester
- B) Rayon
- C) Nylon**
- D) Acrylic

4. In the 1920s, which fashion style characterized by a straight, loose silhouette became popular for women?

- A) The Flapper look**
- B) The Victorian silhouette
- C) The New Look
- D) The Hippie aesthetic

5. What was the main function of the 'crinoline' frame introduced in the mid-19th century?

- A) To flatten the stomach
- B) To support and shape voluminous skirts**
- C) To hold up heavy stockings
- D) To protect clothing from mud

6. Which designer is famously credited with introducing the 'Little Black Dress' to high fashion in the 1920s?

- A) Christian Dior
- B) Coco Chanel**
- C) Elsa Schiaparelli
- D) Jeanne Lanvin

7. What type of clothing became a symbol of the 'Youthquake' movement in the 1960s?

- A) The ballgown
- B) The miniskirt**
- C) The power suit
- D) The corset

8. During the Middle Ages, what fabric was most commonly used for the undergarments of all social classes?

- A) Silk
- B) Velvet
- C) Linen**
- D) Synthetic blends

9. What major global event in the 1940s led to strict fabric rationing and shorter hemlines?

- A) The Great Depression
- B) World War II**
- C) The Industrial Revolution
- D) The Cold War

10. Which Victorian-era accessory was used to protect the face from the sun and maintain a pale complexion?

- A) The parasol**
- B) The fan
- C) The bonnet
- D) The muff

11. What fashion item became a global cultural icon for teenagers in the 1950s after being worn by actors like James Dean?

- A) Leather jackets and jeans**
- B) Tweed blazers
- C) Silk cravats
- D) Tailored tuxedos

12. The 'New Look' style, which returned to full skirts and nipped-in waists, was launched in 1947 by which designer?

A) Hubert de Givenchy

B) Christian Dior

C) Yves Saint Laurent

D) Cristóbal Balenciaga

13. Before the invention of the sewing machine, how were most garments constructed?

A) By water-powered looms

B) By hand-stitching

C) By knitting machines

D) By molding fabric

14. Which natural fiber, originating from the hair of a specific animal, was highly prized in ancient times for its warmth?

A) Cotton

B) Silk

C) Wool

D) Hemp

15. What did the 'toga' signify in Ancient Roman society?

A) Military status

B) Citizenship status

C) Religious devotion

D) Slave status

16. Which decade is best known for the popularity of wide 'bell-bottom' trousers?

A) 1950s

B) 1970s

C) 1990s

D) 1940s

17. What textile, imported from India, became extremely popular in 17th-century Europe due to its vibrant prints?

A) Chintz

B) Denim

C) Tweed

D) Satin

18. In the 18th century, what was the 'macaroni' style known for in men's fashion?

A) Practical workwear

B) Exaggerated and flamboyant clothing

C) Simple military uniforms

D) Heavy winter furs