

Fashion History Fundamentals

History Of Fashion · Practice Test · 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