

Circus Arts Proficiency

Performing Arts · Practice Test · 15 Questions

1. What is the specific name for the safety net positioned beneath a high-wire performer?

- A) Catch-line
- B) Safety mesh
- C) Fly-net
- D) Longe

2. In aerial arts, what is the 'silk' or fabric apparatus officially known as?

- A) Tissu
- B) Velvet cord
- C) Aero-rope
- D) Canvas ribbon

3. Which circus discipline primarily focuses on the manipulation of multiple objects in a rhythmic pattern?

- A) Acrobatics
- B) Juggling
- C) Contortion
- D) Clowning

4. What is the vertical pole used in 'Chinese Pole' acts typically coated with to provide grip?

- A) Varnish
- B) Rubber
- C) Fabric
- D) Powdered chalk

5. What is the professional term for a performer who excels in extreme flexibility and body bending?

- A) Flexor
- B) Contortionist
- C) Gymnast
- D) Balancer

6. Which piece of equipment is used by 'aerial hoop' artists to perform spinning and hanging tricks?

- A) Lyra
- B) Cradle
- C) Trapeze
- D) Ring-stand

7. In acrobatics, what is a 'base' responsible for during a partner balancing act?

- A) Executing flips
- B) Supporting the flyer
- C) Directing music
- D) Spotting the audience

8. What is the purpose of a 'longe' used during training for dangerous circus stunts?

- A) Decorative effect
- B) Weight balancing
- C) Safety harness system
- D) Prop storage

9. Which physical principle do tightrope walkers primarily use to maintain stability?

- A) Centrifugal force
- B) Center of gravity
- C) Friction
- D) Inertia

10. What is the specific name for the platform located at the very top of a circus tent?

- A) Cupola
- B) Apex
- C) Crown
- D) Truss

11. Which type of prop is used in the traditional circus art of 'diabolo'?

- A) A spinning top on a string
- B) A balanced plate
- C) A weighted ball
- D) A juggling club

12. What is the technical term for the 'flyer' in a flying trapeze act jumping from one bar to another?

- A) The catch
- B) The release
- C) The transition
- D) The swing

13. Which historical figure is often credited with establishing the structure of the modern circus in 1768?

- A) P.T. Barnum
- B) Philip Astley
- C) Carl Hagenbeck
- D) James Bailey

14. What is a 'human pyramid' in circus arts classified as?

- A) Static acrobatics
- B) Dynamic movement
- C) A transition
- D) A solo act

15. What material is the 'clown nose' most traditionally made from in professional settings?

- A) Hard plastic
- B) Soft foam or rubber
- C) Wood
- D) Metal