

Fundamentals of Video Game History

History Of Video Games · Practice Test · 15 Questions

1. Which 1972 arcade game, developed by Atari, is widely considered the first commercially successful video game?

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

2. Which company released the Nintendo Entertainment System (NES) in North America in 1985, helping to revive the video game industry?

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

3. In 1980, which iconic maze-chase game featured a yellow character eating dots and avoiding ghosts?

- A) Dig Dug
- B) Galaga
- C) Pac-Man
- D) Donkey Kong

4. The 'Great Video Game Crash' of 1983 was primarily caused by an oversupply of low-quality games on which console?

- A) Atari 2600
- B) Magnavox Odyssey
- C) Intellivision
- D) ColecoVision

5. Which handheld console, released by Nintendo in 1989, popularized portable gaming with its bundled game 'Tetris'?

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

6. Which game, released by id Software in 1993, is credited with popularizing the First-Person Shooter (FPS) genre?

- A) Half-Life
- B) Quake
- C) Doom
- D) Wolfenstein 3D

7. In 1994, which company entered the console market with the release of the PlayStation, utilizing CD-ROM technology?

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

8. The character Mario made his first appearance in which 1981 arcade game?

- A) Donkey Kong
- B) Super Mario Bros.
- C) Mario Kart
- D) Wrecking Crew

9. Which game series, first released in 1996, revolves around capturing, training, and battling creatures?

- A) Digimon
- B) Monster Rancher
- C) Pokémon
- D) Dragon Quest

10. Microsoft entered the home console market in 2001 with the release of which system?

- A) Xbox
- B) Dreamcast
- C) GameCube
- D) PlayStation 2

11. Which legendary game designer is credited with creating the Mario, Zelda, and Donkey Kong franchises?

- A) Hideo Kojima
- B) Shigeru Miyamoto
- C) Sid Meier
- D) Will Wright

12. What was the first commercially available home video game console, released in 1972?

- A) Magnavox Odyssey
- B) Atari 2600
- C) ColecoVision
- D) Intellivision

13. Which 1978 arcade game is credited with starting the 'Golden Age' of arcade video games?

- A) Space Invaders
- B) Galaxian
- C) Defender
- D) Asteroids

14. Which massively multiplayer online role-playing game (MMORPG), released by Blizzard Entertainment in 2004, became a cultural phenomenon?

- A) EverQuest
- B) World of Warcraft
- C) Ultima Online
- D) Final Fantasy XI

15. The Sega Genesis was released in North America in 1989 to compete directly with which Nintendo console?

- A) Super Nintendo
- B) Nintendo 64
- C) NES
- D) GameCube