

Advanced Military History: Dates, Names, and Numbers

Military History · Answer Key · 18 Questions

1. The Battle of Actium, a decisive naval engagement of the Roman Republic, took place in which year?

- A) 44 BCE
- B) 31 BCE**
- C) 27 BCE
- D) 18 BCE

2. What was the exact number of ships reported by Julius Caesar to have been destroyed or captured by the Veneti in 56 BCE during the Gallic Wars?

- A) 40
- B) 22
- C) 12
- D) 8**

3. The Siege of Constantinople, which marked the end of the Byzantine Empire, occurred in which year?

- A) 1450
- B) 1453**
- C) 1456
- D) 1460

4. During the American Civil War, which Union general successfully commanded the Vicksburg campaign, culminating on July 4, 1863?

- A) George McClellan
- B) William Tecumseh Sherman
- C) Ulysses S. Grant**
- D) Winfield Scott Hancock

5. The Battle of Blenheim, a major engagement of the War of the Spanish Succession, was fought on August 13th of what year?

- A) 1702
- B) 1704**
- C) 1706
- D) 1708

6. What was the numerical strength of the German VI Army at the start of the Battle of Stalingrad in August 1942?

- A) Approximately 250,000
- B) Approximately 300,000
- C) Approximately 350,000**
- D) Approximately 400,000

7. The Battle of Cannae, a significant Roman defeat during the Second Punic War, took place in which year?

- A) 218 BCE
- B) 216 BCE**
- C) 212 BCE
- D) 202 BCE

8. At the Battle of Agincourt in 1415, the English army, led by Henry V, is estimated to have faced a French force numbering approximately how many men?

- A) 10,000
- B) 20,000
- C) 30,000**
- D) 50,000

9. The Battle of Tsushima, a pivotal naval engagement of the Russo-Japanese War, occurred in which month and year?

- A) May 1904
- B) October 1904
- C) May 1905**
- D) August 1905

10. The assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand, the catalyst for World War I, took place on June 28th of which year?

- A) 1912
- B) 1913
- C) 1914**
- D) 1915

11. What was the specific number of British aircraft deployed in Operation Barbarossa's initial phase against the Soviet Union?

- A) 0**
- B) 12
- C) 24
- D) 48

12. The Battle of Salamis, a turning point in the Greco-Persian Wars, took place in which year?

- A) 490 BCE
- B) 480 BCE**
- C) 479 BCE
- D) 470 BCE

13. The Treaty of Tordesillas, which divided newly discovered lands between Spain and Portugal, was signed in what year?

- A) 1492
- B) 1494**
- C) 1496
- D) 1498

14. During the Hundred Years' War, the Battle of Crécy, a significant English victory, took place in which year?

- A) 1340
- B) 1346**
- C) 1356
- D) 1360

15. The Battle of Wagram, a major Napoleonic victory against Austria, occurred on July 5th and 6th of what year?

- A) 1805
- B) 1807
- C) 1809**
- D) 1812

16. What was the approximate number of Allied troops that landed on the beaches of Normandy on D-Day, June 6, 1944?

- A) 75,000
- B) 100,000
- C) 156,000**
- D) 200,000

17. The Battle of Austerlitz, often considered Napoleon's greatest victory, was fought in which year?

- A) 1800
- B) 1805**
- C) 1807
- D) 1809

18. The Battle of Trafalgar, a decisive naval battle of the Napoleonic Wars, took place on October 21st of which year?

A) 1800

B) 1803

C) 1805

D) 1807