

Fashion History: Pioneering Moments

Fashion History · Answer Key · 20 Questions

1. What material was the first synthetic fabric widely adopted for clothing production, revolutionizing mass manufacturing?

- A) Silk
- B) Cotton
- C) Nylon**
- D) Linen

2. Who is credited with inventing the first practical sewing machine in the mid-19th century, speeding up garment production?

- A) Isaac Singer
- B) Elias Howe**
- C) Charles Frederick Worth
- D) Coco Chanel

3. What significant invention in the late 19th century made zippers a common and reliable fastener for clothing?

- A) The Button**
- B) The Velcro
- C) The Safety Pin
- D) The Hook and Eye

4. Which iconic garment, originally designed for military purposes, became a widespread fashion item in the 20th century?

- A) The T-Shirt
- B) The Trench Coat**
- C) The Denim Jacket
- D) The Polo Shirt

5. What was the first ready-to-wear garment that significantly changed how clothing was produced and sold?

- A) The Suit
- B) The Corset
- C) The Dress Shirt**
- D) The Trouser

6. The invention of the Jacquard loom in the early 19th century allowed for what significant advancement in textile production?

A) Mass production of plain weaves

B) Intricate patterned fabrics

C) Durable synthetic threads

D) Waterproof coatings

7. What type of fabric, first developed in the 1930s, became known for its strength, elasticity, and use in hosiery and activewear?

A) Polyester

B) Rayon

C) Spandex

D) Acrylic

8. The discovery of what process in the 19th century led to the development of permanent dyeing methods for textiles?

A) Natural pigment extraction

B) Synthetic dye synthesis

C) Bleaching techniques

D) Fabric printing methods

9. What was one of the earliest and most significant inventions in mass textile production, dating back to the 18th century?

A) The Electric Loom

B) The Spinning Jenny

C) The Industrial Sewing Machine

D) The Zipper

10. The introduction of what type of shoe, popularized in the early 20th century, offered a more comfortable and practical alternative to traditional footwear?

A) High heels

B) Ballet flats

C) Sneakers

D) Wellington boots

11. What significant invention of the 1940s allowed for the creation of durable, waterproof, and breathable outerwear?

A) Nylon stockings

B) Polyester fabric

C) Gore-Tex

D) Denim jeans

12. The development of what common garment in the late 19th century marked a shift towards more practical and casual clothing for men?

- A) The Top Hat
- B) The Smoking Jacket
- C) The Polo Shirt**
- D) The Bow Tie

13. What innovation in the early 20th century revolutionized the production and availability of hosiery, making stockings more accessible?

- A) The knitting machine**
- B) The dyeing vat
- C) The sewing needle
- D) The fashion magazine

14. The invention of what textile technique in the mid-19th century enabled the mass production of intricate lace patterns?

- A) Hand-weaving
- B) Crocheting
- C) Machine-made lace**
- D) Embroidery

15. What type of garment, popularized in the mid-20th century, became a symbol of youth rebellion and casual style, largely due to advancements in denim production?

- A) The Evening Gown
- B) The Flapper Dress
- C) The Blue Jeans**
- D) The Business Suit

16. The development of the first commercially successful synthetic dye in the mid-19th century was a major breakthrough for which industry?

- A) Leather tanning
- B) Paper manufacturing
- C) Textile dyeing**
- D) Glass blowing

17. What invention in the late 19th century greatly improved the comfort and fit of women's undergarments, moving away from restrictive corsetry?

- A) The Bra**
- B) The Petticoat
- C) The Garter Belt
- D) The Nightgown

18. The creation of what fabric in the early 20th century offered a more affordable and versatile alternative to silk for luxurious garments?

- A) Wool
- B) Linen
- C) Rayon**
- D) Cotton

19. What fashion accessory, initially invented for practical purposes, became a significant symbol of status and style in the 20th century with mass production?

- A) The Pocket Square
- B) The Scarf
- C) The Hat**
- D) The Glove

20. The development of what garment in the early 20th century, designed for sport, eventually became a staple of casual wardrobes worldwide?

- A) The Tuxedo
- B) The Ball Gown
- C) The Hawaiian Shirt**
- D) The Sport Coat