Stock Market Historical Facts

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1. On what date did the Dow Jones Industrial Average experience its largest single-day percentage drop, known as 'Black Monday'?

A) October 19, 1987
B) October 24, 1929
C) September 29, 2008
D) August 24, 2015

2. Who is credited with founding the Dow Jones & Company and creating the first version of the Dow Jones Industrial Average?

A) Benjamin Graham
B) Charles Dow
C) Warren Buffett
D) John Bogle

3. The New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) traces its origin to the signing of the Buttonwood Agreement on May 17 of which year?

A) 1776
B) 1792
C) 1817
D) 1865

4. How many companies were originally included in the Dow Jones Industrial Average when it was first published on May 26, 1896?

A) 10
B) 12
C) 30
D) 50

5. Which company became the first to reach a market capitalization of $1 trillion in August 2018?

A) Microsoft
B) Amazon
C) Apple
D) Alphabet

6. In which year did the London Stock Exchange officially move into its current headquarters in Paternoster Square?

A) 1994
B) 2004
C) 2010
D) 2014

7. As of 2024, what is the total number of companies currently listed in the Dow Jones Industrial Average index?

A) 20
B) 30
C) 50
D) 100

8. The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) in the United States was established by the Securities Exchange Act of which year?

A) 1929
B) 1933
C) 1934
D) 1940

9. What was the final closing value of the Dow Jones Industrial Average on October 28, 1929, the day known as 'Black Monday' of the Great Crash?

A) 260.64
B) 230.07
C) 198.69
D) 381.17

10. Which index is calculated as a market-capitalization-weighted index of the 500 largest companies listed on stock exchanges in the United States?

A) Nasdaq Composite
B) S&P 500
C) Russell 2000
D) Wilshire 5000