

Global Typography and Script Origins

Typography · Answer Key · 18 Questions

1. The Phoenician alphabet, from which most modern Western scripts are derived, originated in which present-day country?

- A) Greece
- B) Lebanon**
- C) Egypt
- D) Italy

2. In which country was the world's first metal movable type printing system invented during the Goryeo Dynasty?

- A) China
- B) Japan
- C) South Korea**
- D) Vietnam

3. The Cyrillic script, widely used in Eastern Europe and Northern Asia, was developed by disciples of Saints Cyril and Methodius in which historical region?

- A) First Bulgarian Empire**
- B) Byzantine Empire
- C) Kievan Rus
- D) Kingdom of Hungary

4. What is the native script of Ethiopia that is one of the oldest in Africa and remains in active use today?

- A) Tifinagh
- B) Ge'ez**
- C) Hieroglyphics
- D) Coptic

5. The 'Guillemet' (double angle quotation mark) is a typographic symbol most commonly used in the official orthography of which European country?

- A) Germany
- B) France**
- C) United Kingdom
- D) Sweden

6. Which script, used primarily for the Punjabi language, is known as the official script of the Indian state of Punjab?

A) Devanagari

B) Gurmukhi

C) Bengali

D) Gujarati

7. The Tifinagh script, officially adopted in Morocco in 2003, is used to write which indigenous language family?

A) Berber

B) Arabic

C) Swahili

D) Coptic

8. Which European capital city is home to the 'Plantin-Moretus Museum', a UNESCO World Heritage site dedicated to the history of printing and typography?

A) Antwerp

B) Amsterdam

C) Brussels

D) Leipzig

9. The Hangul alphabet, which features unique geometric letter shapes designed to mimic the position of the tongue and throat, was promulgated by which monarch?

A) Emperor Meiji

B) King Sejong the Great

C) Emperor Wu of Han

D) King Rama IV

10. Which writing system, developed in the 19th century by a Cherokee silversmith, is a syllabary used to write the Cherokee language in the United States?

A) Inuktitut syllabics

B) Cherokee syllabary

C) Navajo orthography

D) Ojibwe script

11. In which country is the 'Katakana' script predominantly used for foreign loanwords and emphasis?

A) China

B) Japan

C) South Korea

D) Taiwan

12. The Armenian alphabet was created in the 5th century AD by which scholar and monk?

A) Mesrop Mashtots

B) Saint Jerome

C) Cyril of Alexandria

D) John of Damascus

13. Which script is the traditional writing system of Mongolia, written vertically from top to bottom, left to right?

A) Khitan

B) Phags-pa

C) Mongolian Bichig

D) Manchu

14. Which country is home to the 'Bayreuth' font foundry, reflecting a long tradition of German typographic design?

A) Austria

B) Germany

C) Switzerland

D) Luxembourg

15. The 'Inuktitut' language in Canada's Nunavut territory is primarily written using which unique script?

A) Cyrillic

B) Latin alphabet

C) Canadian Aboriginal syllabics

D) Runes

16. What is the primary script used for writing the Thai language, featuring a unique abugida system?

A) Lao script

B) Khmer script

C) Thai script

D) Burmese script

17. Which island nation historically utilized the 'Baybayin' script before the introduction of the Latin alphabet by Spanish colonizers?

A) Philippines

B) Indonesia

C) Malaysia

D) Papua New Guinea

18. The 'Gothic' (Blackletter) typeface style historically dominated the printing presses of which Central European region?

A) Scandinavia

B) Iberian Peninsula

C) German-speaking lands

D) Italy