

Global Typography and Script Origins

Typography · Practice Test · 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