

History of Conspiracy Theories and Debunking

History And Science · Practice Test · 15 Questions

1. Which mission successfully landed humans on the Moon for the first time in 1969?

- A) Apollo 11
- B) Apollo 13
- C) Apollo 1
- D) Gemini 8

2. What is the name of the chemical element used in carbon dating to determine the age of ancient artifacts?

- A) Carbon-12
- B) Carbon-14
- C) Oxygen-16
- D) Nitrogen-14

3. The 'Great Moon Hoax' of 1835 was a series of articles published by which New York newspaper?

- A) The New York Times
- B) The Sun
- C) The Wall Street Journal
- D) New York Post

4. Which astronomical event occurs when the Moon passes directly between the Earth and the Sun?

- A) Lunar Eclipse
- B) Solar Eclipse
- C) Equinox
- D) Solstice

5. What was the name of the official commission established to investigate the assassination of President John F. Kennedy?

- A) The Warren Commission
- B) The 9/11 Commission
- C) The Church Committee
- D) The Tower Commission

6. The 'Flat Earth' theory has been scientifically debunked for centuries; which ancient Greek philosopher calculated the Earth's circumference using shadows?

- A) Aristotle
- B) Plato
- C) Eratosthenes
- D) Socrates

7. Which atmospheric phenomenon is often mistaken for extraterrestrial spacecraft when observed at high altitudes?

- A) Ball lightning
- B) Northern Lights
- C) Lenticular clouds
- D) Mirages

8. What is the primary gas that makes up the majority of Earth's atmosphere?

- A) Oxygen
- B) Carbon Dioxide
- C) Nitrogen
- D) Hydrogen

9. The 1938 radio broadcast of 'The War of the Worlds' famously caused panic because listeners mistook it for what?

- A) A comedy show
- B) A real news report
- C) A historical documentary
- D) A presidential address

10. Which technological invention allows scientists to see high-resolution images of the Apollo landing sites from space?

- A) Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter
- B) Hubble Space Telescope
- C) International Space Station
- D) Voyager 1

11. The 'Pizzagate' conspiracy theory, which claimed a child sex ring operated out of a pizzeria, was debunked by law enforcement for what reason?

- A) Lack of evidence
- B) It was a movie set
- C) The building didn't have a basement
- D) The restaurant was closed

12. Which organization is responsible for tracking near-Earth asteroids to ensure they do not pose a collision threat?

- A) NASA
- B) UNICEF
- C) WHO
- D) UNESCO

13. What is the term for a logical fallacy where someone attacks the person making an argument rather than the argument itself?

- A) Ad hominem
- B) Straw man
- C) Circular reasoning
- D) False dilemma

14. How many astronauts walked on the surface of the Moon during the various Apollo missions?

- A) 6
- B) 12
- C) 24
- D) 3

15. The 'Birds Aren't Real' movement is a modern example of what?

- A) A real scientific study
- B) A parody movement
- C) A classified government project
- D) A historical event