

History of Magic and Illusions

History Of Magic · Practice Test · 15 Questions

1. Who is often called the 'Father of Modern Magic' for moving performances from streets to theaters?

- A) Harry Houdini
- B) Jean-Eugène Robert-Houdin
- C) David Copperfield
- D) Penn Jillette

2. Which famous magician was best known for his daring escape acts?

- A) Harry Houdini
- B) Dante the Magician
- C) Chung Ling Soo
- D) Ricky Jay

3. What is the name of the classic illusion where a magician appears to divide a person in two?

- A) The Vanishing Elephant
- B) The Sawing a Woman in Half
- C) The Floating Lady
- D) The Sword Box

4. In which century did modern stage magic become a popular form of professional entertainment?

- A) 15th Century
- B) 17th Century
- C) 19th Century
- D) 21st Century

5. What is the term for a sleight-of-hand trick that uses playing cards?

- A) Cardistry
- B) Card Manipulation
- C) Card Counting
- D) Card Sculpting

6. Which famous inventor was also an amateur magician who helped design magic props?

- A) Thomas Edison
- B) Nikola Tesla
- C) Alexander Graham Bell
- D) Benjamin Franklin

7. What is the 'Magician's Code' rule regarding tricks?

- A) Never perform on Sundays
- B) Never reveal the secret of a trick
- C) Always use real animals
- D) Never perform for free

8. What did magicians traditionally use to hide objects in their hands during a trick?

- A) A magnet
- B) A trapdoor
- C) Sleight of hand
- D) A hidden camera

9. Which magical prop is most commonly associated with a rabbit appearing?

- A) A magic wand
- B) A top hat
- C) A velvet cape
- D) A wooden table

10. What is the primary purpose of a magician's wand in a performance?

- A) To conduct electricity
- B) To focus the audience's attention
- C) To cast real spells
- D) To measure the stage

11. Where did the 'cups and balls' trick, one of the oldest known magic tricks, originate?

- A) Ancient Egypt
- B) Ancient Rome
- C) Ancient China
- D) Ancient Greece

12. Which famous illusionist is known for making the Statue of Liberty disappear on television?

- A) David Copperfield
- B) Criss Angel
- C) Penn Jillette
- D) Teller

13. What is the name for the thin, invisible thread often used by magicians to make objects appear to float?

- A) Fishing line
- B) Invisible thread
- C) Nylon string
- D) Steel wire

14. Before theaters, where did many early magicians perform their tricks?

- A) Public marketplaces
- B) Inside royal palaces
- C) On top of mountains
- D) In movie studios

15. Which type of magic involves performing tricks using only small objects like coins and cards?

- A) Stage magic
- B) Close-up magic
- C) Illusionism
- D) Grand illusion