

Hard Military History Trivia

Military History · Answer Key · 20 Questions

1. On what date did the Siege of Orléans end, marking a turning point in the Hundred Years' War?

- A) May 8, 1429**
- B) April 29, 1429
- C) June 15, 1430
- D) July 20, 1428

2. How many soldiers comprised the 'Immortals', the elite heavy infantry unit of the Achaemenid Empire?

- A) 5,000
- B) 10,000**
- C) 15,000
- D) 20,000

3. Which commander led the Roman forces during the Battle of Zama in 202 BCE?

- A) Julius Caesar
- B) Scipio Africanus**
- C) Marcus Agrippa
- D) Lucius Aemilius Paullus

4. The Treaty of Portsmouth, which ended the Russo-Japanese War, was signed on which date?

- A) August 12, 1905
- B) September 5, 1905**
- C) October 1, 1905
- D) November 15, 1905

5. How many Panzer divisions were initially involved in the German invasion of the Soviet Union (Operation Barbarossa) in 1941?

- A) 12
- B) 17**
- C) 21
- D) 25

6. Who was the youngest marshal of France created by Napoleon Bonaparte?

- A) Michel Ney
- B) Joachim Murat
- C) Louis-Nicolas Davout
- D) Jean Lannes**

7. The Battle of Midway took place between which specific dates in 1942?

- A) June 4-7**
- B) May 20-23
- C) July 1-4
- D) August 10-13

8. At the Battle of Agincourt, approximately how many English longbowmen were estimated to be present?

- A) 2,000
- B) 5,000**
- C) 8,000
- D) 12,000

9. Which Ottoman Sultan commanded the forces during the Fall of Constantinople in 1453?

- A) Bayezid I
- B) Mehmed II**
- C) Selim I
- D) Murad II

10. How many ships did the Spanish Armada consist of when it set sail for England in 1588?

- A) 95
- B) 130**
- C) 165
- D) 200

11. The Battle of Plassey, cementing British control over Bengal, occurred on what date?

- A) June 23, 1757**
- B) July 12, 1759
- C) August 5, 1755
- D) May 15, 1760

12. Who was the primary commander of the Confederate forces at the Battle of Gettysburg?

- A) Robert E. Lee**
- B) James Longstreet
- C) P.G.T. Beauregard
- D) Braxton Bragg

13. What was the total number of V-2 rockets launched by Germany against Allied targets during WWII?

A) 1,500

B) 3,170

C) 5,200

D) 7,500

14. Which English king was killed at the Battle of Bosworth Field in 1485?

A) Edward IV

B) Richard III

C) Henry VI

D) Richard II

15. The Battle of Tsushima in 1905 resulted in the destruction of which nation's Baltic Fleet?

A) Germany

B) Russia

C) France

D) Italy

16. Approximately how many casualties did the Austro-Hungarian Empire suffer during the Battle of Galicia in 1914?

A) 100,000

B) 300,000

C) 500,000

D) 800,000

17. General George S. Patton commanded which U.S. Army during the liberation of Sicily?

A) First Army

B) Third Army

C) Seventh Army

D) Ninth Army

18. In which year did the Battle of Hastings occur?

A) 1064

B) 1066

C) 1068

D) 1070

19. Which Japanese commander was responsible for the strategic planning of the attack on Pearl Harbor?

- A) Isoroku Yamamoto**
- B) Chuichi Nagumo
- C) Tomoyuki Yamashita
- D) Mitsumasa Yonai

20. How many days did the Six-Day War last in 1967?

- A) 5
- B) 6**
- C) 7
- D) 8