

Global History of Magic and Illusion

History Of Magic · Practice Test · 15 Questions

1. Which 19th-century French illusionist is widely considered the 'Father of Modern Magic' for his work in Paris?

- A) Jean-Eugène Robert-Houdin
- B) Philippe Jacques de Loutherbourg
- C) Gustavus Krahmer
- D) Harry Kellar

2. In which country did the famous 'Indian Rope Trick' reportedly originate as a legend before becoming a staple of global stage acts?

- A) Thailand
- B) India
- C) Egypt
- D) China

3. The Egyptian Hall, a major venue for 19th-century magic performances, was located in which global capital city?

- A) Cairo
- B) Paris
- C) London
- D) New York

4. Harry Houdini, the world-renowned escape artist, was born in which European capital before emigrating to the United States?

- A) Budapest
- B) Vienna
- C) Prague
- D) Berlin

5. Which Chinese dynasty is noted in historical texts for hosting early forms of 'performance magic' known as the 'Hundred Entertainments'?

- A) Ming Dynasty
- B) Han Dynasty
- C) Tang Dynasty
- D) Qing Dynasty

6. The Maskelyne family, famous for their magic dynasty, established their long-running magic theater in which iconic English city?

- A) Manchester
- B) Liverpool
- C) London
- D) Bristol

7. Which country is the birthplace of the famous illusionist David Copperfield?

- A) United Kingdom
- B) Canada
- C) United States
- D) Australia

8. The first known written account of a 'cups and balls' magic performance is found in the literature of which ancient civilization?

- A) Ancient Greece
- B) Ancient Rome
- C) Ancient Mesopotamia
- D) Ancient Persia

9. Which city served as the primary base of operations for the legendary illusionist Chung Ling Soo, who performed under an East Asian persona?

- A) Shanghai
- B) London
- C) San Francisco
- D) Tokyo

10. Dedi, the magician mentioned in the Westcar Papyrus, is a figure rooted in the mythology and history of which ancient civilization?

- A) Ancient Egypt
- B) Ancient Greece
- C) Babylon
- D) Aztec Empire

11. The Magic Castle, a famous clubhouse for magicians, is located in which major American city?

- A) Las Vegas
- B) Chicago
- C) Los Angeles
- D) Miami

12. Which European city hosted the first International Federation of Magic Societies (FISM) championship in 1948?

- A) Paris
- B) Lausanne
- C) Rome
- D) Amsterdam

13. Max Malini, a famous close-up magician of the early 20th century, was known for performing his craft in the royal courts of which continent?

- A) South America
- B) Europe
- C) Asia
- D) Africa

14. The 'Automaton Chess Player', known as The Turk, was presented by Wolfgang von Kempelen in which city in 1770?

- A) Vienna
- B) Prague
- C) Budapest
- D) Warsaw

15. Which country is home to the International Museum of Magic located in the city of Toronto?

- A) United States
- B) United Kingdom
- C) Canada
- D) Australia