

Foundations of Cinema History

Film Studies · Practice Test · 25 Questions

1. In what year was the first public film screening by the Lumière brothers held in Paris?

- A) 1885
- B) 1895
- C) 1905
- D) 1915

2. How many frames per second became the standard speed for sound motion pictures?

- A) 12
- B) 24
- C) 30
- D) 60

3. Who is often credited with directing the 1902 film 'A Trip to the Moon'?

- A) Georges Méliès
- B) Charlie Chaplin
- C) D.W. Griffith
- D) Buster Keaton

4. In which decade was the first 'talking' feature film, The Jazz Singer, released?

- A) 1900s
- B) 1910s
- C) 1920s
- D) 1930s

5. How many Academy Awards did the film 'Titanic' (1997) win?

- A) 9
- B) 11
- C) 13
- D) 15

6. Which company was founded by Walt Disney and his brother Roy in 1923?

- A) Pixar
- B) DreamWorks
- C) The Walt Disney Company
- D) Warner Bros

7. What was the first feature-length animated movie released by Walt Disney in 1937?

- A) Pinocchio
- B) Bambi
- C) Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs
- D) Fantasia

8. How many years did the silent film era primarily span before the advent of synchronized sound?

- A) 5 years
- B) 10 years
- C) 30 years
- D) 50 years

9. Which director is famous for the 1941 masterpiece 'Citizen Kane'?

- A) Orson Welles
- B) Alfred Hitchcock
- C) John Ford
- D) Frank Capra

10. In what year did the Cannes Film Festival hold its first edition?

- A) 1936
- B) 1946
- C) 1956
- D) 1966

11. How many films did Charlie Chaplin direct in his lifetime?

- A) Under 10
- B) Approximately 70
- C) Over 200
- D) Exactly 500

12. Which actor starred as James Bond in the first official film, 'Dr. No' (1962)?

- A) Roger Moore
- B) Sean Connery
- C) Pierce Brosnan
- D) Daniel Craig

13. What is the standard aspect ratio that was commonly used for television before the widescreen era?

- A) 1:1
- B) 4:3
- C) 16:9
- D) 21:9

14. Which filmmaker directed the 1975 blockbuster 'Jaws'?

- A) George Lucas
- B) Steven Spielberg
- C) Francis Ford Coppola
- D) Martin Scorsese

15. How many 'Star Wars' films were released in the original trilogy during the 1970s and 1980s?

- A) 2
- B) 3
- C) 4
- D) 6

16. In what year was the first color feature film 'The Wizard of Oz' released?

- A) 1929
- B) 1939
- C) 1949
- D) 1959

17. Which studio was the first to use the 'Technicolor' three-strip process for a full-length feature?

- A) MGM
- B) Paramount
- C) RKO
- D) Universal

18. How many films are included in the 'Lord of the Rings' trilogy directed by Peter Jackson?

- A) 2
- B) 3
- C) 4
- D) 5

19. Which actress won a record-breaking 4 Academy Awards for Best Actress?

- A) Meryl Streep
- B) Katharine Hepburn
- C) Ingrid Bergman
- D) Bette Davis

20. What is the duration of the shortest film length typically classified as a 'feature film' by the Academy?

- A) 30 minutes
- B) 40 minutes
- C) 60 minutes
- D) 90 minutes

21. Which famous director created the 1960 horror film 'Psycho'?

- A) Alfred Hitchcock
- B) Stanley Kubrick
- C) Brian De Palma
- D) John Carpenter

22. In what year was the Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA) film rating system introduced?

- A) 1958
- B) 1968
- C) 1978
- D) 1988

23. How many Oscars has composer John Williams won for his film scores?

- A) 2
- B) 5
- C) 10
- D) 15

24. Which city is home to the annual Sundance Film Festival?

- A) Los Angeles
- B) New York
- C) Park City
- D) Austin

25. How many minutes long is the 1927 film 'Metropolis' in its original cut?

- A) 90
- B) 153
- C) 200
- D) 240