

World Adventure & Exploration Challenge

Adventure & Exploration · Answer Key · 25 Questions

1. Which explorer was the first to reach the Geographic South Pole on December 14, 1911?

- A) Robert Falcon Scott
- B) Roald Amundsen**
- C) Ernest Shackleton
- D) Douglas Mawson

2. What is the name of the narrow strait that separates the continents of Asia and North America?

- A) Magellan Strait
- B) Davis Strait
- C) Bering Strait**
- D) Bass Strait

3. In 1953, Sir Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay were the first people confirmed to reach the summit of which mountain?

- A) K2
- B) Mount Everest**
- C) Kangchenjunga
- D) Lhotse

4. Which English navigator led the first European voyage to reach the eastern coast of Australia in 1770?

- A) Matthew Flinders
- B) William Dampier
- C) James Cook**
- D) Arthur Phillip

5. The 1804-1806 expedition commissioned by Thomas Jefferson to map the newly acquired western territory of the United States was led by whom?

- A) Lewis and Clark**
- B) Pike and Long
- C) Fremont and Carson
- D) Cook and Banks

6. Which deep-sea submersible reached the bottom of the Challenger Deep in the Mariana Trench in 1960?

A) Alvin

B) Trieste

C) DSV Limiting Factor

D) Nautilo

7. Which explorer led the first expedition to circumnavigate the globe, although he died in the Philippines during the voyage?

A) Vasco da Gama

B) Christopher Columbus

C) Ferdinand Magellan

D) Amerigo Vespucci

8. Roald Amundsen was the first person to successfully navigate which sea route connecting the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans?

A) The Northwest Passage

B) The Suez Canal

C) The Panama Canal

D) The Northeast Passage

9. Which ancient civilization is credited with the invention of the magnetic compass for navigation?

A) Ancient Greeks

B) Ancient Egyptians

C) Ancient Chinese

D) Ancient Phoenicians

10. Who was the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean in 1932?

A) Bessie Coleman

B) Amelia Earhart

C) Harriet Quimby

D) Jacqueline Cochran

11. Which desert, located in northern Chile, is considered the driest non-polar place on Earth?

A) Gobi Desert

B) Sahara Desert

C) Atacama Desert

D) Kalahari Desert

12. What is the term for the imaginary line that marks 0 degrees latitude?

- A) The Prime Meridian
- B) The Tropic of Capricorn
- C) The Equator**
- D) The Tropic of Cancer

13. Which intrepid explorer spent years searching for the source of the Nile River in the 19th century?

- A) David Livingstone**
- B) Marco Polo
- C) Vasco Nunez de Balboa
- D) Francisco Pizarro

14. In 1969, the Apollo 11 mission landed humans on the Moon for the first time. Who was the first person to step onto the lunar surface?

- A) Buzz Aldrin
- B) Michael Collins
- C) Neil Armstrong**
- D) John Glenn

15. Which range of mountains is the longest subaerial mountain range in the world?

- A) The Himalayas
- B) The Andes**
- C) The Rockies
- D) The Alps

16. Which explorer crossed the Sahara Desert and traveled throughout the medieval Muslim world, documenting his journeys in the Rihla?

- A) Ibn Battuta**
- B) Zheng He
- C) Marco Polo
- D) Pytheas

17. The 'Endurance' expedition led by Ernest Shackleton was famously intended to cross which continent?

- A) Africa
- B) Australia
- C) Antarctica**
- D) South America

18. Which ocean contains the 'Ring of Fire,' an area known for high volcanic and seismic activity?

- A) Atlantic Ocean
- B) Indian Ocean
- C) Pacific Ocean**
- D) Arctic Ocean

19. Before the Panama Canal was built, ships traveling between the Atlantic and Pacific had to sail around the southernmost tip of South America, known as what?

- A) Cape of Good Hope
- B) Cape Horn**
- C) Cape Wrath
- D) Cape Agulhas

20. Which 13th-century explorer spent nearly 17 years in China serving in the court of Kublai Khan?

- A) Ibn Battuta
- B) Marco Polo**
- C) Amerigo Vespucci
- D) John Cabot

21. What is the name of the highest waterfall in the world, located in Venezuela?

- A) Victoria Falls
- B) Niagara Falls
- C) Angel Falls**
- D) Iguazu Falls

22. Which explorer is recognized for being the first European to see the Pacific Ocean from the Americas in 1513?

- A) Vasco Nunez de Balboa**
- B) Hernan Cortes
- C) Ponce de Leon
- D) Francisco Coronado

23. The Great Barrier Reef, a massive system of coral reefs, is located off the coast of which country?

- A) Brazil
- B) Indonesia
- C) Australia**
- D) Philippines

24. Which planet in our solar system has the highest mountain, Olympus Mons?

- A) Venus
- B) Mars**
- C) Jupiter
- D) Saturn

25. What was the primary purpose of the 'Voyager 1' space probe launched in 1977?

- A) To map the Moon
- B) To study the Sun
- C) To explore the outer solar system**
- D) To land on Venus