

Milestones in Aviation History

Aviation History · Practice Test · 8 Questions

1. Which aircraft was the first to fly non-stop across the Atlantic Ocean, piloted by John Alcock and Arthur Brown in 1919?

- A) Vickers Vimy
- B) Sikorsky S-42
- C) Curtiss NC-4
- D) Handley Page V/1500

2. In 1930, Frank Whittle was granted the first patent for what groundbreaking aviation technology?

- A) Variable-pitch propeller
- B) Turbojet engine
- C) Pressurized cabin
- D) Retractable landing gear

3. The Bell X-1, which became the first aircraft to exceed the speed of sound in level flight, utilized what type of engine?

- A) Ramjet
- B) Pulsejet
- C) Rocket
- D) Turboprop

4. Which famous aviator was the first person to fly solo across the Pacific Ocean from Hawaii to Australia in 1935?

- A) Charles Kingsford Smith
- B) Amelia Earhart
- C) Wiley Post
- D) Fred Noonan

5. What was the designation of the first operational jet-powered fighter aircraft to see combat during World War II?

- A) Gloster Meteor
- B) Heinkel He 280
- C) Messerschmitt Me 262
- D) De Havilland Vampire

6. The 'Great Silver Fleet' was the original brand name used by which major airline?

- A) American Airlines
- B) Eastern Air Lines
- C) United Airlines
- D) TWA

7. Which aircraft holds the record for the highest speed ever achieved by a manned, air-breathing jet aircraft?

- A) North American X-15
- B) Lockheed SR-71 Blackbird
- C) Mikoyan-Gurevich MiG-25
- D) Lockheed YF-12

8. In 1952, the world's first commercial jetliner to enter regular service was the:

- A) Boeing 707
- B) Douglas DC-8
- C) De Havilland Comet
- D) Sud Aviation Caravelle