Advanced Olympic History

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1. Which city was originally selected to host the 1908 Olympic Games before they were relocated to London due to the eruption of Mount Vesuvius?

A) Rome
B) Milan
C) Naples
D) Turin

2. In which Olympic Games did the tradition of lighting the Olympic flame via a relay from Olympia first occur?

A) 1920 Antwerp
B) 1928 Amsterdam
C) 1932 Los Angeles
D) 1936 Berlin

3. Who was the first athlete to be disqualified from the Olympic Games for failing a doping test, occurring during the 1968 Summer Olympics?

A) Hans-Gunnar Liljenwall
B) Rick DeMont
C) Ben Johnson
D) Martti Vainio

4. The 1904 St. Louis Olympics were famously part of what larger event?

A) The World's Fair
B) The Pan-American Exposition
C) The Centennial Exhibition
D) The Industrial Congress

5. Which country was the only nation to be expelled from the Olympic Games due to its policy of apartheid?

A) Rhodesia
B) South Africa
C) Namibia
D) Angola

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6. Which athlete holds the record for the most Olympic gold medals won in a single discipline, excluding team sports?

A) Michael Phelps
B) Larisa Latynina
C) Paavo Nurmi
D) Raymond Ewry

7. At the 1900 Paris Games, which unusual sport was included as an official event, never to return to the Olympic program?

A) Live Pigeon Shooting
B) Poodle Clipping
C) Hot Air Ballooning
D) Ice Fishing

8. Which Olympic Games were the first to be broadcast on television?

A) 1936 Berlin
B) 1948 London
C) 1952 Helsinki
D) 1956 Cortina d'Ampezzo

9. The Olympic motto 'Citius, Altius, Fortius' was proposed by Henri Didon and adopted by which person?

A) Pierre de Coubertin
B) Juan Antonio Samaranch
C) Demetrius Vikelas
D) Avery Brundage

10. Which nation boycotted the 1956 Melbourne Olympics in protest of the Soviet invasion of Hungary?

A) Spain
B) Switzerland
C) Netherlands
D) All of the above

11. Who was the first woman to be elected to the International Olympic Committee?

A) Pirjo Häggman
B) Flor Isava-Fonseca
C) Jackie Joyner-Kersee
D) Nawal El Moutawakel

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12. Which Olympic Games saw the introduction of the first Winter Olympic Games as a separate event?

A) 1924 Chamonix
B) 1928 St. Moritz
C) 1932 Lake Placid
D) 1936 Garmisch-Partenkirchen

13. The 'Miracle on Ice' ice hockey game occurred at which Olympic Winter Games?

A) 1968 Grenoble
B) 1976 Innsbruck
C) 1980 Lake Placid
D) 1984 Sarajevo

14. In which year did the Olympic Games first feature women competitors?

A) 1896
B) 1900
C) 1904
D) 1908

15. Which athlete won gold medals in both the Summer and Winter Olympics, a rare feat known as a 'double'?

A) Eddie Eagan
B) Sonja Henie
C) Eric Heiden
D) Johnny Weissmuller

16. Which Olympic Games were the first to officially use the 'Olympic Village' concept for athletes?

A) 1924 Paris
B) 1928 Amsterdam
C) 1932 Los Angeles
D) 1936 Berlin

17. At the 1968 Mexico City Olympics, which two American sprinters staged a human rights protest on the podium?

A) John Carlos and Tommie Smith
B) Lee Evans and Larry James
C) Wyomia Tyus and Edith McGuire
D) Bob Beamon and Ralph Boston

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18. What is the significance of the 1916, 1940, and 1944 Olympic Games in history?

A) They were moved to neutral countries
B) They were cancelled due to World Wars
C) They featured no opening ceremonies
D) They were the only games held without spectators

19. Which city hosted the Olympics twice, in 1908 and 1948, using the same primary stadium for both?

A) London
B) Paris
C) Antwerp
D) St. Louis

20. Who was the first person to win three gold medals in the same event at three consecutive Olympic Games?

A) Al Oerter
B) Carl Lewis
C) Viktor Saneyev
D) Teófilo Stevenson

21. Which country made its Olympic debut at the 2000 Sydney Games following its independence?

A) East Timor
B) Kazakhstan
C) Eritrea
D) Palau

22. What was the 'Corinthian' rule in early Olympic history?

A) The requirement to be an amateur
B) The prohibition of professional coaches
C) The rule that competitors must wear white
D) The rule regarding age limits

23. Which sport was removed from the Olympic program after the 1924 games and was not reinstated until 1988?

A) Tennis
B) Rugby Union
C) Golf
D) Lacrosse

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24. The 'Greatest Athlete in the World' title was awarded to whom at the 1912 Stockholm Olympics before he was later disqualified?

A) Jim Thorpe
B) Hannes Kolehmainen
C) George Horine
D) Duke Kahanamoku

25. Which Olympic Games were the first to generate a significant profit, setting the standard for future commercial success?

A) 1984 Los Angeles
B) 1988 Seoul
C) 1992 Barcelona
D) 1996 Atlanta

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