

Advanced Knowledge of Circus Arts

Circus Arts · Practice Test · 10 Questions

1. Which 18th-century equestrian performer is historically credited as the 'father of the modern circus' for introducing the 42-foot diameter ring?

- A) Philip Astley
- B) P.T. Barnum
- C) Antonio Franconi
- D) James Anthony Bailey

2. What is the specific term for a circus aerial apparatus consisting of a horizontal bar suspended by two ropes, typically used for swinging maneuvers?

- A) Silks
- B) Lyra
- C) Trapeze
- D) Corde Lisse

3. In circus terminology, what does the word 'ballyhoo' refer to?

- A) A type of balancing act
- B) The exterior performance used to attract an audience into the tent
- C) A specific style of clown makeup
- D) A dangerous acrobatic feat involving fire

4. Which discipline involves a performer balancing on a cylinder placed on top of a board, often requiring precise core stability?

- A) Tightrope walking
- B) Rola Bola
- C) Chinese Pole
- D) Slacklining

5. What is the distinction between a 'static' trapeze and a 'flying' trapeze?

- A) Static is always performed solo; Flying is always a group act
- B) Static trapeze does not involve swinging; Flying trapeze involves leaping between bars
- C) Static trapeze uses a safety net; Flying trapeze does not
- D) Static trapeze is performed at a lower altitude than Flying trapeze

6. The term 'contortionist' refers to a performer who specializes in extreme flexibility; what is the specific classification for one who performs back-bending feats?

- A) Acrobat
- B) Bender
- C) Front-bender
- D) Foot-archery expert

7. What is the standard length of a 'standard' circus ring diameter, which has remained consistent since the late 1700s?

- A) 10 meters
- B) 12.8 meters
- C) 15 meters
- D) 18.5 meters

8. In the context of circus clowning, what is the 'Auguste' character known for?

- A) Being the authority figure in the skit
- B) Being the 'fool' or the recipient of the physical comedy
- C) Performing silent mime exclusively
- D) Leading the circus procession

9. Which circus discipline, originating in China, involves climbers ascending a vertical pole to perform feats of strength and agility?

- A) Korean Cradle
- B) Chinese Pole
- C) Russian Bar
- D) Trampolining

10. What is a 'flyer' in the context of a flying trapeze act?

- A) The person who catches the performer
- B) The person who performs the tricks while swinging
- C) The stage manager responsible for aerial rigging
- D) The percussionist who times the music to the jumps