

Historical Frontiers and Expeditions

Adventure & Exploration · Practice Test · 20 Questions

1. Which explorer was the first to successfully lead an expedition to the South Magnetic Pole in 1909?

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

2. In 1526, which Portuguese explorer became the first European to arrive in New Guinea?

- A) Jorge de Menezes
- B) Luís Vaz de Camões
- C) Diogo Dias
- D) António de Abreu

3. Which navigator was the first to cross the Antarctic Circle, doing so in January 1773?

- A) James Cook
- B) Vitush Bering
- C) Jean-François de Galaup
- D) Matthew Flinders

4. The 1845 Franklin Expedition was searching for which specific geographical feature?

- A) The Northwest Passage
- B) The magnetic North Pole
- C) The source of the Nile
- D) A temperate southern continent

5. Which explorer was the first to reach the summit of Mount Everest accompanied by Tenzing Norgay in 1953?

- A) Edmund Hillary
- B) Reinhold Messner
- C) George Mallory
- D) Eric Shipton

6. The first successful circumnavigation of the Earth was completed by the remnants of the expedition led by which explorer?

- A) Ferdinand Magellan
- B) Vasco da Gama
- C) Francis Drake
- D) Amerigo Vespucci

7. Which explorer reached the North Pole in 1909, though his claim has been historically debated?

- A) Robert Peary
- B) Frederick Cook
- C) Roald Amundsen
- D) Richard Byrd

8. In 1877, who became the first person to cross the African continent from east to west?

- A) Henry Morton Stanley
- B) David Livingstone
- C) Richard Francis Burton
- D) John Hanning Speke

9. Which explorer was the first European to see the Pacific Ocean from the Americas in 1513?

- A) Vasco Núñez de Balboa
- B) Francisco Pizarro
- C) Hernán Cortés
- D) Juan Ponce de León

10. Which expedition was the first to successfully cross the entire Antarctic continent overland in 1958?

- A) Commonwealth Trans-Antarctic Expedition
- B) Nimrod Expedition
- C) Heroic Age Expedition
- D) Belgian Antarctic Expedition

11. Who led the first expedition to reach the South Pole on December 14, 1911?

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

12. Which explorer identified the mouth of the Mississippi River in 1682, claiming the region for France?

- A) René-Robert Cavelier, Sieur de La Salle
- B) Jacques Marquette
- C) Louis Jolliet
- D) Samuel de Champlain

13. In 1792, which explorer was the first European to enter the Puget Sound?

- A) George Vancouver
- B) James Cook
- C) William Bligh
- D) John Meares

14. Which explorer led the 'Search for the Nile' expedition that ended with the 1858 discovery of Lake Tanganyika?

- A) Richard Francis Burton
- B) John Hanning Speke
- C) James Grant
- D) Samuel Baker

15. Which naval officer was the first to sail through the Bering Strait between 1725 and 1730?

- A) Vitus Bering
- B) Aleksei Chirikov
- C) George Vancouver
- D) James Cook

16. The first solo circumnavigation of the globe was completed by whom between 1895 and 1898?

- A) Joshua Slocum
- B) Francis Chichester
- C) Robin Knox-Johnston
- D) Bernard Moitessier

17. Which explorer was the first to map the coastline of what is now Western Australia in 1616?

- A) Dirk Hartog
- B) Willem Janszoon
- C) Abel Tasman
- D) Jan Carstenszoon

18. The 1925 expedition to find the 'Lost City of the Monkey God' was led by which British explorer who disappeared in the Amazon?

- A) Percy Fawcett
- B) Arthur Conan Doyle
- C) Theodore Roosevelt
- D) Hiram Bingham

19. In 1912, who led the Australasian Antarctic Expedition to survey the coastline of Adélie Land?

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

20. Which explorer successfully located the source of the White Nile in 1862?

- A) John Hanning Speke
- B) David Livingstone
- C) Henry Morton Stanley
- D) Samuel Baker