

Advanced Genealogical Records and History

Genealogy · Answer Key · 18 Questions

1. In what year did the first federal census of the United States take place, establishing the baseline for American genealogy?

- A) 1776
- B) 1783
- C) 1790**
- D) 1800

2. Which English monarch issued the 1538 injunction requiring every parish to maintain a register of baptisms, marriages, and burials?

- A) Henry VIII**
- B) Edward VI
- C) Mary I
- D) Elizabeth I

3. What is the maximum number of generations one can trace back to reach 1,024 direct ancestors?

- A) 8
- B) 9
- C) 10**
- D) 11

4. The 'Great Migration' to New England primarily occurred between which specific years?

- A) 1610-1630
- B) 1620-1640
- C) 1630-1643**
- D) 1640-1660

5. Which US state mandated the registration of vital statistics at the state level earliest, beginning in 1842?

- A) Massachusetts**
- B) Virginia
- C) New York
- D) Pennsylvania

6. The Soundex indexing system, used to index federal census records, was first developed for which census year?

- A) 1850
- B) 1880**
- C) 1900
- D) 1920

7. How many names were recorded in the Domesday Book of 1086, compiled by order of William the Conqueror?

- A) Approximately 10,000
- B) Approximately 13,000**
- C) Approximately 25,000
- D) Approximately 50,000

8. What is the total number of chromosomes typically used in autosomal DNA testing to estimate ethnic admixture?

- A) 22**
- B) 23
- C) 44
- D) 46

9. In the 1841 UK Census, what was the specific instruction given to enumerators regarding the rounding of ages for adults?

- A) Round to the nearest 5
- B) Round down to the nearest 5**
- C) Round up to the nearest 10
- D) No rounding required

10. Which act of Parliament in 1752 caused 11 days to be 'lost' in the British Empire, creating a discrepancy in dates for genealogists?

- A) Calendar (New Style) Act**
- B) Gregorian Reform Act
- C) Act of Settlement
- D) The Statute of Westminster

11. The first 'ship passenger list' requirement for US ports was enacted by the Steerage Act of which year?

- A) 1800
- B) 1819**
- C) 1835
- D) 1855

12. What percentage of shared DNA is typically expected between a person and their first cousin?

- A) 6.25%
- B) 12.5%**
- C) 25%
- D) 50%

13. In Ireland, the 'Registry of Deeds' was established in what year, providing an alternative to destroyed civil records?

- A) 1708**
- B) 1750
- C) 1801
- D) 1864

14. Which US president signed the law creating the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) in 1934?

- A) Herbert Hoover
- B) Franklin D. Roosevelt**
- C) Calvin Coolidge
- D) Harry Truman

15. The 'General Register Office' for England and Wales began centralized civil registration on July 1st of which year?

- A) 1834
- B) 1837**
- C) 1841
- D) 1855

16. Approximately how many years does one generation span in standard genealogical calculation models?

- A) 20
- B) 25
- C) 30**
- D) 35

17. Which specific French archive holds the oldest surviving 'civil status' records for the general population, dating back to 1392?

- A) Paris Archives
- B) Nantes Archives
- C) Givry Archives**
- D) Lyon Archives

18. What is the minimum number of centimorgans (cM) typically considered necessary to reliably identify a genealogical match in DNA testing?

A) 3 cM

B) 7 cM

C) 15 cM

D) 20 cM