Advanced Genealogical Records and History

Genealogy · Practice Test · 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

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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

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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

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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

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