Film Studies Fundamentals

Film Studies · Answer Key · 20 Questions

1. What is the term for the person who is in charge of the artistic look and overall vision of a motion picture?

A) Gaffer
B) Director
C) Producer
D) Editor

2. Which invention by the Lumière brothers in 1895 allowed for the first public film screenings?

A) Zoetrope
B) Kinetoscope
C) Cinématographe
D) Magic Lantern

3. In animation, what does the term 'frame rate' refer to?

A) The length of the film
B) The number of images shown per second
C) The cost of the production
D) The size of the screen

4. What is a 'storyboard' used for in the film production process?

A) To market the movie to fans
B) To record the background music
C) To plan the visual sequence of scenes
D) To build the film sets

5. What type of animation uses physical objects like clay figures that are moved slightly between each shot?

A) Stop-motion
B) Cel animation
C) Computer-generated imagery
D) Live-action

6. What is the primary function of a 'foley artist' in film production?

A) Editing dialogue
B) Creating sound effects
C) Designing costumes
D) Writing the script

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7. Which company is credited with producing the first full-length animated feature film, Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs?

A) Warner Bros.
B) Pixar
C) DreamWorks
D) Disney

8. What is the name of the camera technique where the camera lens is moved to make a subject appear closer or further away?

A) Pan
B) Zoom
C) Tilt
D) Dolly

9. In a film script, what does the abbreviation 'EXT.' stand for?

A) Exterior
B) Extra
C) Extended
D) Excellent

10. What is the 'aspect ratio' of a film?

A) The color balance
B) The volume level
C) The proportional relationship between width and height
D) The number of actors on screen

11. Which of these is a term for a shot that captures a character from the waist up?

A) Close-up
B) Extreme long shot
C) Medium shot
D) Establishing shot

12. What role does a 'gaffer' play on a film set?

A) Directing actors
B) Managing the electrical and lighting equipment
C) Writing the music
D) Designing the costumes

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13. What is the primary purpose of a 'clapperboard' used at the start of a take?

A) To keep the actors quiet
B) To provide lighting cues
C) To help sync sound and picture during editing
D) To protect the camera lens

14. What is a 'montage' in film editing?

A) A series of short shots edited together to show a passage of time
B) The closing credits of a movie
C) The original script version
D) A type of camera mount

15. Which color is commonly used as a 'chroma key' screen to allow filmmakers to replace the background?

A) Red
B) Black
C) Green
D) White

16. What is the term for a film that is based on true historical events?

A) Documentary
B) Slapstick
C) Fantasy
D) Musical

17. What is an 'establishing shot' typically used for?

A) To show a character's internal thoughts
B) To introduce the setting of a scene
C) To end the movie
D) To focus on a small object

18. Which animation technique involves drawing every frame by hand on transparent sheets?

A) Rotoscoping
B) CGI
C) Cel animation
D) Claymation

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19. In cinema terminology, what is a 'bloopers' reel?

A) The deleted scenes that were too serious

B) A collection of funny mistakes made during filming

C) The final draft of the script

D) A list of all the stunt performers

20. What is the purpose of a 'screenplay'?

A) To provide the written dialogue and action for the film

B) To advertise the film to theaters

C) To calculate the film's budget

D) To list the actors' contact information

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