Video Game History Fundamentals

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1. In what year was the Magnavox Odyssey, the first commercial home video game console, released?

A) 1972
B) 1975
C) 1980
D) 1983

2. Which company released the iconic arcade game 'Pac-Man' in 1980?

A) Nintendo
B) Atari
C) Namco
D) Sega

3. How many bits did the original Nintendo Entertainment System (NES) processor have?

A) 4-bit
B) 8-bit
C) 16-bit
D) 32-bit

4. Who is credited as the creator of the 'Mario' character, first appearing in the 1981 game Donkey Kong?

A) Hideo Kojima
B) Sid Meier
C) Shigeru Miyamoto
D) John Carmack

5. Which handheld gaming device did Nintendo release in 1989?

A) Game Boy
B) Game Gear
C) Nomad
D) Virtual Boy

6. In what year did the original PlayStation console first launch in Japan?

A) 1990
B) 1994
C) 1998
D) 2001

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7. How many keys were on the standard Atari 2600 joystick controller?

A) Zero
B) One
C) Two
D) Four

8. The game 'Pong' was released by which company in 1972?

A) Atari
B) Coleco
C) Commodore
D) Mattel

9. What was the name of the first commercially successful video game, released in arcade cabinets in 1971?

A) Space Invaders
B) Pong
C) Computer Space
D) Asteroids

10. In which year did Sega release their first home console, the SG-1000?

A) 1978
B) 1983
C) 1988
D) 1991

11. Which popular mascot character was created by Sega in 1991?

A) Spyro
B) Crash Bandicoot
C) Sonic the Hedgehog
D) Mega Man

12. The Xbox 360 was released by Microsoft in which year?

A) 2001
B) 2003
C) 2005
D) 2007

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