Astronomy History 101

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1. Who was the first person to use a telescope to systematically study the night sky in 1609?

A) Galileo Galilei
B) Isaac Newton
C) Nicolaus Copernicus
D) Johannes Kepler

2. In which year did the Apollo 11 mission successfully land the first humans on the Moon?

A) 1965
B) 1969
C) 1972
D) 1959

3. Which scientist proposed the heliocentric model, placing the Sun at the center of the solar system, in the 16th century?

A) Claudius Ptolemy
B) Tycho Brahe
C) Nicolaus Copernicus
D) Aristotle

4. What was the name of the first artificial satellite launched into Earth's orbit by the Soviet Union in 1957?

A) Explorer 1
B) Vostok 1
C) Sputnik 1
D) Voyager 1

5. Who was the first human to travel into outer space in 1961?

A) Neil Armstrong
B) Yuri Gagarin
C) Buzz Aldrin
D) John Glenn

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6. Which planet was reclassified as a dwarf planet by the International Astronomical Union in 2006?

A) Mars
B) Pluto
C) Neptune
D) Mercury

7. What is the name of the space telescope launched in 1990 that has provided detailed images of distant galaxies?

A) James Webb Space Telescope
B) Hubble Space Telescope
C) Kepler Space Telescope
D) Spitzer Space Telescope

8. Which astronomer formulated the three laws of planetary motion in the early 17th century?

A) Johannes Kepler
B) Isaac Newton
C) Galileo Galilei
D) Edwin Hubble

9. What was the first space probe to land on the surface of Mars and transmit data back to Earth in 1976?

A) Curiosity
B) Pathfinder
C) Viking 1
D) Spirit

10. Who discovered the law of universal gravitation, published in the 'Principia' in 1687?

A) Albert Einstein
B) Isaac Newton
C) Stephen Hawking
D) Charles Messier

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