History of Photography

Photography · Answer Key · 25 Questions

1. Who is credited with taking the world's first permanent photograph in 1826?

A) Joseph Nicéphore Niépce
B) Louis Daguerre
C) George Eastman
D) William Henry Fox Talbot

2. What was the name of the early photographic process introduced by Louis Daguerre in 1839?

A) Calotype
B) Daguerreotype
C) Polaroid
D) Kodachrome

3. Which company introduced the first mass-marketed 'Kodak' camera in 1888?

A) Fujifilm
B) Canon
C) Eastman Kodak
D) Nikon

4. What is the name of the light-sensitive chemical compound historically used in photographic film?

A) Sodium Chloride
B) Silver Halide
C) Potassium Nitrate
D) Magnesium Oxide

5. In which decade was the first color photograph, taken by James Clerk Maxwell, produced?

A) 1860s
B) 1920s
C) 1950s
D) 1890s

6. Which famous 19th-century photographer is known for his documentation of the American Civil War?

A) Ansel Adams
B) Mathew Brady
C) Henri Cartier-Bresson
D) Richard Avedon

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7. What was the primary material used for the base of early photographic plates before film?

A) Plastic
B) Glass
C) Cardboard
D) Rubber

8. What was the slogan associated with the first Kodak camera?

A) Capture the light
B) You press the button, we do the rest
C) See the world
D) Focus on the future

9. What optical device, known since ancient times, served as the precursor to the modern camera?

A) Camera Obscura
B) Kaleidoscope
C) Telescope
D) Microscope

10. Who patented the Calotype process, which allowed for the creation of multiple paper prints?

A) Louis Daguerre
B) William Henry Fox Talbot
C) George Eastman
D) Edwin Land

11. In what year was the first digital camera prototype created by Steven Sasson at Kodak?

A) 1975
B) 1985
C) 1965
D) 1995

12. Which invention allowed photographers to capture 'instant' photos starting in 1948?

A) The SLR camera
B) The Polaroid Land Camera
C) The Flashbulb
D) The Digital Sensor

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13. What was the name of the first widely used photographic color film introduced by Kodak in 1935?

A) Kodachrome
B) Ektachrome
C) Fujicolor
D) Polaroid Color

14. Which type of camera uses a mirror and prism system to let the photographer see exactly what the lens sees?

A) Rangefinder
B) Single-Lens Reflex (SLR)
C) View Camera
D) Box Camera

15. The first photograph was taken from the window of a house in which country?

A) France
B) United Kingdom
C) United States
D) Germany

16. Which chemical was commonly used in the 'fixing' process to make photographic images permanent?

A) Ammonia
B) Sodium Thiosulfate
C) Bleach
D) Vinegar

17. What major event in 1839 marked the official 'birth' of photography as a public medium?

A) The invention of the smartphone
B) The release of the Daguerreotype process
C) The invention of the flash
D) The first photo in space

18. Before digital sensors, what was used to capture light in cameras?

A) Photographic film
B) Magnetized tape
C) Paper sheets
D) Mirrors

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19. Which photographer is famous for his black and white landscapes of the American West, such as Yosemite?

A) Ansel Adams
B) Dorothea Lange
C) Man Ray
D) Cecil Beaton

20. What was the name of the first color photography process patented by the Lumière brothers in 1907?

A) Autochrome
B) Kodachrome
C) Polaroid
D) Technicolor

21. Which photographic technique involves using a long exposure time to capture movement?

A) Time-lapse
B) Motion blur
C) Portraiture
D) Macro

22. Who is often referred to as the 'father of photojournalism'?

A) Henri Cartier-Bresson
B) Ansel Adams
C) George Eastman
D) Steven Sasson

23. What is the aperture of a camera responsible for controlling?

A) The focus distance
B) The amount of light entering the lens
C) The color temperature
D) The shutter speed

24. The first aerial photograph was taken from which type of aircraft in 1858?

A) A balloon
B) A helicopter
C) An airplane
D) A drone

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25. What did the 1888 Kodak camera eliminate the need for?

A) Glass plates and chemical preparation

B) The camera lens

C) The shutter

D) The flash