Advanced Historical Medical Milestones

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1. In what year did William Harvey publish 'Exercitatio Anatomica de Motu Cordis et Sanguinis in Animalibus', which first correctly described the systemic circulation of blood?

A) 1612
B) 1628
C) 1645
D) 1651

2. The first successful human-to-human blood transfusion, documented by Jean-Baptiste Denys using lamb's blood and subsequently human blood, took place in what year?

A) 1667
B) 1702
C) 1755
D) 1798

3. How many elements were contained in the original periodic table published by Dmitri Mendeleev in 1869, a foundational classification system for later medical pharmacology?

A) 52
B) 63
C) 78
D) 84

4. Who was the primary surgeon who performed the first successful human heart transplant in 1967 at Groote Schuur Hospital?

A) Michael DeBakey
B) Christiaan Barnard
C) Norman Shumway
D) Denton Cooley

5. In which year did the World Health Organization officially declare that smallpox had been eradicated from the globe?

A) 1975
B) 1977
C) 1980
D) 1982

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6. How many bones are typically present in the fully developed adult human skeleton?

A) 202
B) 206
C) 210
D) 214

7. The German bacteriologist Robert Koch identified the bacterium responsible for tuberculosis, Mycobacterium tuberculosis, in which specific year?

A) 1876
B) 1882
C) 1890
D) 1895

8. What is the approximate half-life, in hours, of caffeine in a healthy adult?

A) 2.5
B) 5.7
C) 8.2
D) 12.0

9. Alexander Fleming discovered the antibacterial properties of Penicillium notatum in his laboratory in London in what year?

A) 1922
B) 1928
C) 1932
D) 1935

10. Which scientist is credited with the publication of 'De Humani Corporis Fabrica' in 1543, often cited as the first modern textbook on human anatomy?

A) Andreas Vesalius
B) Galen of Pergamon
C) Paracelsus
D) William Hunter

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