Historical Milestones of Card Games

Card Games · Answer Key · 25 Questions

1. In which century did playing cards first appear in Europe, arriving via the Mamluk Sultanate?

A) 12th century
B) 14th century
C) 16th century
D) 18th century

2. How many cards are contained in a standard French-suited deck, excluding jokers?

A) 48
B) 50
C) 52
D) 54

3. Who is credited with inventing the game of 'Gin Rummy' in 1909?

A) Elwood T. Baker
B) Edmond Hoyle
C) John Scarne
D) James A. Michener

4. In a standard game of Contract Bridge, how many cards is each player dealt?

A) 10
B) 12
C) 13
D) 15

5. Which game, introduced to the U.S. in the 1920s, requires a 108-card deck consisting of two standard decks plus four jokers?

A) Canasta
B) Pinochle
C) Rummy
D) Crazy Eights

6. How many total points are traditionally assigned to a full deck of cards in the game of Pinochle?

A) 100
B) 250
C) 500
D) 1000

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7. The game 'Magic: The Gathering' was first released by Wizards of the Coast in which year?

A) 1989
B) 1993
C) 1997
D) 2001

8. In the game 'Hearts', what is the point value of the Queen of Spades?

A) 5
B) 10
C) 13
D) 25

9. How many cards are used in a 'Piquet' deck, which removes all cards from 2 through 6?

A) 32
B) 36
C) 40
D) 44

10. What is the maximum number of players allowed in a standard game of Texas Hold'em at a single table?

A) 8
B) 9
C) 10
D) 12

11. In the game of 'Solitaire' (Klondike), how many cards are placed in the initial tableau layout?

A) 21
B) 28
C) 32
D) 35

12. The 'World Series of Poker' was first held at Binion's Horseshoe in Las Vegas in which year?

A) 1965
B) 1970
C) 1975
D) 1980

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13. In a standard deck, what is the combined numerical value of all the pip cards (Ace through 10) in a single suit, treating Ace as 1?

A) 45
B) 50
C) 55
D) 60

14. How many 'melds' are required to qualify for a bid in a game of 500?

A) 1
B) 2
C) 3
D) 4

15. In the game 'Uno', how many cards are in a standard retail deck?

A) 96
B) 104
C) 108
D) 112

16. Which 19th-century author published 'The American Hoyle' in 1864, a seminal book on card game rules?

A) William Brisbane Dick
B) Edmond Hoyle
C) Charles Cotton
D) John Scarne

17. In a game of 'Cribbage', how many cards are dealt to each player in a two-player game?

A) 4
B) 5
C) 6
D) 7

18. What is the total number of 'trick' cards played in a full game of Whist?

A) 13
B) 26
C) 39
D) 52

19. The game of 'Baccarat' originated in which country during the 15th century?

A) Italy
B) France
C) Spain
D) England

20. In the game of 'Poker', what are the mathematical odds of being dealt a Royal Flush in a 5-card hand?

A) 1 in 520,000
B) 1 in 649,740
C) 1 in 2,598,960
D) 1 in 4,165,000

21. How many ranks are there in a standard deck of cards?

A) 11
B) 12
C) 13
D) 14

22. In 'Speed', how many cards are dealt to each player's hand at the start?

A) 3
B) 4
C) 5
D) 6

23. When was the first International Playing-Card Society founded to study the history of cards?

A) 1962
B) 1972
C) 1982
D) 1992

24. In 'Go Fish', how many cards does each player receive if there are only two players in the game?

A) 5
B) 7
C) 9
D) 10

25. The 'Joker' was introduced to the standard deck of cards in the United States around which decade?

A) 1840s
B) 1860s
C) 1880s
D) 1900s

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