Pioneers of the Unknown

History Of Exploration · Practice Test · 15 Questions

1. Who was the first person to reach the geographic South Pole on December 14, 1911?

A) Robert Falcon Scott
B) Roald Amundsen
C) Ernest Shackleton
D) Douglas Mawson

2. The first successful ascent of Mount Everest was completed in 1953 by Edmund Hillary and whom else?

A) Tenzing Norgay
B) George Mallory
C) Andrew Irvine
D) Reinhold Messner

3. What was the name of the first artificial satellite to successfully orbit the Earth, launched in 1957?

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

4. Which explorer led the first expedition to circumnavigate the globe, though he died in the Philippines before its completion?

A) Vasco da Gama
B) Amerigo Vespucci
C) Ferdinand Magellan
D) Francis Drake

5. In 1960, the bathyscaphe 'Trieste' became the first vessel to reach the bottom of the Mariana Trench. Who was one of the two men on board?

A) Jacques Cousteau
B) Don Walsh
C) William Beebe
D) Sylvia Earle

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6. Which invention, developed by John Harrison in the 18th century, solved the problem of determining longitude at sea?

A) Sextant
B) Marine Chronometer
C) Astrolabe
D) Magnetic Compass

7. Who was the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean in 1932?

A) Beryl Markham
B) Jacqueline Cochran
C) Amelia Earhart
D) Amy Johnson

8. Which deep-sea submersible was the first to explore the wreck of the RMS Titanic in 1985?

A) Alvin
B) Nautile
C) Mir 1
D) Deepsea Challenger

9. In 1909, Robert Peary claimed to be the first person to reach which location?

A) Magnetic North Pole
B) Geographic North Pole
C) South Magnetic Pole
D) The Everest Summit

10. What was the first spacecraft to land on the surface of Mars and successfully transmit data back to Earth?

A) Viking 1
B) Pathfinder
C) Mariner 4
D) Curiosity

11. Which ancient Greek mathematician and geographer is credited with calculating the Earth's circumference with remarkable accuracy?

A) Aristotle
B) Ptolemy
C) Eratosthenes
D) Strabo

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12. The first person to reach the outer space, completing one orbit of the Earth in 1961, was:

A) Alan Shepard
B) Yuri Gagarin
C) Gherman Titov
D) John Glenn

13. In 1577, which English explorer began his circumnavigation of the globe, becoming the first captain to survive the entire journey?

A) Walter Raleigh
B) John Hawkins
C) Francis Drake
D) Martin Frobisher

14. What device, popularized by Portuguese explorers in the 15th century, used the stars to determine latitude?

A) Astrolabe
B) Radar
C) Gyroscope
D) Barometer

15. Who led the first successful expedition to cross the Antarctic continent via the South Pole in 1958?

A) Vivian Fuchs
B) Edmund Hillary
C) Aleister Crowley
D) Douglas Mawson

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