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Q. 1 **Who had an explosive idea and first patented DYNAMITE?**

- [A] J. R. Gluber
- [B] A. Nobel
- [C] G. Fawks
- [D] W. Bickford

Answer Option [B]

Explanation: Alfred Noble patented dynamite in 1876. Nobel left \$9 million in his will to be used as awards for people whose work benefit humanity - The Nobel Peace Prize etc.

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Q. 2 **It travels over land and water. Who invented the HOVERCRAFT?**

- [A] S. Sperrow
- [B] O. Stricheg
- [C] T. Henman
- [D] C. Cockerell

Answer Option [D]

Explanation: Christopher Cockerell invented the hovercraft in 1956. His early experiments with the idea involved a cat food tin, a coffee tin and an industrial blower.

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Q. 3 **This African-American woman physical therapist worked with soldiers disabled in World War II. She invented a device that helped the disabled to eat by delivering food through a tube to a mouthpiece.**

- [A] Bessie Blount
- [B] Marjorie Joyner
- [C] Mae Jamison
- [D] Beulah Henry

Answer Option [A]

Explanation: Unfortunately Blount could never get anyone to buy her invention. Finally, in 1952 she sold the rights to the French government.

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Q. 4 **In which decade with the first transatlantic radio broadcast occur?**

- [A] 1850s
- [B] 1860s
- [C] 1870s
- [D] 1900s

Answer Option [D]

Explanation: On December 12, 1901, a radio transmission received by Guglielmo Marconi resulted in the first transmission of a transatlantic wireless signal (Morse Code) from Poldhu, Cornwall, to St. John's, Newfoundland.

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Q. 5 **What is the name of the CalTech seismologist who invented the scale used to measure the magnitude of earthquakes?**

- [A] Charles Richter

- [B] Hiram Walker
- [C] Giuseppe Mercalli
- [D] Joshua Rumble

Answer Option [A]

Explanation: Richter was born on an Ohio farm in 1900. He died in 1985.

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Q. 6 **Who was the first American female to patent her invention, a method of weaving straw with silk?**

- [A] Marjorie Joyner
- [B] Margaret Knight
- [C] Amanda Jones
- [D] Mary Kies

Answer Option [D]

Explanation: Mary was not the first American woman inventor to be sure, there were many female inventors before her, but they never bothered to get a patent.

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Q. 7 **Who is the only U.S. President to invent and patent something?**

- [A] Abraham Lincoln
- [B] Theodore Roosevelt
- [C] Thomas Jefferson
- [D] Rutherford B. Hayes

Answer Option [A]

Explanation: In 1849 Honest Abe invented a method to aid ships that got stuck on sandbars. He called it A Device for Buoying Vessels Over Shoals. It was never used.

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Q. 8 **For what is Charles Babbage (1792-1871) remembered?**

- [A] Computers
- [B] Telescopes
- [C] Radio-Telegraphy
- [D] Steam Boating

Answer Option [A]

Explanation: Known as the Father of Computing. He began his 'Analytical Engine' in 1833. The first computer, although he never completed it.

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Q. 9 **This part-time race car driver invented the bucket seat in 1969. Who was he??**

- [A] Steve McQueen
- [B] Harrison Frazier
- [C] Paul Newman
- [D] John Wayne

Answer Option [A]

Explanation: McQueen died in 1980 from a rare form of lung cancer.

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Q. 10 **When was the Raggedy Ann doll patented?**

- [A] 1915
- [B] 1920
- [C] 1919
- [D] 1911

Answer Option [A]

Explanation: Johnny Gruelle patented the Raggedy Ann doll in 1915. The Raggedy Andy doll and the Raggedy Ann books came later.

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Q. 11 **What invention caused many deaths while testing it?**

- [A] Dynamite
- [B] Ladders
- [C] Race cars
- [D] Parachute

Answer Option [D]

Explanation: Many people who tried to test the first parachutes died by jumping from high places. One attempt was a parachute hat, but the inventor broke his neck while testing it. The first successful parachute was tested from a hot air balloon in 1797, in France, by Jacques Garnerin.

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Q. 12 **Who is often called the 'first African-American' inventor?**

- [A] Bessie Blount
- [B] George Washington Carver
- [C] Benjamin Banneker
- [D] Elijah McCoy

Answer Option [C]

Explanation: Banneker was a member of the planning committee that designed Washington, DC along with Pierre L'Enfant. When L'Enfant was fired Banneker recreated the plans from memory.

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Q. 13 **Who invented the Spinning Jenny?**

- [A] Thornton Hargreaves
- [B] Peter Hargreaves
- [C] James Hargreaves
- [D] Simon Hargreaves

Answer Option [C]

Explanation: Awarded a Patent in 1770. It used 8 bobbins at once.

Q. 14 **Where is the village of Branston, after which the famous pickle is named?**

- [A] Yorkshire
- [B] Lancashire
- [C] Staffordshire
- [D] Norfolk

Answer Option [C]

Explanation: The village of Branston is in Staffordshire, just south of Burton-on-Trent.

Q. 15 **When was the game Frisbee invented?**

- [A] 1920s
- [B] 1900s
- [C] 1870s
- [D] 1890s

Answer Option [C]

Explanation: The first Frisbees were pie tins from the Frisbie Pie Company in Connecticut. In the 1950s, the pie tins were changed to plastic plates. The name then became the Flying Saucer, but later changed to Frisbee.

Q. 16 **Who among the following invented the small pox vaccine?**

- [A] Robert Koch
- [B] Edward Jenner
- [C] Robert Hooke
- [D] Louis Pasteur

Answer Option [B]

Q. 17 **What James Watt invented?**

- [A] Diving bell
- [B] Steam boat
- [C] Hot air balloon
- [D] Rotary steam engine

Answer Option [D]

Explanation: Invented in 1765.

Q. 18 **In which decade was the AEEE (now the IEEE) founded?**

- [A] 1850s
- [B] 1880s

[C] 1930s

[D] 1950s

Answer Option [B]

Explanation: The IEEE (Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers) was formed in 1963 by the merger of the Institute of Radio Engineers (IRE, founded 1912) and the American Institute of Electrical Engineers (AIEE, founded 1884).

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Q. 19 **Who invented the battery?**

[A] John Wilkinson

[B] Alessandro Volta

[C] James Hargreaves

[D] Thomas Edison

Answer Option [B]

Explanation: He was an Italian scientist, and he invented the battery in 1800.

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Q. 20 **What African-American inventor received 5 patents in the field of shoemaking?**

[A] Elijah McCoy

[B] Jan Ernst Matzeliger

[C] Ernest Just

[D] Lewis Latimer

Answer Option [B]

Explanation: Matzeliger never benefited financially from his inventions. He died in 1889 at the age of 37 from tuberculosis.

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Q. 21 **Where were wigs first invented?**

[A] Japan

[B] France

[C] Egypt

[D] China

Answer Option [C]

Explanation: As you have noticed in pictures, many Egyptians have head coverings, sometimes with beads in them. The first wigs were created to cover the head from the hot sun.

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Q. 22 **When was barb wire patented?**

[A] 1874

[B] 1840

[C] 1895

[D] 1900

Answer Option [A]

Explanation: Joseph F. Glidden was born in New York on Jan. 18, 1812. He invented barbed wire in 1873 and was granted the patent on Nov. 24, 1874. After a three year battle over the patent, which he eventually won, Gidden became known as the "Father of Barbed Wire".

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Q. 23 **CORN FLAKES - Who made them first?**

- [A] Nabisco
- [B] Kellogg
- [C] Quaker
- [D] Archers

Answer Option [B]

Explanation: Will Keith Kellogg discovered the corn flake, by mistake, in 1906. They were the result of an experiment which went wrong.

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Q. 24 **What Thomas Davenport invented?**

- [A] Screw propellor
- [B] Electric streetcar
- [C] Chesterfield
- [D] Sleeping (railway) car

Answer Option [B]

Explanation: Invented in 1834.

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Q. 25 **What office item was invented by Bette Nesmith Graham in 1951?**

- [A] Fax machine
- [B] Stapler
- [C] Liquid Paper
- [D] Copy machine

Answer Option [C]

Explanation: Bette's other claim to fame was being the mother of Michael Nesmith of the Monkees.

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Q. 26 **Who was the first person to patent the JET ENGINE?**

- [A] F. Whittle
- [B] C. Lindbergh
- [C] W. Histell
- [D] B. Owings

Answer Option [A]

Explanation: British inventor Frank Whittle was the first to patent his design for a jet engine in 1930. Although an engine designed by Dr. Hans Von Ohain was the first to fly in 1939. Whittle's jet engine first flew in 1941.

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Q. 27 **Until Victorian times, chocolate was thought of as a drink. When did the first chocolate bar appear?**

- [A] 1828
- [B] 1831
- [C] 1825
- [D] There is no sure date

Answer Option [D]

Explanation: No one knows for sure when the first chocolate bar appeared or even who made it, but an important event occurred in 1828. The Van Houten press was invented, which extracted cocoa butter from the bean - the same press that brought the Cadbury Brothers success with Cocoa Essence.

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Q. 28 **This English inventor is known as the 'Father of Computing.'**

- [A] Philo Farnsworth
- [B] J. Presper Eckert
- [C] John Mauchly
- [D] Charles Babbage

Answer Option [D]

Explanation: Mauchly and Eckert invented the ENIAC computer. Farnsworth was a pioneer of early television.

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Q. 29 **Who invented the first controllable flying AEROPLANE (AIRPLANE)?**

- [A] Wright Brothers
- [B] Lidenbergh Brothers
- [C] South Brothers
- [D] West Brothers

Answer Option [A]

Explanation: Wilbur and Orville Wright made the first successful controlled powered flight at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, in December 1903. The twelve second flight covered a distance of 120 feet and an altitude of just ten feet.

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Q. 30 **Who invented fuel cells in 1839?**

- [A] Buckminster Fuller
- [B] Sir William Grove
- [C] Sylvester Graham
- [D] Joyce Hall

Answer Option [B]

Explanation: Fuel cells were invented in 1839 by Sir William Grove.

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Q. 31 **What type of system did Paul Nipkow, John Baird, and Charles Jenkins all invent?**

- [A] Telephone
- [B] Early Warning

[C] Electricity

[D] Television

Answer Option [D]

Explanation: All of the inventors mentioned invented an early mechanical television system.

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Q. 32 **Which of the following was first patented by an Australian in 1889?**

[A] Electric Drill

[B] Electric Shaver

[C] Electric Fence

[D] Electric Heater

Answer Option [A]

Explanation: The Electric Drill was the invention of Arthur James Arnot. On 20 August 1889 he patented his design while working for the Union Electric Company in Melbourne. His original design was meant primarily for drilling rock to find coal!

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Q. 33 **In the 1700s, who would pay the postage fee for letters before the stamp was invented?**

[A] The sender

[B] There was no fee

[C] The receiver of the letter

[D] The post office

Answer Option [C]

Explanation: Later in 1840, Rowland Hill invented the stamp, which was paid for by the sender, not the receiver.

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Q. 34 **Who invented Dynamite?**

[A] Sir Alexander Graham Bell

[B] Benjamin Franklin

[C] Thomas Alva Edison

[D] Alfred B. Nobel

Answer Option [D]

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Q. 35 **What invention by Garnet Carter made its debut at the Fairyland Inn Resort in Lookout Mountain, Tennessee, in 1927?**

[A] Miniature golf

[B] Swimming pool slide

[C] Ski lift

[D] Golf cart

Answer Option [A]

Explanation: It was originally called 'Tom Thumb Golf'.

Q. 36 **What George Westinghouse invented?**

- [A] Light bulb
- [B] Electric razor
- [C] Refrigerator
- [D] Railway air brakes

Answer Option [D]

Explanation: Invented in 1868.

Q. 37 **What Sir Isaac Newton invented?**

- [A] Reflecting telescope
- [B] Chronometer
- [C] Microscope
- [D] Spectacles

Answer Option [A]

Explanation: Invented in 1668.

Q. 38 **When was the first Lionel trains manufactured?**

- [A] 1920
- [B] 1890
- [C] 1901
- [D] 1944

Answer Option [C]

Explanation: Joshua Lionel Cowen and Harry C. Grant started the Lionel Manufacturing Company on Sept. 5, 1900 in New York City. The first train, which was called the Electric Express, was manufactured in 1901 and was an open gondola propelled by a fan motor. As time has passed, the trains have been made in different colors and styles.

Q. 39 **What charge card, developed in 1950, was the first to be accepted nationally in the US?**

- [A] Visa
- [B] Discover
- [C] MasterCard
- [D] Diner's Club

Answer Option [D]

Explanation: The card was invented by Frank McNamara and Ralph Schneider.

Q. 40 **The ELECTRIC BATTERY, who's charged with inventing this one?**

- [A] Hertz

[B] Amper

[C] Galvani

[D] Volta

Answer Option [D]

Explanation: Italian, Alessandro Volta discovered the first practical battery in 1800. Life would be very different without batteries.

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Q. 41 **Who invented Jet Engine?**

[A] Sir Frank Whittle

[B] Gottlieb Daimler

[C] Roger Bacon

[D] Lewis E. Waterman

Answer Option [A]

Explanation: Dr. Hans von Ohain and Sir Frank Whittle are recognized as the co-inventors of the jet engine. Each was working separately and knew nothing of the others work. Although Whittle started first, von Ohain was first to design and develop a turbojet engine to power an aircraft.

Of the many honors received by both, the most significant honor was probably "The Charles Draper Prize" in 1992 which was given to both Hans von Ohain and Sir Frank Whittle for their efforts and contributions to aviation and mankind. "The Charles Draper Prize" is recognized as the equivalent to the Nobel Prize in technology.

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Q. 42 **Who developed the idea of Crop Rotation?**

[A] Potato Peterson

[B] Turnip Townsend

[C] Cabbage Carlson

[D] Swede Svenson

Answer Option [B]

Explanation: Viscount Charles 'Turnip' Townsend developed this revolutionary concept.

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Q. 43 **Which insurance salesman invented the fountain pen in 1854?**

[A] Lewis Edson Waterman

[B] Sir William Grove

[C] Charles Kettering

[D] George Fountain

Answer Option [A]

Explanation: Lewis Edson Waterman patented the first practical fountain pen in 1854.

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Q. 44 **For what does the world owe Almon Strowger a debt of gratitude?**

[A] Parking Meters

[B] Vending Machines

[C] Automatic Telephone Exchanges

[D] Traffic Lights

Answer Option [C]

Explanation: He was an undertaker, and legend has it, he developed the automatic switch in 1889, to stop competitors from getting his work!

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Q. 45 **When were blue jeans invented?**

[A] 1900s

[B] 1860s

[C] 1870s

[D] 1850s

Answer Option [D]

Explanation: The first blue jeans were invented by tailor Levi Strauss, who invented tougher working pants for the miners of the California Gold Rush.

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Q. 46 **In which decade was the transistor invented?**

[A] 1940s

[B] 1950s

[C] 1960s

[D] 1980s

Answer Option [A]

Explanation: On December 23, 1947, William Shockley, Walter Brattain and John Bardeen, of Bell Labs, announced their discovery of the point-contact germanium transistor to management.

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Q. 47 **Who invented Bakelite?**

[A] Charles Goodyear

[B] Leo Hendrik Baekeland

[C] Roy Plunkett

[D] Henry Ford

Answer Option [B]

Explanation: Leo Hendrik Baekeland invented the first plastic called Bakelite.

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Q. 48 **What Frank Whittle invented?**

[A] Radar

[B] Ethyl gasoline

[C] Sonar

[D] Jet propulsion

Answer Option [D]

Explanation: Invented in 1937.

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Q. 49 **What Elmer A. Sperry invented?**

- [A] Hydroplane
- [B] Hydraulic turbine
- [C] Magnetic compass
- [D] Gyrocompass

Answer Option [D]

Explanation: Invented in 1911.

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Q. 50 **Who invented Gunpowder?**

- [A] G. Ferdinand Von Zeppelin
- [B] Sir Frank Whittle
- [C] Roger Bacon
- [D] Leo H Baekeland

Answer Option [C]

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Q. 51 **The initials JCB on earth-moving equipment are those of the founder of the company that makes it. What is his name?**

- [A] John Christopher Ballantyne
- [B] Joseph Cyril Bamford
- [C] John Christopher Baxter
- [D] Jack Croxford Baker

Answer Option [B]

Explanation: Joseph Cyril Bamford founded the company that makes these iconic machines in 1945, in a 12ft X 15ft garage in Staffordshire.

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Q. 52 **What invention is credited to the Russian born American inventor Vladimir Kosma Zworykin?**

- [A] Telegraph
- [B] Radio
- [C] Television
- [D] Dishwasher

Answer Option [C]

Explanation: Zworykin invented both the tube (iconoscope) for transmission and the receiver (kinescope) in 1923 and 1924, respectively.

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Q. 53 **William Frederick is credited with the invention of the modern frisbee in the mid 1950's. In 1957 the Wham-O Company bought his idea and the rest is history. They named the toy after William Frisbie who was a _____?**

- [A] Pie maker
- [B] Owner of a pizza parlor
- [C] Student at Yale
- [D] Ceramic plate designer

Answer Option [A]

Explanation: Frisbie made a brand of pies that were popular with Yale students in the 1870's. After eating the pies they would throw the pie tins through the air.

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Q. 54 **When was Milk Tray first introduced?**

- [A] 1915
- [B] 1934
- [C] 1923
- [D] 1942

Answer Option [A]

Explanation: Milk Tray was introduced in 1915 in open boxes arranged on wooden trays. Today, with its distinctive purple and gold cartons and popularised by the "Man in Black" television adverts, its one of the most popular chocolate assortments.

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Q. 55 **When was the toothbrush invented?**

- [A] 1770
- [B] 1765
- [C] 1790
- [D] 1742

Answer Option [A]

Explanation: The first toothbrush was made out of a bone and small brush, by jail prisoner William Addis of England.

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Q. 56 **Who invented Airship (rigid)?**

- [A] Dr. Alan M. Turing
- [B] Roger Bacon
- [C] G. Ferdinand Von Zeppelin
- [D] Otto

Answer Option [C]

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Q. 57 **What item, originally called the 'Whirlwind', was invented by Ives McGaffey in 1869?**

- [A] Blender
- [B] Electric mixer
- [C] Washing machine

[D] Vacuum cleaner

Answer Option [D]

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Q. 58 **Who came up with the idea for INSTANT MASHED POTATO?**

- [A] S. Tuberosum
- [B] W. Raleigh
- [C] E. Asselbergs
- [D] K. Edwards

Answer Option [C]

Explanation: Instant mash was invented by Edward A Asselbergs, a Canadian, in 1962. The mash is actually dehydrated potato flakes.

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Q. 59 **The Manhattan Project was started by President Roosevelt in 1942 to ensure that the U.S. beat the Germans in developing a nuclear bomb. Whom did Roosevelt appoint as scientific head the Manhattan Project?**

- [A] Robert Oppenheimer
- [B] James B. Conant
- [C] Leslie R. Groves
- [D] Vannevar Bush

Answer Option [A]

Explanation: Leslie R. Groves, however, was the military head of the project and the overall supremo, while Robert Oppenheimer was the scientific director. The world's first atomic bomb was exploded in the New Mexico desert on July 16, 1945.

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Q. 60 **In which decade was the first solid state integrated circuit demonstrated?**

- [A] 1950s
- [B] 1960s
- [C] 1970s
- [D] 1980s

Answer Option [A]

Explanation: On September 12, 1958, Jack Kilby demonstrated the first working IC while working for Texas Instruments, although the U.S. patent office awarded the first patent for an integrated circuit to Robert Noyce of Fairchild.

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Q. 61 **Who invented the BALLPOINT PEN?**

- [A] Biro Brothers
- [B] Waterman Brothers
- [C] Bicc Brothers
- [D] Write Brothers

Answer Option [A]

Explanation: The Hungarian brothers, Laszlo and George Biro, made the first ball point pen in 1894. It followed the first workable fountain pen which was invented by L.E. Waterman in 1884.

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Q. 62 **Who invented Gramophone?**

- [A] Michael Faraday
- [B] Fahrenheit
- [C] Sir Alexander Graham Bell
- [D] Thomas Alva Edison

Answer Option [D]

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Q. 63 **What toy was invented by Joshua Lionel Cowen around 1900?**

- [A] Raggedy Ann doll
- [B] Yo-yo
- [C] Electric train
- [D] Tinkertoys

Answer Option [C]

Explanation: His middle name, Lionel, is the source of the Lionel Train brand name.

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Q. 64 **What now-ubiquitous device was invented by Zenith engineer Eugene Polley in 1955?**

- [A] Microwave oven
- [B] Remote control
- [C] VCR
- [D] Calculator

Answer Option [B]

Explanation: The first wireless remote control for television was called Flashmatic. (Remember when you had to get up to change the channel?)

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Q. 65 **What beverage was invented by Charles Alderton in 1885 in Waco, Texas?**

- [A] Cream soda
- [B] Coca-Cola
- [C] Dr. Pepper
- [D] Sprite

Answer Option [C]

Explanation: The cherry-flavored cola made its debut at Morrison's Old Corner Drugstore.

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Q. 66 **What toy did George Lerner create for Hasbro company in 1952?**

- [A] Sit and Spin
- [B] Talking baby doll
- [C] Mr. Potato Head
- [D] Hula hoop

Answer Option [C]

Explanation: This was a plastic potato-shaped body on which you could stick different features, such as eyes, ears, etc.

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Q. 67 **Who perfected GENETIC ENGINEERING?**

- [A] Cohen & Boyer
- [B] Hunt & Davids
- [C] Sinclair & Roberts
- [D] Jaysson & Simons

Answer Option [A]

Explanation: Genetic Engineering, the technique of DNA cloning was perfected by Stanley Cohen and Herbert Boyer in 1973.

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Q. 68 **Which scientist discovered the radioactive element radium?**

- [A] Isaac Newton
- [B] Albert Einstein
- [C] Benjamin Franklin
- [D] Marie Curie

Answer Option [D]

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Q. 69 **What Karl Benz invented?**

- [A] Gasoline powered automobile
- [B] Streetcar
- [C] Glider
- [D] Steam turbine

Answer Option [A]

Explanation: Invented in 1885.

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Q. 70 **Benjamin Franklin was a prolific inventor. He invented the lightning rod, the Franklin stove, studied electricity, discovered the Gulf Stream, started the first library, and on and on. Among his many other inventions, what musical instrument did he invent?**

- [A] Banjo
- [B] Oboe
- [C] Clarinet
- [D] Harmonium

Answer Option [D]

Explanation: Ben also holds a lot of firsts - first U.S. ambassador, first political cartoonist, first American philosopher, organized the first fire department, and on and on.

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Q. 71 **What treat was invented by 11-year-old Frank Epperson in 1905?**

- [A] Popsicle
- [B] Banana split
- [C] Cotton candy
- [D] Cracker Jacks

Answer Option [A]

Explanation: It was originally called the 'Epsicle' in his honor. (I can see why that name didn't catch on).

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Q. 72 **What Elisha Otis invented?**

- [A] The brake used in modern elevators
- [B] Jet Engine
- [C] Turbine
- [D] Hydraulic Crane

Answer Option [A]

Explanation:

In 1853, American inventor Elisha Otis demonstrated a freight elevator equipped with a safety device to prevent falling in case a supporting cable should break. This increased public confidence in such devices. Otis established a company for manufacturing elevators and patented (1861) a steam elevator.

Many people think that he invented the elevator, but the truth is, he invented the elevator brake. He also invented the railway safety brake.

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Q. 73 **In which decade was the ARRL founded?**

- [A] 1940s
- [B] 1930s
- [C] 1920s
- [D] 1910s

Answer Option [D]

Explanation: On April 6, 1914, Hiram Percy Maxim proposed the formation of the American Radio Relay League.

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Q. 74 **The first hand glider was designed by...?**

- [A] Leonardo DaVinci
- [B] The Wright brothers
- [C] Francis Rogallo
- [D] Galileo

Answer Option [A]

Q. 75 **Who invented Fountain Pen?**

- [A] John J. Loud
- [B] Sir Frank Whittle
- [C] Lewis E. Waterman
- [D] Kirkpatrick Macmillan

Answer Option [C]

Q. 76 **What J. B. Dunlop invented?**

- [A] Pneumatic rubber tire
- [B] Automobile wheel rim
- [C] Rubber boot
- [D] Model airplanes

Answer Option [A]

Explanation: Invented in 1887.

Q. 77 **FROZEN FOOD - Who discovered the first practical method of freezing food?**

- [A] C. Birdseye
- [B] F. Rozenosh
- [C] G. Findus
- [D] R. Scott

Answer Option [A]

Explanation: In the 1920s Clarence Birdseye discovered that if food was flash-frozen under pressure, it would freeze without the formation of ice crystals.

Q. 78 **This statesman, politician, scholar, inventor, and one of early presidents of USA invented the swivel chair, the spherical sundial, the moldboard plow, and the cipher wheel.**

- [A] George Washington
- [B] Alexander Hamilton
- [C] John Adams
- [D] Thomas Jefferson

Answer Option [D]

Explanation: Thomas Jefferson (April 13, 1743 - July 4, 1826) was the third President of the United States (1801-1809) and the principal author of the Declaration of Independence (1776).

Q. 79 **What plaything was invented by Joe McVicker in 1956?**

- [A] Silly Putty
- [B] Etch-A-Sketch

[C] Lite-Brite

[D] Play-Doh

Answer Option [D]

Explanation: The stuff was originally intended to be wallpaper cleaner! (I used to eat this as a child)

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Q. 80 **What invention was first installed at a Hartford, Connecticut bank in 1889?**

[A] Automatic teller machine

[B] Time-lock safe

[C] Burglar alarm

[D] Pay telephone

Answer Option [D]

Explanation: William Gray, inventor of the pay telephone, also invented the inflatable chest protector worn by baseball umpires and catchers.

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Q. 81 **Who invented the Seed Drill?**

[A] Jethro Tull

[B] Arlo Guthrie

[C] Woodie Guthrie

[D] Thomas Hines

Answer Option [A]

Explanation: It was invented around the early 1700's.

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Q. 82 **What item of apparel was invented by Ellery Chun, a Hawaiian clothing merchant, in 1931?**

[A] String bikini

[B] Muumuu

[C] Aloha shirt

[D] Capri pants

Answer Option [C]

Explanation: An Aloha shirt is a brightly colored tropical print shirt that is a popular souvenir of Hawaii.

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Q. 83 **In which decade was the SPICE simulator introduced?**

[A] 1950s

[B] 1960s

[C] 1970s

[D] 1980s

Answer Option [C]

Explanation: SPICE (Simulation Program with Integrated Circuit Emphasis) was introduced in May 1972 by the University of Berkeley, California.

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Q. 84 **Who invented Bicycle?**

- [A] Leo H Baekeland
- [B] Karl Benz
- [C] Evangelista Torricelli
- [D] Kirkpatrick Macmillan

Answer Option [D]

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Q. 85 **What inspired reflecting road lights to be invented?**

- [A] Car door reflecting mirrors
- [B] The light a cat's eyes gave off on a fence
- [C] Sun light on steel posts on road sides
- [D] The sun light on the windshield

Answer Option [B]

Explanation: In 1933, Englishman Percy Shaw was driving home when he saw a cat's eyes reflecting. He had been headed straight towards a fence with the cat on it, but on the other side was a drop of hundreds of feet.

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Q. 86 **What Enrico Fermi invented?**

- [A] X ray machine
- [B] Betatron
- [C] Cyclotron
- [D] Nuclear reactor

Answer Option [D]

Explanation: Invented in 1942.

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Q. 87 **In which year was MIDI introduced?**

- [A] 1987
- [B] 1983
- [C] 1973
- [D] 1977

Answer Option [B]

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Q. 88 **What piece of clothing was invented by French fashion designer Louis Reard in 1946?**

- [A] Zoot suit

[B] Mini-skirt

[C] Bikini

[D] Tank top

Answer Option [C]

Explanation: The bikini, a two-piece swimsuit named for the Bikini Atoll in the Pacific, made its debut on July 5, 1946.

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Q. 89 **What 'game' was first produced by the Southern Novelty Company in Baltimore, Maryland in 1892?**

[A] Frisbee

[B] Monopoly

[C] Ouija board

[D] Ping Pong

Answer Option [C]

Explanation: The board was invented by Isaac and William Fuld. The word 'Ouija' comes from the French and German words for 'yes', 'oui' and 'ja'.

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Q. 90 **Where was the yo-yo invented?**

[A] France

[B] United States

[C] Philippines

[D] England

Answer Option [C]

Explanation: The yo-yo was first used by hunters as weapons. They were wooden disks on strings. In the 1920s, a man from the U.S. named Donald Duncan made the yo-yo into a toy after he visited the Philippines.

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Q. 91 **Who invented the phonograph?**

[A] Thomas Edison

[B] John Kruesi

[C] Jules Levy

[D] Alexander Graham Bell

Answer Option [B]

Explanation: John Kruesi was a mechanic for Edison, and Kruesi built the phonograph. Edison designed it, and later improved the phonograph.

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Q. 92 **Ralph Samuelson was only 18 when he invented this sporting item in 1922. What was that?**

[A] Golf tee

[B] Motorboat

[C] Water skis

[D] Hang glider

Answer Option [C]

Explanation: The new item was first used on Lake Pepin in Minnesota.

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Q. 93 **For whom high heeled shoes were invented?**

- [A] Cleopatra
- [B] Queen Elizabeth I
- [C] King Louis the XIV
- [D] King Charles II

Answer Option [C]

Explanation: King Louis XIV was very short and didn't like looking up at people he spoke to, so he had a tall pair of shoes made for him.

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Q. 94 **What Henry Bessemer invented?**

- [A] Aluminum
- [B] Electroplating
- [C] Steel Converter
- [D] Steel rolling mill

Answer Option [C]

Explanation: Invented in 1856.

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Q. 95 **In which decade were the first successful diode and triode vacuum tubes invented?**

- [A] 1800s
- [B] 1880s
- [C] 1890s
- [D] 1900s

Answer Option [D]

Explanation: In 1904, John Ambrose Fleming invented the first practical electron tube called the 'Fleming Valve', which is a diode rectifier. In 1906, Lee de Forest invented the audion later called the triode, which provided signal amplification.

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Q. 96 **Who invented Automobiles using gasoline?**

- [A] Leo H Baekeland
- [B] Karl Benz
- [C] Evangelista Torricelli
- [D] Kirkpatrick Macmillan

Answer Option [B]

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Q. 97 **What Benjamin Franklin invented?**

- [A] Bifocal spectacles
- [B] Radio
- [C] Barometer
- [D] Hygrometer

Answer Option [A]

Explanation: Invented in 1760.

A list of Benjamin Franklin's inventions reveals a man of many talents and interests. It was the scientist in Ben that brought out the inventor. His natural curiosity about things and the way they work made him try to find ways to make them work better.

Ben had poor vision and needed glasses to read. He got tired of constantly taking them off and putting them back on, so he decided to figure out a way to make his glasses let him see both near and far. He had two pairs of spectacles cut in half and put half of each lens in a single frame. Today, we call them bifocals.

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Q. 98 **When were bar code scanners invented?**

- [A] 1940s
- [B] 1950s
- [C] 1970s
- [D] 1960s

Answer Option [C]

Explanation: The scanner reads the bar code label on something at a supermarket, and translates it into a number which the computer reads.

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Q. 99 **What Igor Sikorsky invented?**

- [A] Hydroplane
- [B] Jet engine airplane
- [C] Helicopter
- [D] Glider

Answer Option [C]

Explanation: Invented in 1939.

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Q. 100 **Who synthesized the first wholly artificial gene?**

- [A] Hargobind Khorana
- [B] J.J. Thompson
- [C] Benjamin Franklin
- [D] Meghnad Saha

Answer Option [A]

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Q. 101 **What drink was invented by Charles Leiper Grigg in 1929?**

- [A] 7-Up
- [B] Yoo-Hoo
- [C] Pepsi
- [D] Hawaiian Punch

Answer Option [A]

Explanation: Grigg, who was from Missouri, originally named his creation 'Bje-Label Lithiated Lemon-Lime Soda'.

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Q. 102 **In which decade was the Internet first implemented?**

- [A] 1940s
- [B] 1950s
- [C] 1960s
- [D] 1980s

Answer Option [C]

Explanation: The first message ever sent over what is now called the Internet took place at 10:30PM on October 29, 1969. Back then, the Department of Defense called it ARPAnet (Advanced Research Projects Agency network).

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Q. 103 **What George Pullman invented?**

- [A] Sleeping (railway) car
- [B] Airship
- [C] Box car (railway)
- [D] Air brakes

Answer Option [A]

Explanation: Invented in 1857.

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Q. 104 **When was the first lawn mower invented?**

- [A] 1830
- [B] 1854
- [C] 1835
- [D] 1849

Answer Option [A]

Explanation: The first lawn mowers were not engine powered. Invented in 1830 by Edwin Budding of England, the mowers were turning blades on wooden sticks used to cut grass. Engine powered mowers were not invented until 1919 by an American Army colonel, who used the motor from a washing machine.

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Q. 105 **For over 500 years, paper was only available and sold as single sheets. In 1902, an inventive Australian used half size sheets of paper, a bit of glue and cardboard to create the what?**

- [A] Notepad
- [B] Calendar

[C] Notice Board

[D] Telephone Book

Answer Option [A]

Explanation: Birchall's of Launceston in Tasmania started selling the world's first notepads, calling them 'Silvercity Writing Tablets' after J A Birchall thought it would be a good idea to back sheets of paper with cardboard and glue them together at the top. His British paper suppliers weren't so keen, but, they were persuaded by Birchall that it was a good idea!

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Q. 106 **What did cardiologist Dr. Paul Zoll invent in Massachusetts in 1952?**

[A] EKG

[B] Artificial heart valve

[C] Artificial heart

[D] Pacemaker

Answer Option [D]

Explanation: The pacemaker is an electrical device that regulates the heartbeat.

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Q. 107 **What furniture item was invented by California furniture designer Charles Prior Hall in 1968?**

[A] Sofa bed

[B] Captain's chair

[C] Waterbed

[D] Hammock

Answer Option [C]

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Q. 108 **In which decade was the telephone invented?**

[A] 1850s

[B] 1860s

[C] 1870s

[D] 1880s

Answer Option [C]

Explanation: Alexander Graham Bell's notebook entry of 10 March 1876 describes his successful experiment with the telephone. Speaking through the instrument to his assistant, Thomas A. Watson, in the next room, Bell utters these famous first words, "Mr. Watson -- come here -- I want to see you".

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Q. 109 **What device for new parents did Ann Moore invent in 1969?**

[A] Bottle warmer

[B] Baby monitor

[C] Disposable diaper

[D] Infant carrier

Answer Option [D]

Explanation: Ann got the idea for the Snuggly infant carrier from the traditional African baby carriers she observed while a volunteer for the Peace Corps in Africa.

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Q. 110 **When was Monopoly created?**

- [A] 1940s
- [B] 1930s
- [C] 1920s
- [D] 1950s

Answer Option [B]

Explanation: After the Stock Market crash, a buying and selling game created by Charles Darrow came to be. The first games were hand drawn on linoleum with streets from Atlantic City, N.J. as the property. He took the game to the Parker Brothers company, and Monopoly was brought out for Christmas 1934. Everyone wanted to buy the games after Christmas, and Monopoly became a big success.

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Q. 111 **When was the first elevator built?**

- [A] 1743
- [B] 1739
- [C] 1760
- [D] 1785

Answer Option [A]

Explanation: The first elevator was built in the palace of King Louis XV. It only traveled up one floor, and was hand powered by men inside the chimney.

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Q. 112 **Who invented Electric Generator?**

- [A] Sir Alexander Graham Bell
- [B] Michael Faraday
- [C] Alfred B. Nobel
- [D] Thomas Alva Edison

Answer Option [B]

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Q. 113 **In which decade was the telegraph invented?**

- [A] 1810s
- [B] 1840s
- [C] 1870s
- [D] 1890s

Answer Option [B]

Explanation: On May 24, 1844, Samuel Morse send his famous message, "What hath God wrought?"

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Q. 114 **Who invented Bifocal Lens?**

- [A] Alfred B. Nobel
- [B] Thomas Alva Edison
- [C] Benjamin Franklin
- [D] Rudolf Diesel

Answer Option [C]

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Q. 115 **Who invented Internal Combustion Engine?**

- [A] Roger Bacon
- [B] Karl Benz
- [C] Dr. Alan M. Turing
- [D] Otto

Answer Option [D]

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Q. 116 **What groovy item was invented by Englishman Edward Craven Walker in 1963?**

- [A] Leisure suit
- [B] Lava lamp
- [C] Eight-track tape deck
- [D] Hot comb

Answer Option [B]

Explanation: Groovy, baby! Lava lamps, which were a fixture in every hip pad in the 1960s and 70s, featured a mixture of water and colored oil that created swirl patterns when heated by a light bulb.

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Q. 117 **Who is the English physicist responsible for the 'Big Bang Theory'?**

- [A] Albert Einstein
- [B] Michael Skube
- [C] George Gamow
- [D] Roger Penrose

Answer Option [C]

Explanation: George Gamow. Gamow, who died in 1968, was a physicist, who published "Thirty Years that Shook Physics".

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Q. 118 **What Galileo invented?**

- [A] Barometer
- [B] Pendulum clock
- [C] Microscope
- [D] Thermometer

Answer Option [D]

Explanation:

Various authors have credited the invention of the thermometer to Cornelius Drebbel, Robert Fludd, Galileo Galilei or Santorio Santorio. The thermometer was not a single invention, however, but a development.

Galileo Galilei also discovered that objects (glass spheres filled with aqueous alcohol) of slightly different densities would rise and fall, which is nowadays the principle of the Galileo thermometer (shown). Today such thermometers are calibrated to a temperature scale.