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Summer quiz Aviation trivia*

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Test your knowledge of aviation history with this chronological quiz

1 - On October 15, 1783 who was the first human to lift off the Earth?

- a - Leonardo da Vinci
- b - Etienne Montgolfier
- c - Jean-Francois Pilâtre de Rozier

2 - On July 25, 1909, Louis Blériot, aboard his aircraft Blériot XI, made the first crossing of the English Channel. How long did it take?

- a - 37 minutes
- b - 71 minutes
- c - 1 hour and 25 minutes

3 - It was established in 1919, it is the world's oldest airline still in operation:

- a - Qantas
- b - Air France
- c - KLM

4 - Amelia Earhart disappeared in 1937 over the Pacific Ocean during an attempt to circumnavigate the world. What is she also remembered for?

- a - she was the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean
- b - She was the first woman to fly solo across the North American continent and back
- c - She was the first aviator to fly solo from Honolulu, Hawaii to Oakland, California

5 - Which GA aircraft, first flown in 1955 and still in production today, has been produced in the greatest of numbers?

- a - C 172
- b - PA 28
- c - Beechcraft Bonanza

6 - The B737 is the largest selling commercial jetliner ever. It entered commercial service in 1968 with which airline?

- a - Lufthansa
- b - American Airlines
- c - Ryanair

7 - The iconic B747 made its first commercial flight in 1970 with Pan American World Airways. Since then, and through May 2019, how many have been built?

- a - 914
- b - 1551
- c - 2022

8 - They were first deployed in 1983 and have already saved hundreds of lives:

- a - water-landing survival gear
- b - pilot airbags systems
- c - whole-plane parachute systems

9 - Its first flight occurred in 1987 and it was the first aircraft to use fly-by-wire controls in commercial aviation:

- a - B757
- b - A320
- c - TU-204

10 - What is the most produced single engine civilian aircraft after 2002?

- a - C 172
- b - DR 400
- c - Cirrus SR22

11 - In March 2005, he completed the first solo, non-stop flight around the world without refueling aboard the experimental aircraft Virgin Atlantic GlobalFlyer:

- a - Richard Branson
- b - Bertrand Piccard
- c - Steve Fossett

12 - This commercial airliner was deployed in 2007, its wingspan is longer than the aircraft itself:

- a - A 380
- b - B 777
- c - Solar Impulse 1

13 - Also introduced in 2007, this business jet was the first of its class to use fly-by-wire control and set a transatlantic speed record:

- a - Embraer Phenom 300
- b - Falcon 7X
- c - Cessna Citation Mustang

14 - The Boeing 787 Dreamliners entered service in 2011 but were grounded for almost half a year in 2013 because of which problem?

- a - battery-fire issues
- b - computer bugs
- c - wing flaps malfunctions

ANSWERS

1 : b, in a tethered balloon, Jean-Francois Pilâtre de Rozier and his co-aeronaut Pierre Romain were the first known fatalities in an air crash on 15 June, 1785 - 2 : a - 3 : c, oldest operating airline by date. As it suspended service during WWII, it is behind Qantas in the «continuously operating airline» category. - 4 : a, b, and c; 5 : a; 6 : a; 7 : b, check the details at: <http://active.boeing.com/commercial/orders/displayStandardReport.cfm?chocurrentModel=747&reportType=AllModels&chocAllModel=747&ViewReport=View+Report> - 8 : c; 9 : b; 10 : c; - 11 : b, Bertrand Piccard - a Swiss balloonist - completed the first successful round-the-world solar powered flight on board Solar Impulse. - 12 : a, wingspan is 80m, length is 72.7m. - 13 : b; - 14 : a.