- 1. Control of Fire (Prehistoric Era) Early humans' ability to create and control fire.
- 2. Invention of the Wheel (c. 3500 BC) Mesopotamia.
- 3. Development of Writing (c. 3200 BC) In ancient Sumer (modern-day Iraq).
- 4. Agriculture (c. 9500 BC) Neolithic Revolution, beginning of farming.
- 5. Bronze Age (c. 3300 BC) The discovery and use of bronze.
- 6. Iron Age (c. 1200 BC) The discovery and use of iron.
- 7. Aqueducts (c. 312 BC) Ancient Rome, for water supply.
- 8. Concrete (c. 300 BC) Ancient Roman material innovation.
- 9. Paper (c. 100 BC) Invented in China.
- 10. The Compass (c. 200 BC-100 AD) Ancient China, for navigation.
- 11. Zero (0) (3rd Century) Conceptualized in India.
- 12. Printing Press (1440) Invented by Johannes Gutenberg in Germany.
- 13. **Microscope** (1590) Developed in the Netherlands.
- 14. **Telescope** (1608) Invented by Hans Lippershey in the Netherlands.
- 15. Steam Engine (1712) Developed by Thomas Newcomen.
- 16. Vaccination (1796) Developed by Edward Jenner for smallpox.
- 17. Electric Battery (1800) Invented by Alessandro Volta.
- 18. Locomotive (Steam Train) (1804) Invented by Richard Trevithick.
- 19. Photography (1826) First photograph by Joseph Nicéphore Niépce.
- 20. Telegraph (1837) Perfected by Samuel Morse.
- 21. Anesthesia (1846) First used by William Morton for surgery.
- 22. Rubber Vulcanization (1844) Invented by Charles Goodyear.
- 23. Sewing Machine (1846) Invented by Elias Howe.
- 24. Dynamite (1867) Invented by Alfred Nobel.
- 25. Telephone (1876) Invented by Alexander Graham Bell.
- 26. Light Bulb (1879) Improved by Thomas Edison.
- 27. Automobile (1886) Invented by Karl Benz.
- 28. Radio (1895) Invented by Guglielmo Marconi.
- 29. Airplane (1903) First powered flight by the Wright brothers.
- 30. Plastic (1907) First fully synthetic plastic by Leo Baekeland.
- 31. Penicillin (1928) Discovered by Alexander Fleming.
- 32. Nuclear Fission (1938) Discovered by Otto Hahn and Fritz Strassmann.
- 33. Antibiotics (1942) Mass production of penicillin during WWII.
- 34. Transistor (1947) Invented at Bell Labs.
- 35. DNA Double Helix (1953) Described by Watson and Crick.
- 36. Integrated Circuit (1958) Invented by Jack Kilby and Robert Noyce.
- 37. Laser (1960) Invented by Theodore Maiman.
- 38. Apollo Moon Landing (1969) Apollo 11, first human moon landing.
- 39. Internet (1969) ARPANET commissioned by the U.S. Department of Defense.
- 40. Personal Computer (1970s) Development of the first personal computers.
- 41. Mobile Phone (1973) First handheld mobile phone by Motorola.
- 42. MRI Scanner (1977) Developed by Raymond Damadian.
- 43. World Wide Web (1989) Invented by Tim Berners-Lee.
- 44. GPS (1993) Global Positioning System fully operational.
- 45. Human Genome Project (Completed 2003) Mapped the human genome.
- 46. **Smartphone** (2007) iPhone launched by Apple.
- 47. CRISPR Gene Editing (2012) A revolutionary tool in genetic engineering.
- 48. Artificial Intelligence (Ongoing) Rapid advancements in AI technology.
- 49. **Quantum Computing** (Ongoing) Development of quantum computers.
- 50. COVID-19 Vaccine (2020) Rapid development and deployment.