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Directions

Read each question and choose the best answer.

1 Which excerpt from President Franklin D. Roosevelt’s war message to Congress would be considered a fact rather than an opinion?

- A** “The Japanese government has deliberately sought to deceive the United States by false statements . . .”
- B** “The American people in their righteous might will win . . .”
- C** “Our people, our territory, and our interests are in grave danger . . .”
- D** “American ships have been torpedoed on the high seas . . .”

2 In 1857, the Supreme Court supported the argument for slavery by affirming that slaves did not have citizenship rights in what decision?

- F** *Munn v. Illinois*
- G** *Dred Scott v. Sandford*
- H** *Plessy v. Ferguson*
- J** *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas*

3 Following the Civil War, black codes were passed in Southern states in order

- A** to deny newly established constitutional rights to African Americans.
- B** to specify how destroyed roads and bridges would be rebuilt.
- C** to provide freed slaves with protection from violent acts against them.
- D** to determine criteria by which Confederate war veterans would be honored.

4 African Americans who traveled west and became "Exodusters" in the late 1800s did so because they

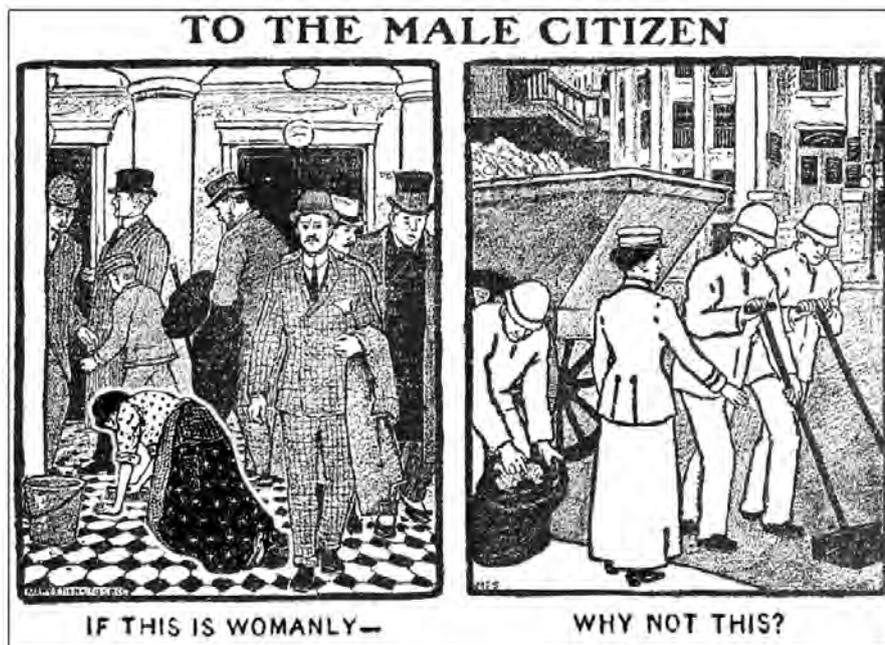
- A** felt that life in the South was no better after Emancipation.
- B** wanted to travel to an area that did not depend on the cotton crop.
- C** were forced out of the Southern states by law.
- D** would be sent back to Africa otherwise.

5 One reason immigration laws were passed in the 1920s was

- A** fear of radical ideas and communism.
- B** resentment toward Europeans after World War I.
- C** the success of D.W. Griffith's film *Birth of a Nation*.
- D** writings by leaders of the Niagara Movement.

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Study the political cartoon below. Then answer Numbers 6 through 8.



6 Which government reform does the cartoon promote?

- F building safety codes
- G equal opportunity laws
- H social security programs
- J environmental protection acts

7 The cartoon shows support for a cause promoted by the

- A abolitionists.
- B industrialists.
- C isolationists.
- D progressives.

8 Which statement best expresses the message of the cartoon?

- F Laws should be passed to protect women in the workplace.
- G Laws should be passed to encourage women to work at home.
- H Women should be allowed to work in management positions.
- J Women should use modern technology to make their work easier.

9 After World War II, United States foreign policy was characterized by its long-term opposition to communist expansion. This policy is called

- A pacifism.
- B isolationism.
- C containment.
- D appeasement.

10 Which of these best explains the foreign policy objective of President Taft's "Dollar Diplomacy"?

- F It should use military force around the world.
- G It should recruit skilled workers from overseas.
- H It should isolate the United States from Central America.
- J It should use investments to gain influence in the Western hemisphere.

11 Which most directly caused American entry into World War I?

- A the bombing of Pearl Harbor
- B economic recovery from the Great Depression
- C the protection of American trade interests within Germany
- D the use of unrestricted submarine warfare against American shipping

12 President Wilson's goal for the League of Nations was

- F a balance-of-power theory.
- G international cooperation.
- H a strong international military force.
- J the United States becoming a world superpower.

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13 Which form of entertainment helped to create a mass, nationwide popular culture in the 1920s and 1930s?

- A radio
- B television
- C vaudeville
- D live theatre

14 What method did many Americans use to buy items beyond their means in the 1920s?

- F barter
- G loans from relatives
- H installment plans
- J government loans

15 Which statement asserts the ideas of most New Deal economists?

- A Big business should set most economic policies.
- B The law of supply and demand should determine all economic decisions.
- C The federal government should have absolutely no power over the economy.
- D An important function of government is to moderate the effects of the business cycle.

16 When President Franklin D. Roosevelt said, "December 7, 1941, a date which will live in infamy," to what was he referring?

- F the Battle of St. Lo
- G the Battle of the Bulge
- H the evacuation of Dunkirk
- J the attack on Pearl Harbor

Study the quotation and the political cartoon below. Then answer Numbers 17 through 20.

We demand the absolute banning of the atomic weapon. . . .
We consider that any government which would be first to use the atom weapon . . . would be committing a crime against humanity. . . .
We call on all men of good will throughout the world to sign this appeal.

—Issued at a conference organized by the Soviet Union (Russia), March, 1950



17 The cartoon implies that, at the same time the Soviet Union issued this Appeal, it was also

- A giving up its control over other countries.
- B using atomic energy for peaceful purposes.
- C using its navy to protect endangered species.
- D developing its own nuclear military capabilities.

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18 The quotation and the cartoon were published when the United States and the Soviet Union were

- F** competing for world influence.
- G** fighting together in a world war.
- H** forming an alliance for mutual defense.
- J** cooperating on underwater explorations.

19 When were the Appeal and the cartoon first published?

- A** when World War II began
- B** during the Cold War
- C** during the Great Depression
- D** when the Berlin Wall fell

20 Which statement best expresses the cartoonist's opinion about the Soviet Union?

- F** The Soviet Union needed military assistance from the United States.
- G** The Soviet Union's claim that it wanted to ban atomic weapons was misleading.
- H** The Soviet Union's atomic-powered submarines were polluting the ocean floor.
- J** The Soviet Union wanted peaceful coexistence with the United States.

21 Why was the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) formed?

- A** to invade the Soviet Union and end the communist threat
- B** to spread communist propaganda in post-war Europe
- C** to further the United States' foreign policy of containment
- D** to provide support for the French resistance to Hitler

22 Senator Joseph McCarthy was responsible for inciting fear and hysteria in the American public by claiming that

- F** members of the Communist Party were infiltrating all levels of American government.
- G** large numbers of immigrants from Ireland were creating crime in the nation's cities.
- H** anarchists and radicals from Italy were plotting to overthrow the government.
- J** Spain had destroyed an American warship in Havana, Cuba.

23 What impact did the *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas* decision have on federalism?

- A** The ability of the federal government to regulate schools was weakened.
- B** The Supreme Court expanded its implied powers to legislate for state governments.
- C** State and local governments were ordered by the federal courts to integrate their schools.
- D** Federal control of local schools was viewed as unnecessary.

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24 Which individual was a driving force behind the passage of the 1964 Civil Rights Act?

- F** Marcus Garvey
- G** Frederick Douglass
- H** Booker T. Washington
- J** Martin Luther King, Jr.

25 What event sparked the beginning of the modern feminist movement?

- A** the refusal of Rosa Parks to give up her bus seat
- B** the publication of *The Feminine Mystique* by Betty Friedan
- C** the Vietnam War
- D** the passage of the Equal Rights Amendment



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