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Directions

Read each question and choose the best answer.

1 Prior to the Civil War, the North differed from the South in that the North

- A** gave slaves the right to vote.
- B** opposed westward expansion.
- C** had a democratic form of government.
- D** was becoming a successful industrial society.

2 At the outbreak of war in Europe in 1914, President Wilson followed a foreign policy of

- F** neutrality.
- G** militarism.
- H** containment.
- J** expansionism.

3 One factor which contributed to the Great Depression was that American consumers in the 1920s

- A** avoided purchasing anything other than the bare necessities.
- B** began to accumulate personal debt through installment buying.
- C** were unable to afford manufactured goods because the costs were so high.
- D** waited until they had saved enough money before making major purchases.

4 Which event caused a president to resign in disgrace?

- F** the Cold War
- G** the Watergate scandal
- H** the Bay of Pigs invasion
- J** the Teapot Dome scandal

5 What themes dominated the songs that Woody Guthrie wrote during the 1930s?

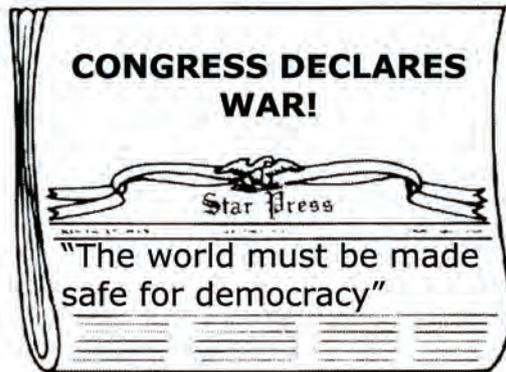
- A** sophisticated wit that appealed to wealthy urbanites
- B** musical humor that poked fun at American politicians
- C** social injustice and hardship during the Great Depression
- D** sarcastic humor which expressed a cynical view of communism

6 How were the roles of women and minorities affected by America's entrance into World War II?

- F** Both groups found new employment opportunities.
- G** Both groups were allowed to vote for the first time.
- H** Both groups were allowed to serve in the armed forces for the first time.
- J** Both groups joined forces to fight against racial and gender discrimination.

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Which headline would probably have appeared first?

- A 1
- B 2
- C 3
- D 4

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What was the purpose of the requirements listed in the box above?

- F** to encourage more young Americans to vote
- G** to make the voting process more democratic
- H** to restrict many African Americans from voting
- J** to demonstrate the benefits of women's suffrage

9 Which social change is a significant result of the twentieth century women's movement in the United States?

- A** Women have made few gains in society since the passage of the 19th Amendment.
- B** Women regularly earn higher salaries than men for doing the same work.
- C** A larger percentage of women are homemakers now than ever before.
- D** Society has become more aware of the concerns of American women.

10 Which statement best describes the importance of immigration to the development of the United States?

- F** Immigration has had no real influence on the United States.
- G** The population of the United States would decline without immigration.
- H** Immigrants usually brought family fortunes that helped to build the United States.
- J** Immigration provides a flow of new ideas and diverse cultures to the United States.

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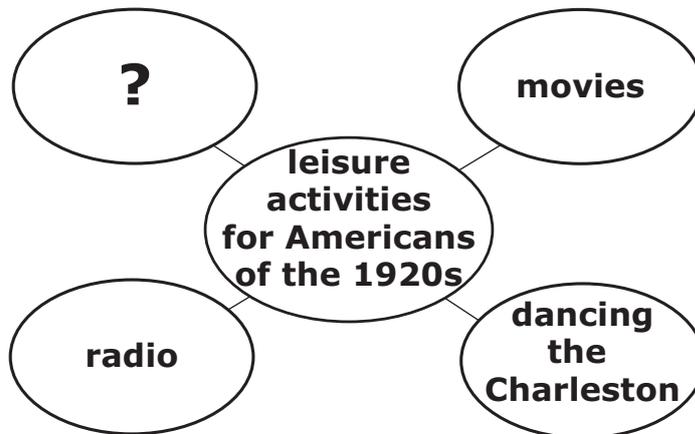
11 How was immigration critical to the rapid industrialization of the late nineteenth century?

- A Immigrants were generally skilled workers.
- B Immigrants enjoyed a high standard of living.
- C Immigrants financed the expansion of industry.
- D Immigrants supplied a large pool of unskilled labor.

12 What convinced President Truman to use the atomic bomb?

- F the decision by Hitler to send troops to Japan
- G the inability of the United States to capture any Pacific islands
- H the projections of heavy casualties in an Allied invasion of Japan
- J the unanimous support of the United States scientific community

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Which activity best completes the diagram?

- A watching television
- B driving an automobile
- C traveling on jet planes
- D using a personal computer

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“What is our title to the Philippine Islands? Do we hold them by treaty or by conquest? Did we buy them, or did we take them? . . . If governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed, it is impossible to secure title to [the Philippine people], either by force or by purchase.”

—William Jennings Bryan, 1900

In his speech on United States imperialism, William Jennings Bryan gave reasons for his belief in

- F** the right of people to determine their own destiny.
- G** the role of government in upholding equal rights for all citizens.
- H** the responsibility of a government to come to the aid of its allies.
- J** the right of one country to overthrow the government of another country.

15 Which battle was the turning point in the Pacific theater of World War II ?

- A** Midway
- B** Okinawa
- C** Leyte Gulf
- D** Pearl Harbor

16 The Great Migration to Northern cities contributed most directly to an increase in

- F** racial hostility.
- G** patriotic expression.
- H** national isolationism.
- J** railroad construction.

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17 Which World War II event forced Germany to fight a land war on two European fronts?

- A the Battle of Britain
- B the Battle of the Bulge
- C the invasion of Normandy
- D the evacuation of Dunkirk

18 Which event was a post-World War II reaction to the Holocaust?

- F constitutional amendments outlawing anti-Semitism
- G the establishment of Israel as an independent nation
- H the return of all confiscated property to Jewish survivors
- J passage of anti-Semitic laws throughout the United States

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“The facts of the matter are that this nation’s foes have openly boasted of acquiring through our newspapers information they would otherwise hire agents to acquire through theft, bribery, or espionage.”

—President John F. Kennedy, 1961

Why did President Kennedy feel that some information should not be published in newspapers?

- A Such publication damages military morale.
- B The First Amendment was not important to him.
- C The American military is governed by martial law.
- D Communists could obtain vital information from newspaper reports.



The cartoon suggests that during the late 1800s the United States government was

- F** shifting its foreign policy toward global expansion.
- G** encouraging immigration in order to gain new states.
- H** restricting its foreign policy actions to unpopulated areas of the world.
- J** providing military and economic assistance to nations attempting to become democracies.

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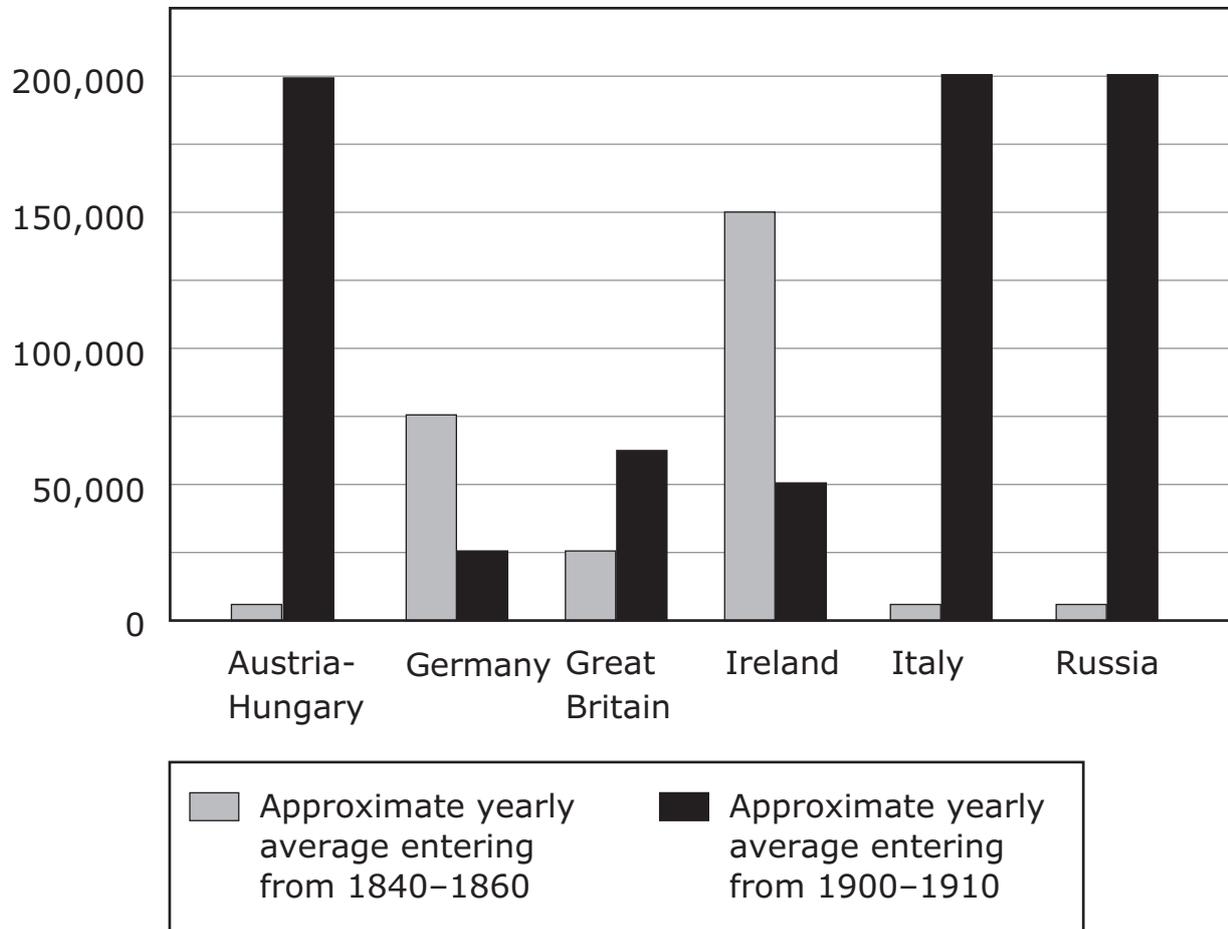
If I could save the Union without freeing any slave I would do it and if I could save it by freeing all the slaves I would do it; and if I could save it by freeing some and leaving others alone I would also do that . . . I have stated my purpose according to my views of official duty, and I intend no modification of my oft-expressed personal wish that all men everywhere could be free.

**—from a letter dated
August 22, 1862**

This quotation states the views of

- A** Ulysses Grant
- B** Jefferson Davis
- C** Abraham Lincoln
- D** Frederick Douglass

Immigrants Entering the United States



Which of these is the most accurate conclusion that can be drawn from this chart?

- F Irish immigration was higher in the middle 1800s than in the early 1900s.
- G German immigration was higher in the early 1900s than in the middle 1800s.
- H Fewer people immigrated to this country in the early 1900s than in the middle of the 1800s.
- J There was no difference in the number of immigrants entering the country between the two periods.

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23 The Immigration Act of 1924 imposed immigration quotas on what basis?

- A** literacy
- B** nationality
- C** social class
- D** religious beliefs

24 The 19th Amendment was nicknamed the “Susan B. Anthony Amendment” because Anthony

- F** graduated from Oberlin College.
- G** chaired the Seneca Falls Convention.
- H** helped lead the women’s suffrage movement.
- J** fought for women’s health and safety standards.

Study the charts below. Then answer Numbers 25 and 26.

Selected Statistics on the United States Economy, 1923 to 1929

Corporate profits	up 65%
Manufacturing output	up 32%
Wages	up 8%

United States Economic Indicators, 1929 to 1933

	1929	1933
Banks in operation	25,568	14,771
Privately earned income	\$45.4 billion	\$23.9 billion

Consumer Spending on Selected Items, 1929 to 1933

	1929	1933
Automobiles	\$2.6 million	\$0.8 million
Clothing	\$11.2 million	\$5.4 million
Housing	\$11.5 million	\$7.5 million

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25 The indicators listed in the charts suggest that an unstable economy in the late 1920s and early 1930s was partially caused by

- A** sharp rises in wages for the workers.
- B** businesses producing more goods than consumers could buy.
- C** strict government regulations limiting the actions of businesses.
- D** people placing money in savings accounts instead of buying goods.

26 Which of these best describes an effect of the conditions described in the charts for 1933?

- F** greater reliance on foreign trade
- G** decreased taxation of businesses
- H** decreased public interest in economic issues
- J** greater government intervention in the economy

“You have a row of dominoes set up, you knock over the first one, and what will happen to the last one is the certainty that it will go over very quickly. So you could have a beginning of a [process] that would have the most profound influences.”

**— President Dwight D. Eisenhower
News Conference on April 7, 1954**

27 The view expressed in the quotation most directly resulted in the United States

- A** increasing its involvement in Vietnam.
- B** developing a program to explore space.
- C** increasing the stockpile of nuclear weapons.
- D** improving its diplomatic relations with China.

28 Which presidential platform is most similar to the view Eisenhower expressed?

- F** Calvin Coolidge’s desire to create a favorable business climate
- G** Woodrow Wilson’s vision of an international peacekeeping organization
- H** Harry Truman’s commitment to support countries resisting communism
- J** Franklin Roosevelt’s belief in government spending to help the economy

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“The battle against Communism must be joined in Southeast Asia with strength and determination to achieve success there—or the United States, inevitably, must surrender the Pacific and take up our defenses on our own shores.”

—Vice President Johnson writing to JFK, 1961

29 What did Vice President Johnson want President Kennedy to do?

- A** invade the Soviet Union
- B** withdraw troops from Southeast Asia
- C** increase United States military presence in Vietnam
- D** build new military bases in California and Washington

30 Why do historians believe Vice President Johnson’s ideas, also known as “the domino effect,” are opinion rather than fact?

- F** He clearly is prejudiced against any nation that is led by a communist.
- G** He exaggerates the scope of the communist drive for world domination.
- H** He uses emotionally charged language rather than diplomatic tones to convey his message to the president.
- J** He offers no proof that if one nation in a region becomes communist, all other nations in the region will also become communist.

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