

SAT HISTORY-U.S. PRACTICE PAPER

Question 1

"If the Creator had separated Texas from the Union by mountain barriers, the Alps or the Andes, there might be plausible objections; but He has planned down the whole [Mississippi] Valley including Texas, and united every atom of the soil and every drop of the water of the mighty whole. He has linked their rivers with the great Mississippi, and marked and united the whole for the dominion of one government, the residence of one people."

This quotation from the 1840's can be viewed as an expression of

Select an Answer

- A the New Nationalism
- B popular sovereignty
- C Manifest Destiny
- D the Good Neighbor policy
- E the frontier thesis

Question 2

One purpose of the Marshall Plan of 1948 was to

Select an Answer

- A rebuild European economies to make communism less appealing
- B aid the depressed agricultural economies of Latin American nations
- C aid communist nations that would agree to embrace democracy
- D give military aid to those nations resisting communist subversion
- E help the peoples of Asia establish heavy industries

Question 3

Which of the following best describes the pattern of immigration into Britain's North American colonies during the years 1620 to 1770?

Select an Answer

- A Largely English in the seventeenth century, non-English in the eighteenth century
- B Chiefly of English origin during the whole period
- C Largely non-English in the seventeenth century, English in the eighteenth century
- D Predominantly from southern and eastern Europe, especially after 1700
- E Predominantly from Asia, Africa and Spanish America especially after 1650

Question 4

The encomienda system in the Spanish North American colonies included doing all of the following EXCEPT

Select an Answer

- A coercing Native Americans to provide labor
- B granting estates to Spanish settlers
- C exacting tribute in goods
- D converting Native Americans to Christianity
- E delegating authority to joint-stock companies

Question 5



The slogan “Fifty-four forty or fight!” was used to advocate which of the following United States foreign policies?

Select an Answer

- A Extending the United States northern border with British Canada to the Pacific Coast
- B Enforcing the return of enslaved people who escaped to northern states
- C Acquiring all of Texas, not just the area north of the Nueces River
- D Obtaining control of all the Oregon Territory from Great Britain
- E Preventing further attempts at European colonization in the Western Hemisphere

Question 6



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The 1940s poster above referred to the

Select an Answer

- A contribution of women to the defense industry
- B growing popularity of women movie stars
- C large number of women in the armed forces
- D large number of immigrants who supported the war effort
- E affection of Americans for their wartime president

Question 7

The chief reason given by Woodrow Wilson for requesting a declaration of war against Germany in 1917 was the

Select an Answer

- A refusal of Germany to accept the Fourteen Points as a basis for peace negotiations
- B need to establish a League of Nations after the war
- C resumption of unrestricted submarine warfare by Germany
- D economic rivalry between the United States and Germany
- E cultural ties between the United States and England

Question 8

Which of the following statements best represents a nativist attitude toward the influx of immigrants around 1900?

Select an Answer

- A Slavs and Italians will be assimilated as easily into the American way of life as were earlier immigrant groups.
- B Ellis Island should be enlarged to accommodate the huge influx of immigrants.
- C Immigrants will work for low wages and break strikes, thereby hurting all American workers.
- D Native-born Americans should organize to help find jobs and homes for new immigrants so that they can become citizens as quickly as possible.
- E Political machines in the large cities should be responsible for providing immigrants with food, shelter, and jobs in return for their votes.

Question 9

Which of the following was true of Black soldiers in the United States Army during the First World War?

Select an Answer

- A Black soldiers and White soldiers served in fully integrated units.
- B Black soldiers served in segregated units often commanded by White officers.
- C Black Americans were drafted into the armed forces but were not allowed to enlist.
- D Black Americans were not allowed in the armed forces, but were encouraged to take factory jobs in war industries.
- E Because some Black leaders opposed the war, the government placed Black soldiers only in noncombat positions.

Question 10

The principal consequence of the Northwest Ordinance of 1787 was that it

Select an Answer

- A terminated the earlier system of land survey established by the federal government for the territories
- B established a procedure for bringing new states into the Union as the equals of the older states
- C provided for the removal of American Indians from the East Coast to territories across the Appalachian mountains
- D encouraged the drafting of a new treaty with England concerning the disposition of the western territories
- E strengthened the role of the thirteen original states in Congress

Question 11

During the period from 1492 to 1700, French activity in the Americas was primarily directed toward

Select an Answer

- A establishing trade with American Indians
- B plundering American Indian settlements for gold and silver
- C conquering Spanish and English colonies
- D encouraging the growth of permanent settlements
- E discovering a new route to Asia

Question 12

Which of the following best describes the role played by the People's (Populist) Party during the 1890s?

Select an Answer

- A An instrument to protect small businesses from governmental regulation
- B An organization foreshadowing the subsequent socialist movement
- C A vehicle for agrarian protest against railroad and banking interests
- D The political arm of the new labor movement
- E The medium through which urban ethnic groups entered national politics

Question 13

The Monroe Doctrine of 1823 is best summarized by which of the following statements?

Select an Answer

- A The United States would not permit the continuance of the African slave trade.
- B The United States would feel free to intervene in any case where a democratic nation was threatened by a non-democratic one.
- C The United States would not allow the creation of any new colonies in the Western Hemisphere, although it would not interfere with existing ones.
- D The United States would insist that all nations be given equal access to markets in the Far East.
- E The United States would not extend diplomatic recognition to any foreign government that came to power by force.

Question 14

Harriet Tubman was known as the "Moses" of her people because she

Select an Answer

- A helped slaves escape from the South
- B was instrumental in bringing about suffrage reform
- C advocated emigration to Africa for Black people

- D organized mass civil rights demonstrations
- E traveled as a lay minister preaching the gospel

Question 15

Which of the following statements is generally true of the framers of the Constitution?

Select an Answer

- A They believed in the supremacy of the executive branch of the federal government.
- B They had great faith in the goodness and rationality of people.
- C They were opposed to the development of political parties.
- D They incorporated into the Constitution the most democratic ideals of the Declaration of Independence.
- E They believed the new American republic would be stable because of the unanimity of public opinion in the country on major policy issues.

Question 16

Which of the following was symbolic of the rise of American influence in the fine arts after the Second World War?

Select an Answer

- A Mary Cassatt's work in Impressionism
- B Thomas Eakins work in Realism
- C Grant Wood's work in Regionalism
- D Jackson Pollock's work in Abstract Expressionism
- E John S. Copley's work of realistic portraiture

Question 17

Major population shifts between 1915 and 1980 included all of the following EXCEPT a movement from

Select an Answer

- A the rural South to Northern cities
- B New England to the Midwest
- C the North to the Sun Belt
- D the inner cities to the suburbs
- E the Caribbean region to the American mainland

Question 18

Which of the following presidents is correctly paired with an event that took place during his administration?

Select an Answer

- A Lyndon B. Johnson — the establishment of diplomatic relations between the United States and the People’s Republic of China
- B John F. Kennedy — resolution of the Suez Crisis
- C Richard M. Nixon — the reduction of United States forces in Vietnam
- D Gerald R. Ford — the signing of the Camp David Accords
- E Jimmy Carter — resolution of the Cuban Missile Crisis

Question 19

The Emancipation Proclamation declared slaves in which of the following areas “forever free?”

Select an Answer

- A All areas of the United States
- B All areas of the Confederacy
- C Areas in border states loyal to the Union
- D Confederate areas still in rebellion
- E Areas in states controlled by Union forces

Question 20

“The point I wish plainly to bring before you on this occasion is the individuality of each human soul; our Protestant idea, the right of individual conscience and judgment; our republican idea, individual citizenship. ...If we consider [a woman] as a citizen, as a member of a great nation, she must have the same rights as all other members, according to the fundamental principles of our government.”

The statement above was made by

Select an Answer

- A Thomas Jefferson
- B Elizabeth Blackwell
- C Henry David Thoreau
- D Margaret Sanger
- E Elizabeth Cady Stanton

Question 21

A major change brought about by Franklin D. Roosevelt’s New Deal, 1933–39, was the

Select an Answer

- A creation of machinery for maintaining full employment
- B transformation of a business-dominated society into a labor-dominated one
- C redistribution of population from urban centers to rural areas
- D development of new attitudes about the role and function of government
- E destruction of machine politics at the state and city levels

Question 22

Which of the following statements about social trends in the United States between 1945 and 1970 is INCORRECT?

Select an Answer

- A There was an overall increase in college enrollment.
- B The proportion of blue-collar jobs in the economy decreased.
- C Increasing numbers of African American children attended racially integrated schools.
- D There was an exodus of population from the cities to the suburbs.
- E By the end of the period, a lower proportion of women were working outside the home than at the beginning.

Question 23

From the sixteenth through the eighteenth century, the cultural patterns of the American Indians of the western plains were most dramatically influenced by

Select an Answer

- A major changes in ecological conditions
- B contact with tribes from eastern coastal areas
- C the adoption of European styles of dress
- D the adoption of European agricultural techniques
- E the introduction of the horse by Spanish explorers and settlers

Question 24

The primary reason the United States advocated the Open Door policy in 1899 was to

Select an Answer

- A consolidate good relations between the United States and European countries holding leases in China
- B encourage Asian nations to protect Chinese interests
- C expand the effort of European nations to Westernize China

- D protect United States missionaries in China
- E protect United States trading opportunities in China

Question 25

In the Declaration of Independence, the theory of government used to justify the break with Britain was derived most directly from the ideas of:

Select an Answer

- A Rousseau
- B Locke
- C Montesquieu
- D Hobbes
- E Voltaire

Question 26

From 1870 to 1930, the trend in industry was for hours to be generally reduced, while both money wages and real wages rose. What factor was primarily responsible for this trend?

Select an Answer

- A A reduction in profit margins
- B Minimum wage laws
- C Restriction of the labor supply
- D Increased output per hour of work
- E Right-to-work legislation

Question 27

“What is man born for but to be a reformer, a remaker of what man has made; a renouncer of lies; a restorer of truth and good, imitating that great Nature which embosoms us all, and which sleeps no moment on an old past, but every hour repairs herself, yielding every morning a new day, and with every pulsation a new life?”

These sentiments are most characteristic of

Select an Answer

- A fundamentalism
- B Social Darwinism
- C pragmatism
- D neo orthodoxy
- E transcendentalism

Question 28

All of the following are true of the movement to prohibit alcoholic beverages in the United States EXCEPT:

Select an Answer

- A It arose quite suddenly amid the hysteria surrounding the First World War.
- B It won the support of many progressive reformers.
- C It was often favored by people who disliked immigrants and their cultural practices.
- D It was a movement in which women played leading roles.
- E It gained strength from new scientific evidence that alcohol was harmful to health.

Question 29

Which of the following contributed most directly to the increase in segregation and disenfranchisement of African Americans by state governments during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries?

Select an Answer

- A The movement of many African Americans from the rural South to the urban North
- B The Supreme Court's decision in Plessy v. Ferguson
- C The establishment of civil rights advocacy groups such as the NAACP
- D The passage of federal civil rights legislation in 1875
- E The establishment of schools and colleges serving African Americans