

SAT US History Practice Paper 12

Watergate and Its Aftermath

1. Nixon's foreign policy of détente was meant to improve relations between the United States and
 - A. North Vietnam
 - B. Cambodia
 - C. Taiwan
 - D. China
 - E. the Soviet Union
2. The "energy crisis" of 1973 started when
 - A. Arab countries refused to ship petroleum to countries friendly to Israel
 - B. Congress refused to authorize oil drilling in Alaska
 - C. oil reserves in Texas and Oklahoma began to run dry
 - D. the public refused to support the building of nuclear power plants
 - E. the United States decided to end all imports of foreign petroleum
3. The Watergate burglars were
 - A. newspaper reporters investigating a crime story
 - B. FBI agents looking for evidence of wrongdoing by Nixon
 - C. thieves looking for money in the Democratic Party offices
 - D. operatives in the pay of Nixon's reelection committee
 - E. Democratic Party members looking for evidence to discredit Republicans

The Reagan Era and the End of the Cold War

1. President Jimmy Carter helped work out a peace agreement between
 - A. Palestine and Israel
 - B. Israel and Egypt
 - C. Egypt and Jordan
 - D. Iraq and Kuwait

- E. East Germany and West Germany
- 2. The Cold War ended primarily because**
 - A. Germans destroyed the Berlin Wall
 - B. Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev introduced new policies
 - C. the United States defeated communism in Vietnam
 - D. the United States created a rebel army in Nicaragua
 - E. the workers of Poland staged a series of strikes
- 3. The Gulf War of 1991 was fought to liberate**
 - A. Iran
 - B. Israel
 - C. Kuwait
 - D. Saudi Arabia
 - E. Nicaragua

The 1990s and the Early 21st Century

- 1. President Bill Clinton suffered defeat in Congress when he**
 - A. sought to reform the nation's largely private system of health-care insurance
 - B. attempted to reduce the federal government's financial deficit
 - C. tried to impose strict requirements on recipients of public assistance
 - D. sought passage of an act requiring corporations to provide workers with unpaid leave to cope with family medical emergencies
 - E. chose Senator Al Gore to be his vice president
- 2. The presidential election of 2000 was decided when**
 - A. a recount of votes in Florida showed that Bush had won the popular vote
 - B. a recount of electoral votes was ordered by the Supreme Court
 - C. a vote recount in Florida was barred by the Supreme Court, effectively making Bush president
 - D. a recount of the popular vote nationwide showed that Gore was the loser
 - E. Republicans agreed to permit a recount of the popular vote in Florida

3. The Bush administration launched the war in Iraq in 2003 in alliance with

- A. the United Nations Security Council
- B. Saudi Arabia and other Middle Eastern countries
- C. Germany, France, and other major U.S. allies
- D. Great Britain, along with token forces from several smaller countries
- E. no other countries or international organizations

4. At the start of his term, President Barack Obama faced all the following challenges in office EXCEPT:

- A. a housing and mortgage crisis
- B. flood relief for the city of New Orleans
- C. a war in Iraq
- D. a crashing stock market
- E. soaring unemployment

The Meeting of Three Peoples

1. Which of the following events occurred LAST?

- A. Establishment of St. Augustine
- B. Establishment of Jamestown
- C. Establishment of Quebec
- D. Signing of the Treaty of Tordesillas
- E. Discovery of America by Columbus

2. The most compelling reason for European exploration in the 1400s was the

- A. desire to Christianize new lands.
- B. increased need for labor.
- C. need for new lands to support growing populations.
- D. desire for an all-water route to the East.
- E. desire for religious freedom.

3. The exploration of the New World

- A. led to the rise of capitalism.

- B. provided the raw materials needed for the New World to further its development.
 - C. provided markets for goods produced in the Americas.
 - D. allowed for excess African population to be sent to the New World.
 - E. ended the economic system known as mercantilism.
4. The first permanent European settlement in the territory that would become the United States was
- A. Plymouth.
 - B. Jamestown.
 - C. St. Augustine.
 - D. Santa Fe.
 - E. New Amsterdam.