

SAT World History Practice Paper 15

1. The Petition of Right, which was drafted in 1628, attempted to restrict Charles I from doing any of the following EXCEPT

- A. requiring citizens to quarter soldiers in their homes
- B. declaring martial law during peacetime
- C. enacting taxes without parliamentary approval
- D. suspending a law passed by Parliament
- E. imprisoning people without regard to due cause

2. The concept of a state ruled by philosophers and built on a structure of class divisions determined by intelligence was most strongly supported by

- A. Aristotle
- B. Euclid
- C. Plato
- D. Pythagoras
- E. Socrates

3. Which of the following is the most important aspect of the samurai code of conduct, known as the bushido?

- A. Loyalty to the feudal lord
- B. Preservation of personal honor
- C. Protection of the emperor
- D. Defense of territory
- E. Acceptance of death

4. "It has been thought a considerable advance towards establishing the principles of Freedom to say that Government is a compact between those who govern and those who are governed; but this cannot be true, because it is putting the effect before the cause; for as man must have existed before governments existed, there necessarily was a time when governments did not exist, and consequently there could originally exist no governors to form such a compact with. The fact, therefore, must be that the individuals, themselves, each, in his own personal and sovereign right, entered into a compact with each other to produce a government: and this is the only mode in which governments have a right to arise, and the only principle on which they have a right to exist."

The text above was part of a pamphlet written in support of which of the following?

- A. Russian Revolution

- B. Velvet Revolution
- C. Haitian Revolution
- D. Glorious Revolution
- E. French Revolution

5. Chinese trade during the Song dynasty was most strongly influenced by the

- A. restoration of centralized governance
- B. invention of the magnetic compass
- C. enactment of the Confucian civil service system
- D. building of the Grand Canal
- E. diffusion of Buddhism across China

6. The political theories of communism and fascism share all of the following tenets EXCEPT

- A. adherence to single-party rule
- B. loyalty to the state
- C. opposition to social democracy
- D. dissolution of social classes
- E. support of dictatorial leadership

7. Which of the following is the most direct cause of World War I?

- A. Invasion of Poland
- B. Formation of the Triple Alliance
- C. Annexation of Bosnia
- D. Onset of the Russian Revolution
- E. Assassination of Franz Ferdinand

8. Which of the following was made clearer to modern scholars after the discovery of the Rosetta stone in 1798?

- A. Laws of ancient Mesopotamia
- B. Origins of Hinduism
- C. Written language of ancient Egyptians
- D. Trading practices of Sumerian society
- E. Agricultural methods of ancient China



9.

The civilization depicted in the photograph above

- A. placed little emphasis on education
- B. conquered much of Europe
- C. introduced the concept of drama
- D. practiced Zoroastrianism
- E. depended on the Nile River

10. "We shall not flag or fail. We shall go on to the end. We shall fight in France, we shall fight on the seas and oceans, we shall fight with growing confidence and growing strength in the air, we shall defend our island, whatever the cost may be. We shall fight on the beaches, we shall fight on the landing grounds, we shall fight in the fields and in the streets, we shall fight in the hills; we shall never surrender."

The quotation above referenced the hard fighting in which of the following wars?

- A. World War I
- B. World War II
- C. Korean War
- D. First Balkan War
- E. Six-Day War

11. All of the following are true about the people of ancient Mali EXCEPT

- A. they built their wealth through gold and trade
- B. they established Timbuktu as a major city
- C. they were sometimes ruled by Muslim leaders
- D. they organized villages on the basis of kinship

E. they relied on a strong governmental system

12. The creation story contained in the *Popol Vuh* was written by the

A. Aztec

B. Inca

C. Maya

D. Olmec

E. Toltec

13. British imperialism in India resulted in all of the following EXCEPT

A. enactment of restrictive trading policies

B. increased productivity in native industries

C. improved medical care and sanitation

D. increased exportation of raw materials

E. expansion of the transportation system

14. The Mongolian occupation of China, which occurred during the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries, improved China's economic stability by

A. decreasing taxes on imported goods

B. leading to an extension of the Grand Canal

C. decentralizing the Chinese government

D. encouraging Chinese industrialization

E. making travel on trading routes safer

15. Which factor played an important role in the escalations of both the French and Russian revolutions?

A. Rise of industrialization

B. Oppressive monarchical rule

C. Previously failed uprisings

D. Influence of communism

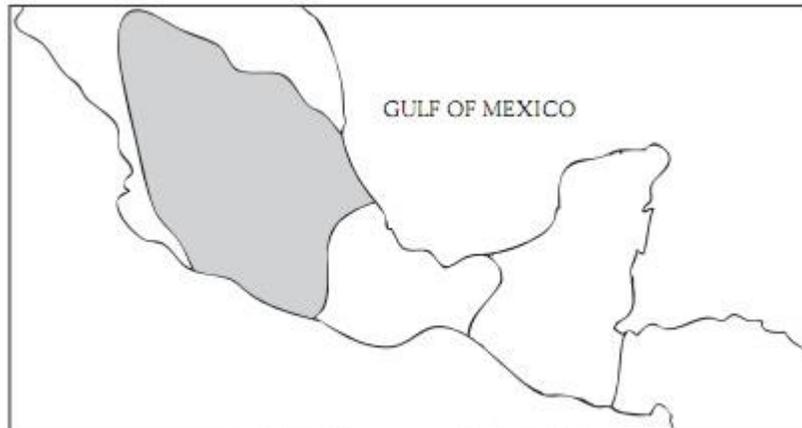
E. Demand for women's rights

16. Which of the following answers lists the wars in the correct chronological order?

A. Thirty Years' War, Crimean War, Boer War, Hundred Years' War

B. Crimean War, Hundred Years' War, Boer War, Thirty Years' War

- C. Hundred Years' War, Thirty Years' War, Crimean War, Boer War
- D. Boer War, Crimean War, Hundred Years' War, Thirty Years' War
- E. Hundred Years' War, Boer War, Thirty Years' War, Crimean War



17. Peoples of Mesoamerica, 300-1519 CE

Around 1400 CE, the shaded region on the map above was inhabited by the

- A. Aztec
- B. Inca
- C. Maya
- D. Olmec
- E. Toltec

18. Which of the following would a believer in legalism LEAST LIKELY support?

- A. Strong family values
- B. Loyalty to rulers
- C. Equal access to education
- D. Submission to state policy
- E. Censorship of media

19. "What the bourgeoisie, therefore, produces, above all, is its own grave-diggers. Its fall and the victory of the proletariat are equally inevitable."

The statement above MOST clearly reflects a major tenet of which political philosophy?

- A. Communism
- B. Democracy

- C. Fascism
- D. Theocracy
- E. Totalitarianism

20. "However well educated and clever a native might be, and however brave he may prove himself, I believe that no rank we can bestow on him would cause him to be considered an equal of the British officer."

—Lord Kitchener, British military commander in India

This statement supports which of the following generalizations about colonial powers and the native populations they govern?

- A. Colonial powers usually controlled native populations primarily through military force.
- B. Colonial powers often viewed themselves as racially superior to native populations.
- C. Colonial powers tended to use native populations to bolster their military strength.
- D. Colonial powers were needed to help govern less capable native populations.
- E. Colonial powers encouraged native populations to improve their individual statuses.

21. The United Nations deployed an international military force in South Korea in 1950 primarily because

- A. North Korea threatened to launch a nuclear attack against South Korea
- B. North Korean and Chinese ships attacked South Korean ships in the Yellow Sea
- C. North Korean troops had crossed the 38th parallel into South Korean territory
- D. North Korea acquired nuclear weapons from the Soviet Union
- E. North Korea was on the verge of overthrowing the South Korean government

22. According to the traditional Hindu caste system, an unskilled worker would be considered part of which class?

- A. Brahmins
- B. Harijans
- C. Kshatriya
- D. Shudra
- E. Vaishya

23. Ho Chi Minh returned to Vietnam in 1941 and founded the Vietminh in response to a crisis primarily concerning

- A. increasing communist influence in Vietnam

- B. American militarization of South Vietnam
- C. the dictatorial leadership of Ngo Dinh Diem
- D. French colonial control over Vietnam
- E. the geopolitical division of North and South Vietnam



24.

The main purpose of the World War I era cartoon above was to

- A. encourage American involvement in the war effort
- B. demonstrate the might of German naval forces
- C. discourage international trade during the war
- D. imply German barbarism and disregard for human life
- E. illustrate the weakness of Allied military forces

25. Which of the following occurred during the New Kingdom period of ancient Egyptian history?

- A. Reign of the pharaoh Khafra
- B. Carving of the Rosetta stone
- C. Building of the pyramids
- D. Expulsion of the Hyksos
- E. Construction of the Sphinx