U.S. History
The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, later renamed the March of Dimes, was established in 1938 and . . . was a grassroots campaign run primarily by volunteers. Over the years, millions of people gave small amounts of money to support both the care of people who got 1polio and research into prevention and treatment. Those contributions financed Jonas Salk, Albert Sabin, and the other researchers who developed the . . . 2vaccines that children around the world receive today.


Which words correctly complete this excerpt?

A 1: chicken pox, 2: antibiotics
B 1: tuberculosis, 2: iron lung treatment
C 1: polio, 2: vaccines
D 1: whooping cough, 2: serum

2 Which of these factors contributed most to the Dust Bowl?

F Flash flooding and intense deforestation
G Prolonged drought and poor farming practices
H High winds and railroad construction
J Severe heat and rapid suburban development
The passage of the pieces of legislation in this list resulted in —

A  the regulation of cabinet-level agencies
B  federal guarantees of income
C  limitations on government expenditures
D  the creation of programs to alleviate poverty

This photograph best illustrates the need in 1943 to —

F  maintain the country’s military and industrial production levels
G  increase the regulatory power of the War Production Board
H  outlaw closed-shop and collective-bargaining practices by labor unions
J  increase federal funding for the Manhattan Project
5 Why did gasoline prices spike during the 1970s and early 1980s?

A A natural disaster impeded offshore drilling for oil.
B Congress imposed new regulations on foreign energy companies.
C Conflicts in the Middle East disrupted the distribution of oil.
D Congress introduced new legislation to increase the fuel efficiency of vehicles.

6 Puerto Rico

- Residents granted U.S. citizenship in 1917
- Governors have been elected by popular vote since 1948
- Adopted both a constitution and commonwealth status in 1952

Which of the following best replaces the question mark in this list of information about Puerto Rico?

F Became a U.S. state during the Reconstruction era
G Was ceded to the United States as a result of the Spanish-American War
H Signed an annexation treaty with the United States after World War I
J Was promised U.S. military protection as part of Woodrow Wilson’s Fourteen Points
7 Navajo soldiers made an important contribution to the Allied war effort during World War II by —

A designing radar technology for submarines
B flying bombing missions into enemy territory
C encoding military communications for secure transmission
D providing intelligence on enemy positions

8 Which factor links all of these modern innovations?

F They are all products initially created for use in the U.S. communications industry.
G They each include material that was first grown on U.S. experimental farms in the late nineteenth century.
H They each include technology that was originally developed for use in the U.S. space exploration program.
J They are all special tools first created for U.S. transportation workers in the early twentieth century.
There is hereby created [an agency] . . . , which purpose is to conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects and the wild life therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.

—Mission statement for the _____, 1916

Which agency name belongs on the blank line?

A  U.S. Geological Survey
B  National Park Service
C  Bureau of Reclamation
D  U.S. Border Patrol

10  The rights of citizens under the Fourth and Fourteenth Amendments of the Constitution were violated by the U.S. government when it authorized the establishment of —

F  internment camps for Japanese Americans
G  the Office of War Mobilization
H  nuclear test sites in Nevada
J  the Office of Price Administration
How did the invention shown in this patent illustration affect industry?

A  Machines needed to be repaired less frequently.
B  Products could be manufactured on an assembly line.
C  Businesses needed to hire skilled workers.
D  Factories could extend working hours.
We are on a mission to make sure that freedom is enduring. We’re on a mission to say to the rest of the world, come with us—come with us, stand by our side to defeat the evil-doers who would like to rid the world of freedom as we know it.

—President George W. Bush, September 26, 2001

How did President Bush attempt to complete the mission described above?

F  By overthrowing a dictator in North Korea
G  By fighting a global war on terrorism
H  By offering assistance to refugees escaping genocide
J  By supporting the Arab Spring movement

During the Progressive Era, one goal of state-level political reformers was to —

A  prevent party leaders from amending campaign platforms
B  increase the influence of business owners on regulatory legislation
C  promote the principle of direct democracy
D  limit the use of judicial review by circuit courts
As of January 1, 2008, all tariffs and quotas were eliminated on U.S. exports to Mexico and Canada under the [North American Free Trade Agreement]. The dismantling of trade barriers and the opening of markets has led to economic growth and rising prosperity in all three countries.


14 Which of the following correctly completes this description?

F  North American Free Trade Agreement
G  Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries
H  General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
J  North Atlantic Treaty Organization

15 Which of the following was a direct result of the 1957 launch of Sputnik 1?

A  The United States began a period of technology sharing with the Soviet Union.
B  The U.S. government founded a federal agency dedicated to space exploration.
C  The Soviet Union was unable to collect images of the United States from space.
D  The Soviet government collapsed because of economic competition.
During the Civil Rights movement, the Black Panther Party’s tactics differed from those of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., because the Black Panthers called for —

F the use of the court system to gain equality

G respecting government authority

H the use of armed resistance if necessary

J enduring injustice through religious faith

In 1979, Lee Iacocca, CEO and president of the Chrysler Corporation, asked Congress for a federal loan to save the automobile company. In response, President Jimmy Carter signed the Chrysler Corporation Loan Guarantee Act of 1979, which gave Chrysler $1.5 billion in bailout funds. As a result, Chrysler was able to become a successful car-manufacturing company again. The Chrysler Corporation paid off its debt to the U.S. government in 1982.

The primary justification for giving Chrysler this federal loan was that it would —

A protect U.S. manufacturing jobs

B increase government control of the private sector

C force Chrysler to comply with energy efficiency policies

D expand U.S. trade with foreign countries
Bread Line in New York City, 1932

Lines like the one shown above were partially the result of —

F growing demand for payment of military pensions
G a sudden increase in agricultural exports
H the passage of the Selective Service Act
J widespread business failures
19. As a result of the Berlin Airlift, the United States was able to —

A. bypass a Soviet blockade without provoking a military conflict
B. transport Polish refugees to safety
C. prevent the Nazi Party from reorganizing
D. intimidate Soviet leaders by demonstrating superior military power

20. And shortly afterward . . . a physician, made the discovery that the carcasses of steers which had been condemned as tubercular by the government inspectors . . . were left upon an open platform and carted away to be sold in the city. . . .

—Upton Sinclair, The Jungle, 1906

Public response to revelations such as the one in this excerpt led to the establishment of regulations that were eventually enforced by the —

F. Food and Drug Administration
G. Centers for Disease Control
H. Department of Commerce
J. Institution of Education Sciences
21 Which of the following contributed most to increased settlement of the Great Plains?

A  The availability of buffalo
B  The discovery of precious metals
C  A series of federal land grants
D  A decrease in agricultural production

22 The USS Maine sinks in Havana Harbor.

The U.S. Congress declares war.

The Treaty of Paris is signed.

How did these events affect the United States?

F  They increased public support for cuts in U.S. defense spending.
G  They prompted the end of Dollar Diplomacy in Latin America.
H  They set a precedent of including territorial acquisitions in settlements.
J  They helped establish the United States as an imperial power similar to European nations.
Which headline describes a consequence of the Teapot Dome scandal?

A. Daily News
Washington Conference
Limits Warship Building

B. Daily News
Palmer Raids Lead to
Arrest of Communists

C. Daily News
Prohibition
Amendment Repealed

D. Daily News
Cabinet Member Jailed
for Corruption
If there is anyone out there who still doubts that America is a place where all things are possible, who still wonders if the dream of our founders is alive in our time, who still questions the power of our democracy, tonight is your answer.

—Barack Obama, November 4, 2008

Barack Obama described his 2008 election victory in this manner because the election was the first in which —

F a minority candidate was elected president
G naturalized immigrants had access to multilingual ballots
H federal courts ordered voter recounts to stop
J religious beliefs played a significant role in the presidential campaign

25 What prompted Congress to pass the War Powers Resolution?

A Rulings issued by the Supreme Court that banned deployment of U.S. combat forces without a declaration of war
B Fears that renewed conflict in the Middle East would require the United States to defend Israel
C Decisions made by the executive branch during the Korean and Vietnam Wars
D Limits on the authority of the chief executive imposed by an international tribunal
Late 1800s

Which sentence correctly completes this diagram?

F  The Bracero program was introduced.
G  The Chinese Exclusion Act was passed.
H  Russian radicals joined labor unions in the United States.
J  Irish families immigrated to the United States.

27  One advantage offered by hybrid cars is that they —

A  shorten the driving time to destinations
B  decrease household electricity usage
C  reduce the amount of money spent on gasoline
D  expand the use of carpooling
“They wanted us out of the country. I didn’t understand why when we’d been born here.” . . .

Emilia Castaneda was born in Los Angeles of Mexican parents. In 1935, she and her father and brother were forced to board a train bound for Mexico.

—Linda Pressly, “U.S. Mexicans Haunted by Repatriation,”
BBC News, November 29, 2006

This excerpt describes an instance of deportation during the 1930s as part of a repatriation effort. Why did the federal government implement repatriation?

F To fulfill the terms of a global peace treaty
G To protect national security
H To reduce competition for jobs
J To prevent communist influence on labor unions

The federal government responded to which issue by passing the Civil Rights Act of 1964?

A Unfair lending practices by banks
B Unequal representation in local legislatures
C Inadequate medical services in urban areas
D Discrimination by employers
• Poll taxes
• Gerrymandering
• Voter intimidation

The passage of legislation to end these practices resulted in —

F an increase in political participation by minorities
G the adoption of electronic ballots in federal elections
H a reduced number of congressional districts
J the implementation of limits on lobbying

31 Which of the following resulted from McCarthyism during the 1950s?

A Membership in the U.S. Communist Party increased.
B U.S. citizens were arrested for being suspected communists.
C Recruitment procedures for the U.S. military branches were reformed.
D U.S. diplomats began to express dissenting political viewpoints more freely.
The issue addressed by this poster is primarily associated with the —

F  Progressive Era
G  Great Depression
H  Roaring Twenties
J  Cold War
In the songs of rock ‘n’ roll, if indeed they can be called songs, I noticed the advent of much protest music stemming in a direct line from ballads like Nat King Cole’s success of 1951, “They Tried to Tell Us We’re Too Young.” In one song . . . the musicians lament the fate of the world. . . . One song which gained enthusiastic approval told of how a boy was refused admission to high school because his hair was too long. Terrell explained, “Rock is being married to folk music and the offspring is protest.”


Which event is commonly associated with the type of music described in this excerpt?

A  The March on Washington
B  The Freedom Rides
C  Woodstock
D  The California grape boycott

Which of these cause-and-effect relationships is accurate?

F  The ideas of social Darwinism led to the passage of Prohibition laws.
G  The signing of the Treaty of Versailles contributed to the implementation of the New Deal.
H  The ideas of the Harlem Renaissance influenced the growth of the Civil Rights movement.
J  The rise of fascism in Italy influenced the onset of the Red Scare.
In 1971, President Richard Nixon claimed executive privilege to prevent newspapers from publishing classified documents. He argued that release of the Pentagon Papers, which detailed U.S. involvement in Vietnam, threatened national security. The U.S. Supreme Court ruled in favor of the newspapers.

Which of the following provided a legal basis for this Supreme Court decision?

A  The Thirteenth Amendment  
B  The decision in Brown v. Board of Education  
C  The Civil Rights Act of 1964  
D  The First Amendment

36  How has the development of satellite technology affected the U.S. economy?

F  By resulting in increased private funding of research institutions  
G  By increasing efficiency in telecommunications  
H  By enabling transoceanic air travel  
J  By facilitating the development of technologies that improve fuel efficiency
The ruling in *Miranda v. Arizona* most affected the procedure in which step of this process?

A  1  
B  2  
C  3  
D  4  

The domino theory, which provided the basis for U.S. entry into the Vietnam War, was the belief that intervention was necessary to prevent —

F  the expansion of communism across Southeast Asia  
G  the inclusion of Taiwan in the Warsaw Pact  
H  the loss of UN military bases in Asia  
J  the rise of China as a dominant economic power  

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With few material possessions, but guided by his parents’ steady example, his Catholic faith, the lessons of Gandhi, and an unshakable belief in justice, Cesar Chavez brought about much needed change in our country.

—Medal of Freedom citation awarded posthumously to Cesar Chavez, August 1994

How did Chavez accomplish the change referred to in this excerpt?

A  By promoting military service as an opportunity for minority youths
B  By filing legal cases to overturn segregation in public facilities
C  By organizing an economic boycott to improve working conditions for migrant farmers
D  By protesting fines imposed on employers for hiring illegal immigrants
This 1917 illustration was published as a commentary on a proposed piece of legislation. Which of the following best replaces the question mark in the illustration?

- F  Sundry Civil Bill
- G  Dyer Anti-Lynching Bill
- H  Standard Time Act
- J  Espionage Act
Trends of the 1950s

- Expansion of the middle class
- Development of the interstate highway system
- Growth of suburbs

The trends in this list all occurred as a result of —

A  an increase in immigration after World War II
B  the creation of the Department of Housing and Urban Development
C  reductions in peacetime defense spending
D  economic prosperity following World War II

42 Which of the following occurred between 1865 and 1900 as a result of the rapid industrialization of the United States?

F  Social and economic class divisions began to disappear.
G  Concerns about air pollution led to stricter environmental regulations.
H  Union membership increased as workers sought better pay and conditions.
J  Factory owners introduced wage-equity policies for women in the workplace.
In response to the national crisis posed by the Great Depression, the U.S. government —

A abandoned deficit spending as a remedy for economic downturns
B dismantled financial regulatory agencies
C assumed a principal role in protecting economic stability
D decreased the number of federal entitlement programs

A few months ago I told the American people I did not trade arms for hostages. My heart and my best intentions still tell me that’s true, but the facts and evidence tell me it is not.

—President Ronald Reagan, address to the nation, March 4, 1987

In this excerpt, President Reagan is referring to what would become known as —

F the Iran-Contra affair
G the Watergate scandal
H the Plame affair
J the Whitewater controversy
Soldiers, Sailors, and Airmen of the Allied Expeditionary Force!

You are about to embark upon the Great Crusade, toward which we have striven these many months. The eyes of the world are upon you. The hopes and prayers of liberty-loving people everywhere march with you. In company with our brave Allies and brothers-in-arms on other Fronts, you will bring about the destruction of the German war machine, the elimination of Nazi tyranny over the oppressed peoples of Europe, and security for ourselves in a free world.

This 1944 order was addressed to U.S. troops sent to —

A capture the Italian mainland
B transport weapons to Great Britain
C invade the beaches at Normandy
D repel an attack on Stalingrad

46 Many Progressives opposed social Darwinism because it promoted the idea that —

F people in lower classes were not capable of economic success
G immigration weakened national unity
H the government should take responsibility for the well-being of people
J poverty could be eradicated through increased economic regulation
What was the main reason the federal government built this dam?

A  To provide resources for a growing population
B  To facilitate the transportation of goods in the region
C  To increase tourism in the region
D  To prevent the Colorado River from drying up
We have known for a long time that what happens beyond our borders affects our security and our economy, and that we ignore turmoil abroad at our own peril. . . . If not checked, the impact of climate change will be truly global, albeit felt in different ways. Threats to freedom and universal human rights anywhere stain our collective conscience. Terrorism and transnational crime pay no heed to national borders; pandemic disease requires no passport to move quickly from one country to the next. We know that conflict and instability, even when it is half a world away, can unleash these and other dangers.

—Esther Brimmer, U.S. State Department official, September 1, 2011

In which organization do the United States and other member nations confront the problems mentioned in this excerpt?

F  The Commonwealth of Nations
G  The European Union
H  The United Nations
J  The International Red Cross

President John F. Kennedy responded to reports that the Soviet Union was constructing missile sites in Cuba by —

A  ordering a naval blockade of Cuba
B  asking Congress to declare war on Cuba
C  authorizing military strikes on strategic targets in Cuba
D  seeking United Nations approval for economic sanctions against Cuba
50 What was one reason Japan attacked the U.S. naval base at Pearl Harbor?

F The U.S. strategy of island hopping had disturbed Pacific trade routes.
G The Japanese naval fleet had been defeated at the Battle of Midway.
H Japanese Americans had been relocated to internment camps.
J U.S. trade sanctions had caused shortages of oil, gas, and rubber.

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Who was most instrumental in the event described in this headline?

A Rosa Parks
B Ella Baker
C Thurgood Marshall
D Medgar Evers
In the 1936 movie *Mr. Deeds Goes to Town*, a man named Longfellow Deeds inherits millions of dollars and moves to New York City, where he is caught up in the “fast life.” During this time, he is confronted by a farmer who criticizes Mr. Deeds for squandering his money. Moved by the farmer’s plight, Mr. Deeds distributes his fortune to needy farmers and their families.

The farmer’s criticisms are similar to those found in —

F Warren Harding’s advocacy of a “return to normalcy”

G Huey Long’s proposal to “share our wealth”

H Charles Coughlin’s rhetoric of “Christianized democracy”

J Herbert Hoover’s emphasis on “rugged individualism”

During the mid-1960s, U.S. participation in the Vietnam War resulted in —

A public support for an expanded military draft

B mandatory rationing of consumer goods

C mass demonstrations by groups protesting the war

D national attention for a third-party presidential candidate
54 Which statement best describes one of Shirley Chisholm’s most celebrated achievements?

F Chisholm overcame gender and racial barriers to be elected to Congress.

G Chisholm overcame physical disabilities to compete in professional sports.

H Chisholm helped shape policies that provided famine relief in Latin America.

J Chisholm successfully advocated the expansion of the military draft.

55 After winning the right to participate in the American experiment of self-government, African Americans were systematically and ruthlessly excluded from it: From 1901 to 1929, there were no blacks in the federal legislature.


How did W. E. B. Du Bois combat prejudice like that described in the excerpt?

A He demanded the passage of women’s suffrage.

B He established an early civil rights group.

C He advocated making political compromises with segregationists.

D He sought court orders to protect the rights of voters.
In this 1908 political cartoon, Uncle Sam is distributing pies from the "Free Pie Kitchen." Some of the pies are labeled "Long Term Franchise" and "Special Privilege." The recipients of these pies include businessmen labeled "Public Service Corporation," "Public Land Thief," and "Predatory Wealth."

Source: Library of Congress, Prints and Photographs Division

Which issue is this cartoon addressing?

**F** Political corruption

**G** Temperance

**H** Civil-service reform

**J** Segregation
Speaker 1: The plan interferes with the Senate’s power to ratify treaties.
Speaker 2: The plan threatens the principle of popular sovereignty.
Speaker 3: The plan takes too much power away from the states.
Speaker 4: The plan gives the executive branch too much power.

Which speaker expresses the main argument against President Franklin D. Roosevelt’s plan to increase the number of justices on the Supreme Court?

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

Why did the United States decide to enter World War I?

F The United States had suffered economically from European sanctions.  
G A European nation had taken aggressive actions against the United States.  
H The U.S. president was obligated to fulfill election campaign promises.  
J Communist activities among U.S. immigrants were threatening the country.
## School Menu

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Which of the following does this menu best reflect?

A. Successful agricultural trade agreements with other countries
B. Strict U.S. regulations on food preparation
C. Diverse ethnic contributions to U.S. culture
D. Lowered nutritional standards for public schools

60 A company specializes in manufacturing and distributing automobile parts. Which use of computer technology would most enhance the productivity of this business?

F. Providing employees with remote access to the company’s network
G. Using direct deposit for employee paychecks
H. Developing a website to advertise discounts on products
J. Using an automated tracking system for shipping and warehouse inventory
It was at first impossible for any one to realize what had actually happened. The smoke and fumes hid everything from sight, and hundreds of men were thrown into a comatose or dying condition, and within an hour the whole position had to be abandoned, together with about fifty guns.

—*British Field Marshal Sir John French*, report on the second battle of Ypres, 1915

What caused the scene described in this excerpt?

A  A tank attacking soldiers on a battlefield

B  An aerial bombing of an infantry unit

C  A poison gas attack on soldiers in the trenches

D  A submarine attacking a docked ship

62  Which quotation from President Harry S. Truman offers a reason for U.S. involvement in the conflict between North Korea and South Korea?

F  “The United Nations cannot . . . fulfill adequately its own responsibilities until the peace settlements have been made. . . .”

G  “Above all else, we want to keep the United States prosperous and strong because we know that our prosperity is the best guarantee of peace.”

H  “Communism has passed beyond the use of subversion . . . and will now use armed invasion and war.”

J  “As a result of these tragic conditions, a militant minority, exploiting human want and misery . . . has made economic recovery impossible.”
This World War I-era poster was intended to persuade —

**A** farmers to consume fewer scarce goods during the war

**B** women to work producing war materials

**C** people to save money during the war

**D** people to help finance the war
Reasons for Economic Problems of the Gilded Age

- Rapid growth of trusts and monopolies
- Ruthless business tactics of robber barons
- Use of unfair practices by the railroads such as rebates, pools, and differential rates

One way the U.S. government responded to the problems caused by the conditions in this list was by —

- **F** passing the Interstate Commerce Act
- **G** implementing the silver standard for currency
- **H** creating a federal jobs program for the unemployed
- **J** establishing a new tax on capital gains

65 The Fourteen Points reflected President Woodrow Wilson’s belief that —

- **A** intervention in the affairs of other nations was never justifiable
- **B** travel among nations should be regulated by an international organization
- **C** no country should be allowed to spend more on defense than any other country
- **D** cooperation among international leaders was essential to maintaining world peace
66 Who is most closely associated with the development of computer operating systems?

F Robert L. Johnson
G Ralph Nader
H Al Gore
J Bill Gates

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Resolved, that it is the duty of the women of this country to secure to themselves their sacred right to the elective franchise.

—Resolution from Seneca Falls Convention, July 1848

The goal of this resolution was eventually achieved with the —

A signing of the Civil Rights Act
B passage of Prohibition laws
C ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment
D creation of the Women’s Army Auxiliary Corps
First of all, my presence here shows it’s never too late to come to Graceland. Laura and I are—we’ve known Elvis Presley since we were growing up. He’s obviously a major part of our music history. He had an international reputation. His reputation was so strong that he attracted the attention of the now Prime Minister of Japan. . . .

—President George W. Bush

It’s like a dream. . . . My dream came true. Thank you very much. . . .

—Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi

This event best illustrates the global —

F effects of U.S. foreign policy
G influence of U.S. popular culture
H exchange of political ideals
J exchange of technological innovations