Directions

Read each question and choose the best answer. Then mark the space on your answer document for the answer you have chosen.

SAMPLE

In the late 1840s, a gold rush led many people to move to —

A  Texas
B  Kansas
C  California
D  Louisiana
1. For what reason did the Virginia Company build the settlement of Jamestown?
   A. Political
   B. Religious
   C. Economic
   D. Social

2. American Indians (First Americans) *most* likely gave English settlers new —
   F. crops to grow
   G. weapons to use
   H. animals to raise
   J. religions to practice
This picture shows that one of the reasons the Spanish explored North America was to promote —

A  slavery  
B  farms  
C  religion  
D  art
5 Which of the following was a Spanish explorer?

A Francisco Coronado  
B Samuel de Champlain  
C Robert de La Salle  
D John Cabot
Which numbered area had large plantations?

F 1
G 2
H 3
J 4
Which of the following took place before the event shown in this picture?

A  The signing of the Declaration of Independence
B  The meeting of the First Continental Congress
C  The Stamp Act
D  The Battle of Saratoga
8 The War of 1812 resulted in the United States gaining —
   F trade agreements with France
   G respect from other countries
   H use of the Mississippi River
   J land for growing cash crops

9 What was the most important result of the 1783 Treaty of Paris?
   A Britain gained American territory.
   B France agreed to fight with the Americans.
   C Britain recognized American independence.
   D France decided to trade with the Americans.

10 The Monroe Doctrine was a warning to —
   F American Indians (First Americans)
   G European nations
   H rebellious colonists
   J slave owners
11 By the mid 1700s, American colonists were unhappy with English rule because —

A England refused to protect them from the French
B they thought the British king was weak
C England would not buy colonial-made goods
D they had no representation in Parliament

12 England passed the Stamp Act in the colonies to —

F raise money to pay for a war
G take control of foreign trade
H put governors in total control
J give people the right to vote

13 What contribution did Phillis Wheatley make to the American Revolution?

A She wrote poems that supported independence.
B She helped African Americans escape to freedom.
C She taught soldiers in the Continental Army.
D She served as a member of the colonial legislature.
What territory did President Thomas Jefferson ask Meriwether Lewis and William Clark to explore?

F  1
G  2
H  3
J  4
Which sign would most likely have been carried by an abolitionist?

A 1
B 2
C 3
D 4

16 The Civil Rights Act of 1866 was important because it allowed —

F workers to join labor unions
G Confederate soldiers to receive veteran benefits
H women to gain voting rights
J African Americans to gain equal rights
17 Which of the following is true of the North and the South before the Civil War?

A The North had many cities but the South had the largest cities.
B The South imported few goods while the North relied on imports.
C Industry in the South grew at a faster rate than industry in the North.
D Factories were widespread in the North while farms were common in the South.

18 Which country’s name replaces the question mark?

F Spain
G France
H Holland
J Mexico
19 Which of the following events occurred first?

A  Fort Sumter was attacked.
B  Lincoln was elected President.
C  The Confederacy was formed.
D  The Emancipation Proclamation was issued.

20 According to the Kansas-Nebraska Act, the slavery issue would be settled by —

F  constitutional amendment
G  popular sovereignty
H  state legislatures
J  federal courts

21 In which movement was Isabel Sojourner Truth an active leader?

A  Suffrage
B  Temperance
C  Independence
D  Progressive
There is nothing left for me to do but to go and see General Grant, and I would rather die a thousand deaths.

— April 9, 1865

Who made this statement on his way to Appomattox Court House?

F  Frederick Douglass
G  Robert E. Lee
H  Jefferson Davis
J  Abraham Lincoln
What is the darker shaded area on the map?

A  Louisiana Purchase
B  California
C  Oregon Territory
D  Texas
If a ship off the west coast of Africa followed the equator west, it would touch land in —

F  Asia  
G  Europe  
H  Australia  
J  South America
The imaginary lines that are drawn in an east-west direction on this map are called —

A degrees
B latitudes
C longitudes
D meridians
What region of the United States has the greatest amount of grasslands?

F 1
G 2
H 3
J 4
Most American Indians (First Americans) met their basic food needs by —

A. trading with neighboring tribes
B. traveling to a nearby town
C. buying goods from colonial settlers
D. using resources in the environment
Which river was considered the gateway to the West in the early 1800s?

F  1  
G  2  
H  3  
J  4  

United States Rivers
29. Which is a characteristic of the region inhabited by Pueblo Indians?
   A. Flat grasslands
   B. Rainy climate
   C. Forests
   D. Desert

30. In the Battle of Vicksburg, the North and the South fought for control of the —
   F. Mississippi River
   G. Mid-Atlantic Coast
   H. Gulf of Mexico
   J. Appalachian Mountains

31. All of the following states seceded from the Union EXCEPT —
   A. Alabama
   B. Missouri
   C. Texas
   D. North Carolina
32 Which European country became a *major* trading partner with West African empires in the late 1400s?

- F Portugal
- G Spain
- H France
- J England

33 The legislative branch is responsible for —

- A judging laws
- B making the laws
- C interpreting laws
- D carrying out the laws

34 One weakness of the United States government under the Articles of Confederation was that the —

- F Congress could not collect taxes
- G large states had too many votes
- H Supreme Court had too much power
- J small states had no independence
35 One of the reasons the Erie Canal was important was because it —

A made it easier to bring water to farms
B was a route to the Gulf of Mexico
C made it easier to cross the Rocky Mountains
D provided a faster route westward

36 Which political idea of John Locke influenced American independence?

F Natural rights
G Secession
H Strong leaders
J Federalism

37 The Bill of Rights was added to the Constitution of the United States to guarantee —

A separation of powers
B individual freedoms
C federal control
D rule of law
38  Which of these events happened after the Civil War?

 F  The Missouri Compromise was passed.
 G  The 13th Amendment was ratified.
 H  The Monroe Doctrine was announced.
 J  The Stamp Act was repealed.

39  What inventor developed a form of transportation that connected different regions of the United States?

 A  Frederick Douglass
 B  Benjamin Franklin
 C  Robert Fulton
 D  Cyrus McCormick
Which of the following best completes the chart?

F  Farmers became more productive
G  Production of cotton increased
H  Land transportation was faster
J  Amount of taxes decreased
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