- 1. What personal characteristic was initially a major issue in John F. Kennedy's candidacy for president?
 - A) His religion
 - B) His support for communism
 - C) His accent
 - D) His Irish heritage
 - E) The state he lived in
- 2. Which of the following statements about President Johnson's Great Society is correct?
 - A) It was an attempt to deregulate the economy.
 - B) It put an end to FDR's New Deal programs.
 - C) It provided education and job training to impoverished Americans.
 - D) It strengthened America's relationship with Europe.
 - E) It only provided temporary solutions to racial inequalities.
- 3. One result of the Bay of Pigs incident was that
 - A) the United States installed missiles in Turkey
 - B) the United States changed its central foreign policy strategy
 - C) the Soviet Union invaded Georgia
 - D) the United States sent special advisers to help the new Cuban government
 - E) the Soviet Union installed missiles in Cuba
- 4. Lyndon Johnson's Great Society reforms included all of the following EXCEPT
 - A) Medicare
 - B) Medicaid
 - C) Social Security
 - D) the Elementary and Secondary Education Act
 - E) increased funding for public housing
- 5. Most of President Kennedy's ambitious social reform program was not passed by Congress because
 - A) it would have caused a massive budget deficit
 - B) it was blocked by a conservative coalition of Southern Democrats and Republicans
 - C) the Cuban Missile Crisis distracted President's attention away from domestic policy
 - D) Congress was reluctant to pass the bills because the Supreme Court had previously declared similar legislation unconstitutional
 - E) President Kennedy was assassinated before he had the chance to present the bills to Congress

- 6. After John F. Kennedy's assassination, the Warren commission found that
 - A) Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone
 - B) the actual circumstances behind the murder would probably never be completely revealed
 - C) Lee Harvey Oswald was likely part of a conspiracy involving organized crime
 - D) Jack Ruby was paid to assassinate Lee Harvey Oswald
 - E) Lee Harvey Oswald was likely funded by international interests
- 7. On November 22, 1963, John F. Kennedy was assassinated by
 - A) James Earl Ray
 - B) Jack Ruby
 - C) Sirhan Sirhan
 - D) Mark Chapman
 - E) Lee Harvey Oswald
- 8. What John F. Kennedy-created program sent young volunteers to third-world countries to help on locally-sponsored projects?
 - A) Civil Conservation Corps
 - B) America Corps
 - C) Peace Corps
 - D) Africa Corps
 - E) Alliance for Progress
- 9. John F. Kennedy's platform of social and economic programs was known as the
 - A) Great Society
 - **B)** New Frontier
 - C) Fair Deal
 - D) Progressive moderation
 - E) New Freedom

- 10. Which of the following best describes the logic of the trickle-down economic policies of Ronald Reagan?
 - A) Taxes must be raised on the wealthy to pay for social programs designed to benefit the poor.
 - B) Lowering taxes on businesses and the wealthy will cause an increase in economic investment, creating new jobs for the working class.
 - C) Taxes on the middle class should be lowered to stimulate spending.
 - D) The federal government should spend more money during recessions to stimulate the economy.
 - E) Eliminating the federal deficit is a top priority.
- 11. Which of the following statements describes a similarity between Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan when they were running for office?
 - A) They both defended social welfare programs.
 - B) They both defended fiscal conservatism.
 - C) They both portrayed themselves as non-intellectuals.
 - D) They both surrounded themselves with former Nixon aides.
 - E) They both portrayed themselves as outsiders.
- 12. Critics nicknamed Ronald Reagan's proposed extraterrestrial missile defense system
 - A) "Starship Enterprise"
 - B) "Mission to Mars"
 - C) "Star Wars"
 - D) "Sputnik III"
 - E) "Space Needle"
- 13. Which of the following most contributed to Ronald Reagan's landslide victory over Walter Mondale in 1984?
 - A) Reagan's female running mate, Geraldine Ferraro, caused a majority of women to vote for him
 - B) Mondale's record as Jimmy Carter's Secretary of State made him appear as an ineffective foreign leader
 - C) Reagan's widespread appeal allowed him to break apart the Democrats' New Deal coalition of various social groups
 - D) The revelation of Mondale's extramarital affair three weeks before the election caused his popularity to plummet
 - E) OPEC threatened to cut oil production if Reagan was not re-elected President

- 14. What was historic about Walter Mondale's run for President in 1984?
 - A) He was seeking to become the first Vice President since Harry Truman to be elected President
 - B) He won the popular vote but lost the electoral vote to Ronald Regan
 - C) He was the first Jewish person to run for President on a major party line
 - D) He was the first person to run for President on a major line with a female Vice President candidate
 - E) He was trying to become the youngest person ever elected President
- 15. The Gramm-Rudman-Hollings Act, designed to set budget reduction targets for the federal government during the 1980's is most directly a result of
 - A) OPEC cutting back its oil production
 - B) Republicans retaking control of the House of Representatives
 - C) Ronald Regan's vast increases in defense spending
 - D) the passage of the North American Free Trade Agreement
 - E) the sale of arms to Iranians
- 16. Ronald Reagan made history with his appointment of whom to the United States Supreme Court?
 - A) The first female justice
 - B) The first black justice since Reconstruction
 - C) The first justice not born in the United States
 - D) The first justice of Latino heritage
 - E) The first justice who opposed Roe v. Wade
- 17. Which of the following is the best example of a consequence of President Reagan's effort to deregulate the financial industry?
 - A) The "Black Monday" stock market crash
 - B) The Iran-Contra Affair
 - C) The Savings and Loan scandal
 - D) The development of the Strategic Defense Initiative
 - E) An attempted assassination of Ronald Reagan

- 18. What was the direction of the Supreme Court in the 1980s?
 - A) The court upheld further rights of privacy, such as sodomy between consenting adults.
 - B) The court slowly gave more power to the federal government.
 - C) The court drifted further to the right.
 - D) The court experienced no vacancies in the decade.
 - E) The court received less inquiries than ever before.
- 19. Which of the following statements about economic trends during Ronald Reagan's presidency is most accurate?
 - A) the stock market went down each year
 - B) inflation increased
 - C) the U.S. became a debtor nation
 - D) unemployment reached new highs
 - E) the U.S. ended trade deficits
- 20. What is one result of Ronald Reagan's opposition to progressive taxation?
 - A) The gap between the rich and the poor increased
 - B) Taxes for the wealthy increased
 - C) Poverty rates fell
 - D) Deficits were lowered
 - E) The stock market improved as Reagan's term ended
- 21. A new major political force for conservatives in the late 20^{th} century was
 - A) Businessmen
 - B) Christian Fundamentalists
 - C) White collar labor
 - D) Doctors
 - E) Westerners
- 22. What was a result of John Hinckley's assassination attempt against Ronald Reagan?
 - A) Reagan was impaired from pushing any legislative action for several months.
 - B) Reagan's popularity increased.
 - C) Reagan passed a new law to increase penalties against assassins.
 - D) The country elected a Republican Congress in the 1982
 - E) Reagan was able to fight the Sandinistas in Nicaragua.

- 23. The economic theory most closely associated with Ronald Reagan is
 - A) supply-side
- B) Keynesian
- C) self-correcting
- D) stabilizing
- E) Mercantilism
- 24. Support for a Constitutional amendment giving 18-year-olds the right to vote was influenced most by which of these factors?
 - A) An increase in the number of young adults seeking college degrees
 - B) Richard Nixon's desire to appeal to new voters
 - C) The Vietnam War and the military draft
 - D) Student activism and the counter-culture movement
 - E) An increase in the number of young adults working in government jobs
- 25. Gerald Ford, who became president after Richard Nixon's resignation, likely ruined the possibility of his reelection when
 - A) South Vietnam fell to communist forces despite the U.S.'s long and costly involvement
 - B) he almost immediately gave Nixon a full pardon, ending the possibility of legal punishment for any involvement he had in the Watergate scandal
 - C) he reversed the hard line peace tactic that allowed Nixon to reduce Cold War tensions without seeming weak
 - D) the U.S. supported Israel, resulting in OPEC backlash, which hurt the American economy
 - E) he blamed American problems on a 'national malaise' of public morals

- 26. Which of the following statements about the 1970 demonstration at Kent State is most accurate?
 - A) Although it is remembered as an antiwar demonstration, the demonstrators' primary aim was civil rights reform.
 - B) It was an antiwar rally that turned violent, resulting in the deaths of several students at hands of the United States military.
 - C) It was a large counterrevolutionary protest in which dozens of students were either killed or badly injured.
 - D) It was the largest demonstration against affirmative action in the history of the United States.
 - E) It was the most successful Anti-Apartheid rally in the history of the United States.
- 27. The War Powers Act of 1973
 - A) increased federal defense spending
 - B) decreased Congressional influence over international hostilities
 - C) was struck down by the Supreme Court
 - D) limited the president's war-making powers
 - E) established a national draft
- 28. One of the main reasons for the high inflation rates of the early 1970s was because of
 - A) an increase in government spending
 - B) a decrease in foreign trade
 - C) an increase in banking deregulation
 - D) a decrease in military spending
 - E) an increase in industrial investment
- 29. Which of the following was a major factor in Jimmy Carter's failure to win reelection as President in 1980?
 - A) The Independent candidacy of Representative John Anderson
 - B) The failure of the United States to rescue hostages taken in Iran
 - C) Carter's role as a negotiator of the Camp David Accords
 - D) Widespread deflation in the American economy
 - E) Carter's offer of amnesty for those who dodged the draft during the Vietnam war

- 30. The phrase "Whip Inflation Now" is most associated with whose Presidency?
 - A) Gerald Ford
- B) Jimmy Carter
- C) Ronald Reagan
- D) Richard Nixon
- E) Lyndon Johnson
- 31. Which of the following acts were not passed during the first Nixon administration?
 - A) Occupational and Safety and Health Act
 - B) Clean Air Act
 - C) Federal Election Campaign Act
 - D) Voting Rights Act
 - E) Clean Water Act
- 32. What characteristic made Jimmy Carter an attractive candidate for president?
 - A) His foreign policy credentials
 - B) His lack of connections to Washington
 - C) His commitment to social programs
 - D) His background as a rural farmer
 - E) His dedication to "traditional values"
- 33. Gerald Ford replaced Spiro Agnew as Vice President under the provisions of the
 - A) 24th amendment
- B) 25th amendment
- C) 26th amendment
- D) 23rd amendment
- E) 22nd amendment
- 34. Richard Nixon became the first president to
 - A) resign from the office of the presidency
 - B) send troops without congressional approval
 - C) mass bomb a country the U.S. was not at war with
 - D) fire an officer of the cabinet
 - E) be impeached by Congress
- 35. Richard Nixon's plan to distribute \$30 billion to the states was known as
 - A) New Federalism
- B) New Frontier
- C) New Nationalism
- D) New Freedom
- E) New Rights
- 36. How did the Burger court compare to the Warren court?
 - A) It was generally more conservative.
 - B) It was more liberal on economic issues, but more conservative on social issues.
 - C) It encountered more civil rights questions.
 - D) It was more liberal on social issues, but more conservative on economic issues.
 - E) It overturned many Warren court decisions.

- 37. What was the Nixon Administration's position towards civil rights?
 - A) It continued the policies of the Johnson administration.
 - B) It did not support any additional policies, but did nothing to stop policies already in place.
 - C) It put together new policies to speed desegregation.
 - D) It attempted to stop and slow desegregation whenever possible.
 - E) It pushed for affirmative action programs.
- 38. Nixon's "silent majority", which helped him win reelection and forged a new Republican base, referred
 - A) conservative Americans, especially in the South, who reacted against radicalism and liberalism
 - B) conservative Americans, who approved of increased states' rights and powers
 - C) centrist and center-right Americans relieved to be out of the Vietnam conflict
 - D) a coalition of moderate Americans united in their support of Nixon's foreign policy
 - E) a coalition of moderate Americans who felt Nixon's economic policies had got them out of a recession
- 39. Which of the following played a factor in Richard Nixon winning the 1968 presidential election?
 - A) His opposition to the Vietnam War
 - B) His personal chrisma and intellectual capability
 - C) His support for civil rights legislation
 - D) The Democrats' disagreements over the Vietnam War
 - E) The Democrats' opposition to economic reforms
- 40. Who ran for President in 1972 and 1976 under the ticket of the American Independent Party?
 - A) George Wallace
- B) Eugene McCarthy
- C) John L. Lewis
- D) Strom Thurmond
- E) Barry Goldwater
- 41. In 1968, which senator from Minnesota announced his candidacy for the Democratic presidential nomination on the basis of opposing the war in Vietnam?
 - A) Eugene McCarthy B) Walter Mondale
 - C) Mike Mansfield
- D) Hubert Humphrey
- E) Robert Kennedy

- 42. Brinkmanship and mutually assured destruction are two divergent views of the Cold War in that
 - A) one focused on the lack of outright battle between the two powers, and the other highlighted the numerous brushfire wars
 - B) one believed Communism would lose under pressure due to American advantages, while the other viewed the threat of nuclear warfare as a concurrent deterrent
 - C) one emphasized the race in the development of the atomic bomb, and the other saw the hydrogen bomb as the most important weapon
 - D) one proposes gradually releasing tensions, while the other supports direct action against any Communist aggression
 - E) one encourages disarmament talks, while the other wants massive retaliation
- 43. All of the following are terms closely associated with the Cold War EXCEPT
 - A) proxy wars
- B) space race
- C) arms race
- D) satellite states
- E) shock and awe
- 44. Richard Nixon was the first American president to
 - A) be impeached
 - B) rely on the South to win an election
 - C) be reelected during wartime
 - D) use the opposition's culture to his advantage
 - E) visit China
- 45. In 1970, President Nixon ordered American troops to attack Vietcong bases in which Southeast Asian nation?
 - A) Cambodia
- B) Thailand
- C) China
- D) Laos
- E) Burma (Myanmar)
- 46. The SALT II Treaty, signed by the Jimmy Carter and Leonid Brezhnev in 1979, was designed to
 - A) negotiate the withdrawal of the USSR from Afghanistan
 - B) limit the number of missiles in the arsenals of the US and the USSR
 - C) foster an environment of peace in the Middle East
 - D) be a preliminary step in the reunification of Germany
 - E) an agreement that called for a joint Apollo-Soyuz space mission

- 47. All of the following were results of the Cuban Missile Crisis EXCEPT
 - A) Kennedy lifted the blockade of Cuba
 - B) Khrushchev withdrew the missiles from Cuba
 - C) the U.S. withdrew missiles from Turkey
 - D) the U.S. promised not to invade Cuba
 - E) Khrushchev agreed to end his nuclear testing
- 48. What was the name of the policy that eased tensions between the United States and the Soviet Union?
 - A) Brinkmanship
- B) Containment
- C) Perestroika
- D) Glasnost
- E) Détente
- 49. John F. Kennedy increased U.S. military involvement in Vietnam largely because
 - A) war hawks outnumbered doves in Congress and pressured for escalation
 - B) his brother Robert Kennedy was assassinated by Communist sympathizers
 - C) he felt the U.S. could not afford a show of weakness after his experience in the Cuban Missile Crisis
 - D) he believed in his predecessor Eisenhower's domino theory and thus needed to preserve a noncommunist South Vietnam
 - E) strategic hamlets in South Vietnam could be used by the U.S. in a possible attack against China or the USSR
- 50. Richard Nixon's policy of "Vietnamization" referred to
 - A) a gradual increase in troops in order to stabilize American presence in Vietnam
 - B) an impoundment of domestic funds for use in secret military exercises
 - C) a withdrawal of troops from Vietnam and South Vietnamese self-reliance
 - D) a reelection strategy that emphasized the importance of stability during wartime
 - E) an unprecedented visit to Vietnam that helped build popular support for the war
- 51. What was the result of the Tet Offensive?
 - A) The Americans suffered a grave military loss
 - B) The Vietnamese defeated the French in Vietnam
 - C) Ngo Dinh Diem was overthrown as head of Vietnam
 - D) American opinion about the war changed
 - E) General William Westmoreland was killed

- 52. What revealed that the government had mislead Congress and the public about its intentions in Vietnam in the mid-1960s?
 - A) The Zimmerman Telegram
 - **B)** The Pentagon Papers
 - C) The Ellsberg Treatise
 - D) All the President's Men
 - E) The Dean Rusk papers
- 53. The domino theory defended government action in Vietnam on the basis that

A) if Vietnam became communist, its neighbors would be next

- B) Vietnam was a central location for Soviet missiles
- C) Vietnam was a central point for access to Australia
- D) Soviets would see America as weak if they did not defend Vietnam
- E) China was looking to encroach on all of Asia
- 54. The Gulf of Tonkin Resolution was important because

A) it marked the beginning of an "offensive" war in Vietnam

- B) it was the first time the United States had gone to war without an official declaration of war
- C) it was passed only through deal-making by Lyndon Johnson
- D) it sent American troops to Vietnam for the first time
- E) it was a precursor to the War Powers Act
- 55. When was the last time the United States Congress made a formal declaration of war?
 - A) Iraqi War
- B) Gulf War
- C) Vietnam War
- D) Korean War
- E) World War II
- 56. The Iranian hostage crisis ended with the election of
 - A) Gerald Ford
- B) Jimmy Carter
- C) Ronald Reagan
- D) George H. W. Bush
- E) Bill Clinton

- 57. What happened in the Iran-Contra affair?
 - A) Profits from the sales of weapons to Iran were given to Nicaraguan Contras.
 - B) Contras were imported from Nicaragua to help fight the anti-American forces in Iran.
 - C) Contras were used to deflect Iranian anger at America.
 - D) Iranian special forces were used to help save hostages from the Nicaraguan Contras.
 - E) Missiles were moved from Iran to Nicaragua to fight the Contras.
- 58. All of the following were associated with Martin Luther King Jr. and the civil rights movement EXCEPT
 - A) March on Washington
 - B) "Letter from a Birmingham Jail"
 - C) nonviolent civil disobedience
 - D) Voting Rights Act of 1965
 - E) Black Panthers
- 59. The Civil Rights Act of 1964 illegalized racial segregation
 - A) in the schools
 - B) at the polls
 - C) in public accomodation
 - D) in government
 - E) in private clubs
- 60. At the time of its founding the major purpose of the National Organization for Women (NOW) was to
 - A) promote the election of women to National and State office
 - B) overturn the Supreme Court's Decision in *Griswold v. Connecticut*
 - C) advocate for equal opportunities for women
 - D) oppose the continuation of the War in Vietnam
 - E) lobby for the prohibition of alcohol
- 61. The assassination of Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. resulted in which of the following?
 - A) Widespread rioting in urban areas throughout America
 - B) Senator Robert Kennedy winning the Democratic nomination for President
 - C) The election of the first black governor since reconstruction
 - D) The collapse of the Civil Rights Movement
 - E) The rise in prominence of Malcolm X

- 62. In the 1960's freedom riders were
 - A) an integrated group of people who rode busses to the South to test whether anti-segregation laws were being enforced
 - B) a motorcycle gang that terrorized much of the Midwest
 - C) a nickname for African-Americans participating in the Montgomery bus boycott
 - D) a group of young people who traveled the country promoting "free love"
 - E) a group of young people who traveled the country protesting the Vietnam War
- 63. Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech and James Meredith's entrance into the University of Mississippi showed
 - A) blacks rights were moving extremely slowly
 - B) only blacks could help themselves gain rights
 - C) the 1960s would be a lot more productive for black rights than the 1950s
 - D) King had no hope of his proposals actually happening
 - E) civil rights could only progress with the help of the Supreme Court
- 64. Who, as the first African American to enroll at the University of Mississippi, forced Kennedy to call the National Guard to protect him?
 - A) James Meredith
- B) Medgar Evers
- C) Jack Johnson
- D) Larry Doby
- E) Josh Gibson
- 65. Prominent African-Americans entering elected and appointed office in the 1960s included
 - A) Thurgood Marshall and Edward Brooke
 - B) Adam Clayton Powell and Medgar Evers
 - C) Robert Weaver and Louis Powell
 - D) James Meredith and Martin Luther King Jr.
 - E) H. Rap Brown and Huey Newton

- 66. Malcolm X believed that
 - A) all African Americans were extremists because their rights were being violated
 - B) African Americans' only options were to move back to Africa
 - C) the end of discrimination could only come through peaceful protest and non-violent methods such as boycotts
 - D) the civil rights movement must be run by a system of participatory democracy
 - E) blacks could never win any rights in America
- 67. Stokely Carmichael served as the spokesmen for which organization, which supported black power philosophies?
 - A) Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee
 - B) Southern Christian Leadership Conference
 - C) Students for a Democratic Society
 - D) Black Muslims
 - E) Black Panthers
- 68. The Equal Rights Amendment, protecting against discrimination under the law due to gender, was
 - A) ratified and added to the Constitution, laying the basis of legally protected gender equality
 - B) the crowning achievement of the feminist movement at the time following the passage of the Equal Pay Act
 - C) passed by Congress in the 1970's but ultimately failed to be ratified by the states
 - D) only a legislative victory in the midst of persisting institutional and social sexism
 - E) a manifestation of the sexual revolution in the second half of the 20th century
- 69. Which treatise argued that middle-class society prevents women from using their individual talents?
 - A) The Feminine Mystique
 - B) Modern Women: The Lost Sex
 - C) Women and Choices
 - D) Equal Pay and Equal Rights
 - E) Fairness for the Fairer Sex

- 70. In terms of either sentiment or population, the counterculture of the 1960s consisted predominantly of
 - I. Baby boomers
 - II. Beatniks
 - III. The "silent majority"
 - A) II only
- B) I and II only
- C) I and III only
- D) II and III only
- E) I, II, and III
- 71. The "Hippies" and residents of Haight-Ashbury were closest in beliefs to which group?
 - A) Beats
 - B) Lost Generation
 - C) Abstract-expressionists
 - D) Progressives
 - E) Romantics
- 72. The issue which incited the most protests among students in the late 1960s was
 - A) American bureaucracy
 - B) poor treatment of minorities from colleges
 - C) Vietnam
 - D) free speech
 - E) tax cuts
- 73. What important organization of the New Left in the 1960s was based on the call for "participatory democracy"?
 - A) Students for a Democratic Society
 - B) Students Nonviolent Coordinating Committee
 - C) Southern Christian Leadership Conference
 - D) United Farm Workers' Organizing Committee
 - E) Students for a Better Country
- 74. Students protested all of the following in the 1960s EXCEPT
 - A) the Vietnam War
 - B) the bureaucracy of American society
 - C) the prohibition of political canvassing on campuses
 - D) colleges' support of military research
 - E) Lyndon Johnson's social programs

- 75. Cesar Chavez organized and unionized Mexican-American laborers to form the
 - A) Congress of Industrial Organizations
 - B) United Farm Workers' Organizing Committee
 - C) American Federation of Labor
 - D) United Mine Workers
 - E) International Workers of the World

Answer Key Unit 11/12 Practice Questions

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