ALASKA ALASKA HISTORY · UNIT 3 · 25 QUESTIONS

Gold Rush to Statehood — Practice Test

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1 **Gold was first discovered near Juneau in 1880 by prospectors including**

- A Joe Juneau and Richard Harris
- B Felix Pedro and George Carmack
- C Wyatt Earp and Soapy Smith
- D Alexander Baranov and Vitus Bering

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2 **Gold was discovered on Bonanza Creek in the Klondike in which year**

- A 1880
- B 1896
- C 1898
- D 1902

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3 **Prospectors heading for the Klondike often crossed from Alaska into Canada over the**

- A Alaska Highway
- B Dalton Highway
- C Chilkoot Trail
- D Iditarod Trail

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4 **A second steep route from Skagway over the coastal mountains was the**

- A Chilkoot Trail
- B Yukon River route
- C Copper River route
- D White Pass Trail

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5 **Which boomtown on the Alaska coast served as a gateway for Klondike stampeders**

A Fairbanks

B Nome

C Kodiak

D Skagway

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6 **Gold at Nome was discovered on Anvil Creek in which year**

A 1896

B 1898

C 1900

D 1902

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7 **Fairbanks grew after gold was discovered nearby in 1902 by**

A Joe Juneau

B George Carmack

C Felix Pedro

D Alexander Baranov

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8 **People who rushed north during the gold rushes were called stampeders because they**

A stamped letters for miners

B stamped gold coins

C rushed in large crowds to new gold finds

D stampeded cattle north

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9 **Dawson City the largest boomtown of the Klondike gold rush was located in**

A Alaska

B British Columbia

C Yukon Territory in Canada

D Washington State

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10 **A lasting effect of the Alaska gold rushes was**

A the end of all fishing

B growth of towns roads and rail lines

C the closing of all schools

D the end of Native villages

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11 **The Organic Act of 1912 gave Alaska**

A statehood

B a governor elected by voters

C an elected territorial legislature

D a pipeline

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12 **In what year did the first Alaska territorial legislature meet**

ANSWER _____

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13 **Anchorage began in 1915 as a town built for workers on the**

A Trans Alaska Pipeline

B Alaska Railroad

C Alaska Highway

D Yukon River steamboats

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14 **In June 1942 Japanese forces attacked which Aleutian port**

A Dutch Harbor

B Anchorage

C Fairbanks

D Juneau

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15 **In 1942 Japanese forces occupied which two Aleutian Islands**

- A Kodiak and Baranof
- B Attu and Kiska
- C Adak and Unalaska
- D Saint Paul and Saint George

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16 **During World War II many Unangan people were removed from the Aleutian Islands and**

- A sent to camps in Southeast Alaska where many suffered and died
- B sent to fight in Europe
- C moved to Anchorage hotels
- D given new homes in Canada

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17 **United States forces retook Attu from Japanese forces in which month and year**

A May 1943

B June 1942

C August 1943

D June 1944

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18 **When United States forces landed on Kiska in August 1943 they found that**

A a large battle was still raging

B the island had sunk

C gold had been found there

D Japanese forces had already left the island

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19 **The Alaska Highway built in 1942 connected Alaska to the rest of North America through**

A Mexico

B Russia

C Canada

D Greenland

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20 **The Alaska Statehood Act was signed in which year**

A 1959

B 1960

C 1956

D 1958

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21 **Alaska became the 49th state on January 3 of which year**

ANSWER

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Source I - A Prospector Letter from Skagway, Spring 1898

Use this reading for questions 22 to 25.

I reached Skagway last week after a long sea voyage, and the town is crowded with men and women hoping to reach the gold fields. Tents line the muddy streets, and every store charges high prices for food, tools, and warm clothing.

To cross into Canada I must carry a full year of supplies, about a ton of goods, over the Chilkoot Trail. The trail is steep, and I must carry my loads in stages, resting my goods in piles along the way until all of it is over the pass. Many people turn back when they see the climb.

Dawson City is still far away, and I do not know if I will find gold when I arrive. Still, I will press on, because I have spent nearly all my savings to get this far.

22 **According to Source I why did the writer have to carry about a ton of goods over the pass**

- **A** to meet the Canadian requirement of a year of supplies
- **B** to sell goods in Dawson City
- **C** to build a cabin in Skagway
- **D** to pay for a steamship ticket

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23 **Why did the writer have to carry supplies in stages over the pass?**

- **A** The stores in Skagway had run out of food
- **B** Dawson City was too far to reach in one trip
- **C** The writer had spent nearly all savings
- **D** The load was about a ton and the trail was steep

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24 **Source I suggests that many prospectors reacted to the Chilkoot climb by**

- **A** finding gold at once
- **B** staying in Skagway to farm
- **C** sailing to Nome
- **D** turning back

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25 **The main idea of Source I is that reaching the gold fields was**

A quick and cheap

B slow hard and expensive

C forbidden by law

D possible only by railroad

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ANSWER KEY

1. A
2. B
3. C
4. D
5. D
6. B
7. C
8. C
9. C
10. B
11. C
12. 1913
13. B
14. A
15. B
16. A
17. A
18. D
19. C
20. D
21. 1959
22. A
23. D
24. D
25. B

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