ALASKA UNITED STATES HISTORY · UNIT 1 · 25 QUESTIONS

Exploration and Colonization — Practice Test

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1 **Which European explorer reached the Americas in 1492?**



A John Cabot

B Christopher Columbus

C Jacques Cartier

D Henry Hudson

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2 **A major reason Spain paid for voyages across the Atlantic in the late 1400s was to find**

- A ice and timber for building ships
- B coal and steel for factories
- C new sources of gold and a sea route to Asia
- D a land route to Africa

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3 **Historians use the term Columbian Exchange for the transfer of crops, animals, and diseases that followed contact between**

- A Asia and Africa
- B Europe and Australia
- C the Americas and Europe
- D Europe and Antarctica

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4 **Which crop from the Americas became an important food in Europe after the Columbian Exchange?**

- A Wheat
- B Barley
- C Rice
- D Potato

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5 **After contact with Europeans, many Native American communities suffered terrible losses mainly because they had no immunity to which disease?**

- A Scurvy
- B Rickets
- C Malaria only
- D Smallpox

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6 **Jamestown was founded in which present day state?**



A Massachusetts

B Virginia

C Georgia

D South Carolina

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7 **In what year was Jamestown, the first permanent English settlement in North America, founded?**

ANSWER _____

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8 **Which crop helped Jamestown become economically viable under John Rolfe?**

A Cotton

B Indigo

C Tobacco

D Corn only

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9 **The House of Burgesses, created in Virginia in 1619, was important because it was**

A the first royal court in America

B a council of Native chiefs

C a trading company board

D the first elected assembly in English America

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10 **Which colony was founded by the Pilgrims in 1620?**

A Plymouth

B Jamestown

C New Amsterdam

D Charleston

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11 **The Mayflower Compact is best described as an agreement to**

- A trade only with England
- B form a government by consent of the governed
- C ban all farming
- D return to England

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12 **Which group founded the Massachusetts Bay Colony in 1630?**

- A Quakers
- B Catholics
- C Puritans
- D Lutherans

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13 **Roger Williams founded Rhode Island mainly to promote**

A a single state church

B trade with Spain only

C royal rule without elections

D religious freedom and separation of church and state

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14 **Maryland was founded as a refuge mainly for which religious group?**

A Catholics

B Quakers

C Puritans

D Anglicans

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15 **William Penn founded Pennsylvania as a colony for**

A Baptists

B Quakers

C Presbyterians

D Methodists

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16 **Which colonial region relied most on large plantations growing tobacco and rice with enslaved labor?**



A New England

B Middle Colonies

C Southern Colonies

D Backcountry only

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17 **New England colonies were best known economically for**



A plantation cotton

B gold mining

C tobacco plantations

D fishing, shipbuilding, and trade

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18 **The Middle Colonies were often called the breadbasket colonies because they grew large amounts of**

A wheat

B rice

C cotton

D sugar

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19 **Triangular trade linked Europe, Africa, and the Americas in the exchange of**



A only gold and silver

B manufactured goods, enslaved people, and raw materials

C only finished cloth

D only farm animals

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20 **Mercantilism held that a nation grew wealthy by**

- A importing more than it exported
- B banning all trade
- C exporting more than it imported and gaining gold
- D giving colonies free trade

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21 **The Navigation Acts required that most colonial trade be carried on**

- A Spanish ships
- B French ships
- C Dutch ships
- D English ships

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Source I - A Jamestown Settler Letter, 1609

Use this reading for questions 22 to 25.

We arrived hoping to find gold and a short way to Asia. Instead we found low marshy ground, water too salty to drink, and fevers that weakened our company. By autumn many of us had died, and the food we brought was nearly gone.

If we are to live here, we must change our plans. We must clear fields, plant crops that suit this soil, and build stronger shelters before cold weather comes. Gold will not feed us through the winter.

22 **According to Source I, an early problem at Jamestown was**

- **A** sickness and scarce food
- **B** too much gold
- **C** a ban on farming
- **D** attack by Spain

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23 **Source I suggests the settlers first expected Jamestown to bring wealth mainly from**

- **A** farming wheat
- **B** gold and trade to Asia
- **C** fishing
- **D** shipbuilding

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24 **According to Source I, what must the settlers do to survive at Jamestown?**

- **A** learn to farm this land and build stronger shelters
- **B** return to England at once
- **C** trade only with Spain
- **D** search for gold further inland

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25 **Source I describes the water at Jamestown as**

A too salty to drink

B frozen all year

C full of gold

D safe and sweet

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ANSWER KEY

1. B
2. C
3. C
4. D
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6. B
7. 1607
8. C
9. D
10. A
11. B
12. C
13. D
14. A
15. B
16. C
17. D
18. A
19. B
20. C
21. D
22. A
23. B
24. A
25. A

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