WORLD HISTORY · ALASKA

World History
Practice Test

Unit 4: Modern World and Globalization

25 Questions

Original practice test based on the Alaska curriculum. Work through each question, then check your answers at the end.

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Question 1

What combination of factors helped cause World War I?

A) Alliances, militarism, nationalism, and imperial rivalry, sparked by an assassination

B) A single trade dispute alone

C) A shortage of coal

D) A disagreement about farming

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Question 2

Why did trench warfare on the Western Front last so long?

A) Soldiers refused to fight

B) There were no weapons

C) Machine guns and artillery made attacks across open ground deadly, creating stalemate

D) Armies had no trenches

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Question 3

What did the Treaty of Versailles require of Germany?

A) It made Germany the leader of the League

B) It gave Germany new colonies

C) It required reparations, limited its military, and took territory

D) It required nothing

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Question 4

What happened in the Russian Revolution of 1917?

A) No government changed

B) The tsar gained more power

C) Russia left all wars in peace

D) The tsar was overthrown and the Bolsheviks under Lenin took power

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Question 5

What made the Great Depression a worldwide crisis?

A) Bank failures, falling trade, and unemployment spread from country to country

B) Only one bank failed

C) Trade increased everywhere

D) Unemployment fell

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Question 6

How did Hitler and the Nazis gain support in Germany?

A) They promised to end all government

B) They exploited economic hardship and anger at Versailles with propaganda and scapegoating

C) They won support only through fair debate

D) They opposed all use of propaganda

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Question 7

What was the Holocaust?

A) A trade agreement

B) A battle in France

C) The systematic, state sponsored murder of six million Jews and millions of others by Nazi Germany

D) A famine in Russia

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Question 8

Why was Stalingrad a turning point in World War II?

A) Japan surrendered

B) Germany captured Moscow

C) The war ended

D) Germany suffered a huge defeat on the Eastern Front and began retreating

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Question 9

How did World War II end in the Pacific?

A) After atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki and a Soviet attack, Japan surrendered

B) Japan conquered the United States

C) The war ended by treaty in 1943

D) Japan kept fighting until 1950

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Question 10

Why was the United Nations founded in 1945?

A) To rule all countries

B) To promote peace, security, and cooperation among nations

C) To end all trade

D) To create a world army

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Question 11

What was the policy of containment in the Cold War?

A) A policy to end all alliances

B) A policy to spread communism

C) A United States policy to prevent the spread of communism

D) A policy to close all borders

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Question 12

Why did the Korean War matter in the Cold War?

A) It involved no outside powers

B) It united Korea

C) It ended the Cold War

D) It was a proxy war in which the superpowers backed opposite sides without fighting each other directly

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Question 13

What happened in the Cuban Missile Crisis of 1962?

A) The United States and the Soviet Union came close to nuclear war over missiles in Cuba, then negotiated a withdrawal

B) Nuclear war broke out

C) Cuba joined NATO

D) No missiles were involved

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Question 14

Why was the Vietnam War hard for the United States to win?

A) The United States had no army

B) Guerrilla tactics, difficult terrain, and falling support at home undermined a conventional war effort

C) Vietnam had no fighters

D) The war lasted only a month

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Question 15

How did India gain independence in 1947?

A) Through a vote in London alone

B) Through a war won by Britain

C) Through a mass movement led in part by Gandhi, using nonviolent resistance and negotiation

D) India remained a colony

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Question 16

What was significant about Ghana independence in 1957?

A) Ghana never sought independence

B) Ghana was the last colony to gain independence

C) Ghana stayed under French rule

D) Ghana was the first sub Saharan African country to gain independence from colonial rule

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Question 17

What was apartheid in South Africa?

A) A system of racial segregation and white minority rule

B) A system of equal voting for all

C) A trade union

D) A farming method

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Question 18

What did the 1947 United Nations partition plan for Palestine propose?

A) A single state ruled by Britain forever

B) Separate Jewish and Arab states with Jerusalem under international control

C) No state for either people

D) Immediate peace with no dispute

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Question 19

What is globalization in the modern economy?

A) Trade only within one country

B) The end of all international trade

C) Growing links in trade, investment, and communication across national borders

D) A ban on the internet

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Question 20

What did the Paris Agreement of 2015 aim to do?

A) End the United Nations

B) Increase emissions worldwide

C) Ban all energy use

D) Limit global warming through national pledges to cut greenhouse gas emissions

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Question 21

How has the internet changed global life?

A) It lets people share information and communicate instantly across the world

B) It ended all communication

C) It is used only in one country

D) It replaced all trade

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Question 22

What did the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948 set out?

A) Rights only for some countries

B) Basic rights and freedoms to which all people are entitled

C) A world government

D) An end to all laws

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Question 23

What did the reforms of Gorbachev in the Soviet Union lead to?

A) A new Soviet empire

B) Stronger Communist control

C) Greater openness and restructuring that helped end Communist rule in Eastern Europe

D) An end to all reform

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Question 24

What happened to the Berlin Wall?

A) It was moved to France

B) It still divides Berlin

C) It was built in 1989

D) It was opened and then torn down as East and West Germany moved toward unification

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Question 25

In what year did the Berlin Wall fall?

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ANSWER KEY

1. A
2. C
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5. A
6. B
7. C
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9. A
10. B
11. C
12. D
13. A
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20. D
21. A
22. B
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