CALIFORNIA UNITED STATES HISTORY · UNIT 3

World War II and the Cold War — Practice Test

California United States History • 25 questions

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1 **Japan attacked Pearl Harbor in Hawaii on December 7, 1941, destroying ships and aircraft and leading Congress to declare war on Japan the next**

- A Week
- B Month
- C Day
- D Year

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2 **After Pearl Harbor, Germany and Italy declared war on the United States, bringing America fully into World War II in both Europe and the**

A Atlantic only

B Mediterranean only

C Indian Ocean only

D Pacific

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3 **The Battle of Midway in June 1942 was a decisive American naval victory in the Pacific that destroyed four Japanese aircraft carriers and halted Japanese**

A Farming

B Mining

C Expansion

D Trade

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4 **American strategy in the Pacific, called island hopping, bypassed heavily defended Japanese islands and seized key islands closer to**

- A India
- B Japan
- C China
- D Australia

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5 **D-Day on June 6, 1944, was the Allied invasion of Normandy in France, which opened a second front against Germany and led within a year to the liberation of Western**

- A Europe
- B Africa
- C Asia
- D South America

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6 **The Battle of the Bulge in late 1944 was the last major offensive on the Western Front, and its failure left the attackers unable to stop the Allied advance into**

A France

B Italy

C Belgium only

D Germany

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7 **Victory in Europe Day, May 8, 1945, marked Germany's surrender, while victory over Japan came after atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki and the Soviet invasion of**

A China only

B India

C Manchuria

D Korea only

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8 **Executive Order 9066 in 1942 led to the internment of about 120,000 Japanese Americans, most of them American citizens, in camps in the western United**

A Provinces

B States

C Territories only

D States of Mexico

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9 **On the home front, women took factory jobs, including as Rosie the Riveter, and rationing, war bonds, and victory gardens supported the war**

A Effort

B Trade

C Farm

D Church

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10 **The Manhattan Project was the secret American program that developed the atomic bomb, led scientifically by J. Robert**

- A Einstein
- B Fermi only
- C Teller only
- D Oppenheimer

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11 **The Yalta Conference of 1945 brought Roosevelt, Churchill, and Stalin together to plan the postwar world, including a divided Germany and a new United**

- A Alliance only
- B Army
- C Nations
- D Empire

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12 **The policy of containment aimed to stop the spread of communism, and the Truman Doctrine of 1947 offered aid to Greece and Turkey to resist communist**

A Science

B Pressure

C Trade

D Farming

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13 **The plan of 1948 provided American economic aid to rebuild Western Europe and to strengthen democracies against communism, named for Secretary of State George**

A Marshall

B Truman

C Eisenhower

D Kennan

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14 **The Berlin Airlift of 1948 to 1949 flew food and supplies into West Berlin after the Soviet Union blocked land access, until the blockade was**

A Expanded

B Traded

C Farmed

D Lifted

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15 **The North Atlantic Treaty Organization, created in 1949, bound the United States, Canada, and Western European allies in mutual**

A Farming

B Science

C Defense

D Trade

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16 **The Korean War began in 1950 when North Korea invaded South Korea, and the United Nations, led mainly by the United States, defended the South until an armistice in the year**

ANSWER _____

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17 **Senator Joseph McCarthy in the early 1950s claimed that communists had infiltrated American government, fueling a period of fear and accusations known as**

A McCarthyism

B Containment

C Isolationism

D Populism

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18 **President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1956, creating the Interstate Highway System that reshaped American travel, suburbs, and**

A Farming

B Mining

C Fishing

D Commerce

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19 **The Soviet launch of Sputnik in 1957 shocked Americans and led to greater spending on science education and to the creation of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration in the year**

ANSWER _____

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20 **The Cuban Missile Crisis of October 1962 ended when the Soviet Union agreed to remove missiles from Cuba and the United States pledged not to invade Cuba and later removed missiles from**

A Egypt

B Turkey

C Korea

D Vietnam

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21 **The Vietnam War escalated in the 1960s after the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution of 1964 gave President Lyndon Johnson broad authority to use military force in Southeast**

A Asia

B Africa

C Europe

D South America

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22 **The Tet Offensive of 1968 was a major communist attack across South Vietnam that, although repelled militarily, turned many Americans against the war because it contradicted optimistic official**

A Trade

B Farming

C Taxes

D Reports

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23 **The United States withdrew its last combat troops in 1973, and Saigon fell in 1975, ending the war with a communist victory and a unified**

A Laos

B Cambodia

C Vietnam

D Korea

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24 **The Cold War arms race included the development of hydrogen bombs, intercontinental missiles, and later arms control treaties such as the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks agreements of the**

A 1980s only

B 1970s

C 1940s

D 1950s

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25 **The year in which the Berlin Airlift began was**

ANSWER _____

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ANSWER KEY

1. C
2. D
3. C
4. B
5. A
6. D
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8. B
9. A
10. D
11. C
12. B
13. A
14. D
15. C
16. 1953
17. A
18. D
19. 1958
20. B
21. A
22. D
23. C
24. B
25. 1948

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