CALIFORNIA UNITED STATES HISTORY · UNIT 4

Civil Rights and Contemporary America — Practice Test

California United States History • 25 questions

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1 **Brown v. Board of Education in 1954 overturned Plessy v. Ferguson in public schools, ruling that separate educational facilities are inherently**

- A Unequal
- B Equal
- C Legal
- D Voluntary

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2 **The Montgomery bus boycott of 1955 to 1956 began after Rosa Parks refused to give up her bus seat, and it was led in part by a young minister named Martin Luther King**

- A Sr.
- B III
- C II
- D Jr.

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3 **The Little Rock Nine in 1957 were African American students who integrated Central High School in Arkansas under federal protection after the governor tried to block their**

- A Farming
- B Graduation
- C Entry
- D Trade

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4 **The March on Washington in 1963 drew about 250,000 people to the Lincoln Memorial, where Martin Luther King Jr. gave his I Have a Dream**

- A Song
- B Speech
- C Letter
- D Book

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5 **The Civil Rights Act of 1964 banned segregation in public places and banned employment discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, or national**

- A Origin
- B Age
- C Wealth
- D Language

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6 **The Voting Rights Act of 1965 banned literacy tests and other devices used to deny African Americans the vote, especially in the**

A North only

B West only

C Midwest only

D South

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7 **The Selma marches of 1965, including Bloody Sunday on the Edmund Pettus Bridge, helped build support for the Voting Rights Act by exposing violent resistance to Black**

A Farmers

B Miners

C Voters

D Traders

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8 **Malcolm X, a leader in the Nation of Islam and later an independent voice, argued for Black pride and self determination and criticized gradual approaches to civil**

A Science

B Rights

C Trade

D Farming

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9 **The Black Power movement of the late 1960s stressed racial pride, community control, and self reliance, and it was associated with leaders such as Stokely Carmichael and the Black Panther**

A Party

B Army

C Church

D League

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10 **The National Organization for Women, founded in 1966, campaigned for equal rights for women in jobs, education, and the law, and Betty Friedan was a leading**

A Judge

B Senator

C General

D Founder

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11 **Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 banned sex discrimination in federally funded education programs and greatly expanded opportunities for women in school**

A Farming

B Mining

C Sports

D Trade

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12 **Cesar Chavez co-founded the United Farm Workers and led grape boycotts and strikes to win better pay and conditions for farmworkers, many of them Mexican**

- A French
- B American
- C Canadian
- D British

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13 **The American Indian Movement, founded in 1968, protested for Native American rights and treaty recognition, including the occupation of Alcatraz Island in 1969 and Wounded Knee in the year**

ANSWER _____

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14 **The Watergate scandal led to President Richard Nixon's resignation in August 1974, after investigations showed abuses of power and a cover up of a break in at Democratic Party headquarters in the Watergate**

A Hotel only

B Office only

C Bank

D Complex

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15 **President Jimmy Carter brokered the Camp David Accords of 1978, leading to peace between Egypt and Israel, but his presidency also faced an energy shortage and the Iran hostage**

A War

B Famine

C Crisis

D Trade

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16 **President Ronald Reagan's policies in the 1980s combined tax cuts, increased military spending, and a strong stance against the Soviet Union, which he called an evil**

- A Church
- B Empire
- C Trade
- D Army

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17 **The Berlin Wall fell in 1989, and the Soviet Union dissolved in 1991, ending the Cold War and leaving the United States as the world's dominant**

- A Power
- B Trade
- C Army only
- D Church

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18 **The Persian Gulf War of 1990 to 1991, called Operation Desert Storm, liberated Kuwait after Iraq under Saddam Hussein invaded and occupied the**

A City only

B Island

C Province

D Country

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19 **The attacks of September 11, 2001, by al-Qaeda killed nearly 3,000 people in New York, Washington, and Pennsylvania, and led to the American led invasion of**

A Iran

B Libya

C Afghanistan

D Iraq only

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20 **The United States invaded Iraq in 2003, arguing that Iraq held weapons of mass destruction, a claim that was not confirmed after the invasion and that remains widely**

A Traded

B Debated

C Proven

D Ignored

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21 **Barack Obama was elected president in 2008 as the first African American president, and his administration passed the Affordable Care Act in the year**

ANSWER _____

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22 **The Civil Rights Movement also inspired the disability rights movement, which won the Americans with Disabilities Act in the year**

ANSWER _____

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23 **The Stonewall riots of 1969 in New York helped launch the modern movement for gay rights, which later won marriage equality in the Supreme Court case Obergefell v. Hodges in the year**

ANSWER _____

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24 **Contemporary American politics continues to debate immigration, health care, climate change, and the role of the federal government, issues rooted in the expansions of federal power during the New Deal and the Great**

A Boom

B Society

C Depression only

D War only

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25 **The year in which the Civil Rights Act was passed was**

ANSWER _____

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ANSWER KEY

1. A
2. D
3. C
4. B
5. A
6. D
7. C
8. B
9. A
10. D
11. C
12. B
13. 1973
14. D
15. C
16. B
17. A
18. D
19. C
20. B
21. 2010
22. 1990
23. 2015
24. B
25. 1964

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