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United States History I

Practice Test

Unit 4: Civil War and Reconstruction

25 Questions

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

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Question 1

The Compromise of 1850 admitted California as a

A) free state

B) slave state

C) territory

D) foreign colony

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Question 2

The Fugitive Slave Act of 1850 required citizens to help

A) free enslaved people

B) return escaped enslaved people to enslavers

C) hide runaways

D) pay runaways

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Question 3

The Kansas Nebraska Act of 1854 allowed settlers in those territories to decide slavery by

A) presidential order

B) Supreme Court ruling

C) popular sovereignty

D) British law

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Question 4

Bleeding Kansas in the mid 1850s refers to violent conflict over

A) railroad routes

B) gold mining

C) Indian removal

D) slavery in Kansas Territory

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Question 5

The Dred Scott decision of 1857 ruled that enslaved people were

A) not citizens and had no right to sue

B) citizens

C) free in free states

D) protected by Congress

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Question 6

Abraham Lincoln was elected president in what year?

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Question 7

The first state to secede from the Union after Lincoln election was

A) Virginia

B) South Carolina

C) Georgia

D) Alabama

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Question 8

The Civil War began in April 1861 when Confederate forces fired on

A) Fort McHenry

B) Harper Ferry

C) Fort Sumter

D) Vicksburg

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Question 9

The president of the Confederate States of America was

A) Jefferson Davis

B) Robert E Lee

C) Stonewall Jackson

D) Alexander Stephens

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Question 10

The Battle of Antietam in September 1862 is known as the bloodiest

A) single day battle in American history

B) naval battle

C) battle in the West

D) siege

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Question 11

The Emancipation Proclamation took effect on January 1 in what year?

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Question 12

The Emancipation Proclamation declared enslaved people free in

A) all states

B) Confederate held areas in rebellion

C) border states only

D) Europe

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Question 13

The Battle of Gettysburg was fought in July of what year?

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Question 14

Gettysburg Address in November 1863 stressed government

A) by kings

B) by generals

C) of the people, by the people, for the people

D) by states only

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Question 15

The Union victory at Vicksburg in July 1863 gave the Union control of the

A) Atlantic coast

B) Rio Grande

C) Ohio River

D) Mississippi River

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Question 16

General William Tecumseh Sherman March to the Sea in 1864 targeted

A) Atlanta to Savannah, Georgia

B) Richmond to Washington

C) New Orleans to Des Moines

D) Charleston to Raleigh

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Question 17

Robert E Lee surrendered to Ulysses S Grant at Appomattox Court House on April 9 in what year?

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Question 18

President Lincoln was assassinated in April 1865 by

A) Jefferson Davis

B) John Wilkes Booth

C) Robert E Lee

D) Andrew Johnson

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Question 19

The Thirteenth Amendment, ratified in 1865, abolished

A) voting restrictions

B) poll taxes

C) slavery

D) segregation only

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Question 20

The Fourteenth Amendment granted citizenship and equal protection to

A) only former soldiers

B) only landowners

C) only immigrants

D) all persons born or naturalized in the United States

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Question 21

The Fifteenth Amendment protected voting rights regardless of

A) race, color, or previous condition of servitude

B) age

C) sex

D) property

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Question 22

The Freedmen Bureau was created to help formerly enslaved people with

A) plantations

B) food, schools, and work contracts

C) weapons

D) foreign travel

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Source I - A Freedman Letter, 1866

Use this reading for questions 23 to 24.

We are free now, but freedom without land or schooling is hard. We want to read, to vote, and to work for wages we can keep. The Bureau school near our town is crowded, and men who once held us in bondage now try to keep us from the ballot box.



Question 23

According to Source I, freedpeople sought mainly

A) return to slavery

B) leaving the South at once

C) land, education, voting, and fair wages

D) joining the army only

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Question 24

Source I shows a Reconstruction obstacle was

A) too many schools

B) a shortage of farms

C) high wages

D) efforts to block Black voting

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Question 25

The Compromise of 1877 effectively ended Reconstruction by withdrawing federal troops from the

A) South

B) West

C) North

D) border states

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ANSWER KEY

1. A
2. B
3. C
4. D
5. A
6. 1860
7. B
8. C
9. A
10. A
11. 1863
12. B
13. 1863
14. C
15. D
16. A
17. 1865
18. B
19. C
20. D
21. A
22. B
23. C
24. D
25. A

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