UNITED STATES HISTORY I · MASSACHUSETTS

United States History I

Practice Test

Unit 2: Revolution and Constitution

25 Questions

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

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Question 1

The French and Indian War was fought mainly between

A) Britain and France

B) Spain and Portugal

C) England and the Netherlands

D) France and Spain

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Question 2

The French and Indian War began in what year?

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Question 3

The Proclamation of 1763 banned colonial settlement west of which mountains?

A) Rocky Mountains

B) Appalachian Mountains

C) Cascade Mountains

D) White Mountains

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Question 4

The Stamp Act of 1765 taxed colonists on

A) imported tea only

B) land in England

C) printed materials such as newspapers and legal papers

D) ships built in Boston

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Question 5

Colonists protesting the Stamp Act used the slogan

A) Liberty or death only

B) One king, one law

C) Trade with all

D) No taxation without representation

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Question 6

The Boston Massacre occurred in what year?

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Question 7

The Boston Tea Party of 1773 was a protest against

A) a tax on tea

B) a ban on fishing

C) a tax on tobacco

D) a ban on newspapers

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Question 8

Britain responded to the Boston Tea Party with the

A) Townshend Acts

B) Intolerable Acts

C) Quartering Act only

D) Stamp Act

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Question 9

The first battles of the Revolutionary War were fought at

A) Saratoga and Yorktown

B) Bunker Hill and Trenton

C) Lexington and Concord

D) Valley Forge and Princeton

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Question 10

The Declaration of Independence was adopted on July 4 in what year?

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Question 11

The main author of the Declaration of Independence was

A) Thomas Jefferson

B) George Washington

C) John Adams

D) Benjamin Franklin

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Question 12

The Declaration of Independence argues that governments get their power from the

A) consent of the governed

B) king alone

C) church

D) army

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Question 13

The Battle of Saratoga in 1777 was a turning point because it helped bring

A) Spain into the war only

B) France into an alliance with the Americans

C) Britain to surrender at once

D) Canada into the war

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Question 14

The last major battle of the Revolutionary War was at

A) Saratoga

B) Trenton

C) Yorktown

D) Bunker Hill

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Question 15

The Treaty of Paris of 1783 recognized the United States as

A) a British colony

B) part of France

C) part of Spain

D) an independent nation

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Question 16

Under the Articles of Confederation, the central government could NOT

A) levy taxes directly on individuals

B) declare war

C) make treaties

D) borrow money

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Question 17

Shays Rebellion in 1786 to 1787 showed that the government under the Articles was too

A) strong

B) weak to keep order or raise revenue

C) rich

D) large

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Question 18

The Constitutional Convention met in Philadelphia in what year?

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Question 19

The Great Compromise created a Congress with

A) one house only

B) three houses

C) two houses, one by population and one with equal state representation

D) no Senate

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Question 20

The Three Fifths Compromise concerned counting enslaved people for

A) taxes only

B) military service only

C) voting rights

D) representation and taxation

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Question 21

Federalists supported ratification of the Constitution because they wanted a

A) stronger central government

B) weaker central government

C) return to British rule

D) government with no president

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Question 22

Anti Federalists demanded a Bill of Rights to protect

A) the king

B) individual liberties from government power

C) trade with Britain

D) state banks

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Source I - A Farmer Letter on the Constitution, 1788

Use this reading for questions 23 to 24.

I fear a distant government that can tax me and raise an army, yet I also fear thirteen separate states that cannot pay their debts or defend our borders. We need a government strong enough to act, but bound by written limits so it cannot swallow our liberties.

Question 23

According to Source I, the writer wanted a government that was

A) unlimited in power

B) run by thirteen separate armies

C) strong enough to act but limited by writing

D) controlled by Britain

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Question 24

Source I shows a central debate of ratification between

A) farming and fishing

B) north and south only

C) tea and coffee

D) strong central power and protection of liberty

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Question 25

The First Amendment protects freedom of

A) speech, religion, press, assembly, and petition

B) owning slaves

C) trade only

D) travel only

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ANSWER KEY

1. A
2. 1754
3. B
4. C
5. D
6. 1770
7. A
8. B
9. C
10. 1776
11. A
12. A
13. B
14. C
15. D
16. A
17. B
18. 1787
19. C
20. D
21. A
22. B
23. C
24. D
25. A

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