The Cold War — Practice Test

Wisconsin United States History II • 25 questions

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1 **The Truman Doctrine of 1947 offered aid to countries resisting communism beginning with which two countries?**

- A Greece and Turkey
- B France and Italy
- C Japan and Korea
- D Egypt and India

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2 **The Marshall Plan provided United States aid to rebuild the economies of which region after World War II?**

A Latin America

B Western Europe

C Southeast Asia

D Sub-Saharan Africa

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3 **The Berlin Airlift of 1948 to 1949 supplied West Berlin after the Soviet Union did what?**

A Invaded the city

B Closed all airports

C Blockaded land routes into the city

D Bombed the city

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4 **The North Atlantic Treaty Organization founded in 1949 is a collective defense alliance that originally included which country?**

- A The Soviet Union
- B Canada
- C Japan
- D China

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5 **The Warsaw Pact formed in 1955 was a military alliance led by which country?**

- A France
- B The United States
- C Yugoslavia
- D The Soviet Union

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6 **Containment as a Cold War policy meant what?**

- A Invading the Soviet Union
- B Preventing the spread of communism
- C Ending all trade
- D Building the Berlin Wall

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7 **The Korean War began in 1950 when North Korea invaded South Korea across which line?**

- A The 17th parallel
- B The Yalu River only
- C The 38th parallel
- D The Demilitarized Zone in Vietnam

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8 **The Korean War ended in 1953 with what result?**

- A A unified Korea under the North
- B An armistice and a divided Korea
- C A peace treaty unifying Korea
- D United States withdrawal from Asia

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9 **Senator Joseph McCarthy in the early 1950s claimed without solid evidence that communists had infiltrated what?**

- A The British navy only
- B Canadian schools only
- C The United Nations headquarters only
- D The United States government

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10 **The House Un American Activities Committee investigated alleged communist influence mainly in which areas?**

A Farming only

B Government Hollywood and labor unions

C Sports only

D Foreign armies only

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11 **In what year did the Soviet Union launch Sputnik the first artificial satellite?**

ANSWER _____

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12 **The launch of Sputnik led the United States to create which space agency in 1958?**

A Central Intelligence Agency

B Federal Aviation Administration

C National Aeronautics and Space Administration

D National Science Foundation only

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13 **The Bay of Pigs invasion of 1961 was a failed attempt by Cuban exiles backed by the United States to overthrow which leader?**

A Fulgencio Batista

B Fidel Castro

C Che Guevara

D Raul Castro

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14 **The Cuban Missile Crisis of 1962 arose when the Soviet Union placed nuclear missiles in Cuba within range of what?**

A Brazil

B Britain

C Canada only

D The United States

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15 **President John F Kennedy responded to the Cuban Missile Crisis mainly with what?**

A An immediate invasion of Cuba

B A naval quarantine and negotiations

C A nuclear attack on Moscow

D Withdrawal from NATO

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16 **The domino theory used to justify United States involvement in Vietnam held that if one country fell to communism what would happen?**

- A All wars would end
- B Trade would increase
- C Neighboring countries would also fall
- D The United Nations would close

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17 **The Gulf of Tonkin Resolution of 1964 gave President Lyndon Johnson broad authority to do what?**

- A End the draft
- B Expand military action in Vietnam
- C Sign a peace treaty
- D Withdraw all troops

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18 **The Tet Offensive of 1968 was a major attack by North Vietnamese and Viet Cong forces during which holiday?**

A Tet the lunar new year

B Christmas

C Easter

D Thanksgiving

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19 **The Vietnam War ended for the United States with the Paris Peace Accords in what year?**

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20 **Saigon fell to North Vietnamese forces in April 1975 marking the end of which war?**

A Korean War

B Vietnam War

C Gulf War

D Afghan War

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21 **Detente in the 1970s meant what in United States Soviet relations?**

A A complete end to rivalry

B A new war

C A trade embargo only

D An easing of tensions and arms control talks

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22 **The Strategic Arms Limitation Talks agreements of the 1970s aimed to limit what?**

A Space travel

B Nuclear weapons

C Conventional armies only

D Trade with China

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23 **The Soviet invasion of Afghanistan in 1979 led the United States to boycott which Olympic Games?**

A 1984 Los Angeles Games

B 1976 Montreal Games

C 1980 Moscow Games

D 1988 Seoul Games

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Mikhail Gorbachev policies of glasnost and perestroika meant what?

A Openness and restructuring

B Tighter censorship and central control

C Expansion of the military only

D An end to all reform

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In what year did the Berlin Wall fall?

ANSWER _____

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ANSWER KEY

1. A
2. B
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10. B
11. 1957
12. C
13. B
14. D
15. B
16. C
17. B
18. A
19. 1973
20. B
21. D
22. B
23. C
24. A
25. 1989

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