

## AP U.S. History – Period 7: Unit -7 - 1890-1945 Practice Test

Question 1:

Which president was known as a "trustbuster"?

- A. Theodore Roosevelt
- B. William Howard Taft
- C. Woodrow Wilson
- D. Franklin Roosevelt

Question 2:



-Source: John T. McCutcheon, "What the United States has Fought For," Wikimedia Commons, 1914

Which of the following arguments about American imperialism does the image most strongly support?

- A. It weakened the United States' ability to protect itself from foreign influence.
- B. It led to a stronger economy because it opened access to foreign markets.
- C. It helped the acquired territories develop into "civilized" countries.
- D. It violated the American value of popular sovereignty.

Question 3:

**NAVAL OFFICERS THINK THE MAINE WAS DESTROYED BY A SPANISH MINE.**

"George Bryson, the Journal's special reporter at Havana, writes that it is the secret opinion of many people in Havana that the war ship *Maine* was destroyed by a mine and 258 men were killed on purpose by the Spanish. This is the opinion of several American naval authorities. The Spaniards, it is believed, arranged to have *the Maine* drop anchor over a harbor mine. Wires connected the mine to the magazine of the ship. If this is true, the brutal nature of the Spaniards will be shown by the fact that they waited to explode the mine until all the men had gone to sleep. Spanish officials are protesting too much that they did not do it. Our government has ordered an investigation. This newspaper has sent divers to Havana to report on the condition of the wreck. This newspaper is also offering a \$50,000 reward for exclusive evidence that will convict whoever is responsible. "

-Source: *New York Journal and Advertiser*, 1898

**The events described in the excerpt contributed most directly to which of the following?**

- A. Philippine-American War
- B. Mexican-American War
- C. Spanish-American War
- D. World War I

Question 4:

**Amendment that recognized the important role that women played in the war by giving them suffrage**

- A. 17th
- B. 18th
- C. 19th
- D. 20th

Question 5:

**The practice of sensationalizing stories in order to increase subscriptions**

- A. Direct Election
- B. Scientific Management
- C. Yellow Journalism
- D. Muck Rakers

Question 6:

“Meat scraps were also found being shoveled into receptacles from dirty floors where they were left to lie until again shoveled into barrels or into machines for chopping. These floors, it must be noted, were in most cases damp and soggy, in dark, ill-ventilated rooms, and the employees in utter ignorance of cleanliness or danger to health, expectorated at will upon them. In a word, we saw meat shoveled from filthy wooden floors, piled on tables rarely washed, pushed from room to room in rotten box carts, in all of which processes it was in the way of gathering dirt, splinters, floor filth, and the expectoration of tuberculosis and other diseased workers.”

-Source: “The Neill-Reynolds Report,” 1906

**The author’s account in the excerpt above most directly encourage which of the following changes in subsequent years?**

- A. the expansion of federal power to monitor and regulate the food industry
- B. the increase in federal spending to pay for infrastructure improvements to the meat industry
- C. the passage of an amendment giving the president the power to pass regulations on businesses
- D. the rise of a preservation movement to encourage a vegetarian lifestyle

Question 7:

“Sir: . . . Doubtless you have learned of the great exodus of our people to the north and west from this and other states. I wish to say that we are forced to go when one thinks of a grown man wages is only fifty to seventy cents per day for all grades of work. He is compelled to go where there is better wages and sociable conditions, believe me. When I say that [at] many places here in this state the only thing the black man gets is a peck of meal and from three to four lbs. of bacon per week, and he is treated as a slave.”

-From Emmett J. Scott, ed. “Letters of Negro Migrants of 1916-1918,” *Journal of Negro History* 4, 1919

**The author’s remarks in the excerpt most directly reflected which of the following developments during the early twentieth century?**

- A. the creation of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
- B. the massive migration of African Americans from the South to the North
- C. the rise in anti-black sentiment and the re-emergence of the Ku Klux Klan
- D. the flood of emigration from Africa and Southern Europe to the United States

Question 8:



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SOME PROMISE!

*Archie 1917*

-Source: "Some Promise," Wikimedia Commons 1917

Which of the following developments is the most direct effect of the situation portrayed in the image?

- A. The United States declared war on Germany, entering World War I.
- B. The United States ordered Germany to end unrestricted submarine warfare.
- C. The United States signed a treaty with Mexico and agreed not to declare war on Germany.
- D. The United States declared war on Mexico, starting the Mexican-American War.

Question 9:

The \_\_\_\_\_ was built in Central America to save time and money in commercial and military shipping.

- A. Erie Canal
- B. Panama Canal
- C. Grand Canal
- D. Suez Canal

Question 10:

“The first modern mass medium, radio made America into a land of listeners, entertaining and educating, angering and delighting, and joining every age and class into a common culture. . . Radio created national crazes across America, taught Americans new ways to talk and think, and sold them products they never knew they needed. Radio brought them the world.”

-Source: Tom Lewis, historian, “‘A Godlike Presence’: The Impact of Radio on the 1920s and 1930s,” 1992

**According to the passage, which of the following best explains the most important effect that the radio had on American society?**

- A. It created a pathway for Americans to connect directly with the government.
- B. It led to a higher standard of living in most American households.
- C. It connected households across the states and formed a national culture.
- D. It increased voter participation as radio stations broadcasted presidential debates.

Question 11:

“Dear Sir: “I am persuaded to write you, concerning aid to unemployment. I hope this movement will be speeded up so people in Pottstown will feel and know the results before Cold weather comes upon us, the struggling starving working class undernourished [sic] Men[,] women, and children. It really is alarming that this so called [sic] prosperous Nation that we must suffer on [account] of a few men seeking power and rule and have laws pass to suit themselves. . . I am one of the men out of work but the rich dont [sic] care so long as they have full and plenty. . . “I hope relief will be coming soon and some action not Just paper talk.”

-Source: Author unknown from Pottstown, PA, Letter to Herbert Hoover, *Down and Out in the Great Depression: Letters from the Forgotten Man*, 1930

**The excerpt reflects many Americans’ belief at the time that the federal government was:**

- A. prioritizing the plights of farmers over factory workers.
- B. failing to address the immediate effects of the Great Depression.
- C. responding correctly and ensuring that the US economy will recover.
- D. worsening the depression by intervening in the economy.

Question 12:

“. . . [I]t must be admitted that American Negroes have been a race more in name than in fact, or to be exact, more in sentiment than in experience. The chief bond between them has been that of a common condition rather than a common consciousness; a problem in common rather than a life in common. In Harlem, Negro life is seizing upon its first chances for group expression and self-determination. It is— or promises at least to be— a race capital. That is why our comparison is taken with those nascent centers of folk-expression and self-determination which are playing a creative part in the world to-day.”

-Source: Alain Locke, “The New Negro,” 1925

**The excerpt best serves as evidence for which of the following developments?**

- A. The Harlem Renaissance
- B. The Civil Rights Movement
- C. The Back to Africa Movement
- D. The Great Migration

Question 13:

“If we enter the war today in order to save the British Empire, we will be involved in war for the rest of our lives. If the English Channel is our frontier, and this is our war, then we will have to defend it for years to come, for it is not a strong defensive position under the conditions of modern air warfare. In fact, to defend the Channel, we will have frequently to be undertaking military operations on the Continent of Europe. This war is not our war. We did not start it.”

-Source: Senator Robert A. Taft, “Statement on Lend-Lease,” *The Papers of Robert A. Taft: 1939-1944*, February 26, 1941

**The author’s reference to “this war is not our war” most directly reflects which of the following policy changes?**

- A. a policy that stopped the United States from creating trade relationships with warring countries
- B. a policy that had the United States accepting the majority of refugees from Europe and Asia
- C. a policy that sent aid to Britain as their victory would also defend the United States from the Axis powers
- D. a policy that prohibited the United States from sending war supplies to the Allies

Question 14:

**Population in Urban and Rural territory, 1930 to 1960**

	1930	1940	1950	1960
Urban	69,160,599	74,705,338	90,128,194	113,063,593
Rural	54,042,025	57,459,231	61,197,604	66,259,582

-Source: US Census

**Which of the following was a significant cause of the trend from 1930 to 1950 shown in the table?**

- A. creation of affordable housing with long-term mortgages in the suburbs
- B. need for war production during World War II, opening urban economic opportunities
- C. government programs that provided housing for impoverished families
- D. decreased immigration from Latin America, primarily Mexico and Panama

Question 15:

“[Critical participation] believes that to fail to protest the wrongs done Negroes as we fight this war is to participate in a crime, not only against Negroes, but against all true anti-Fascists. To fight against defects in our prosecution of the war is regarded as a responsibility. To remain silent simply because friends commit these wrongs is no less dangerous than if Negroes should actively aid the enemy.”

-Source: Editor of \* The Negro Quarterly,\* 1943

**Which of the following most directly contributed to the sentiments expressed in the excerpt?**

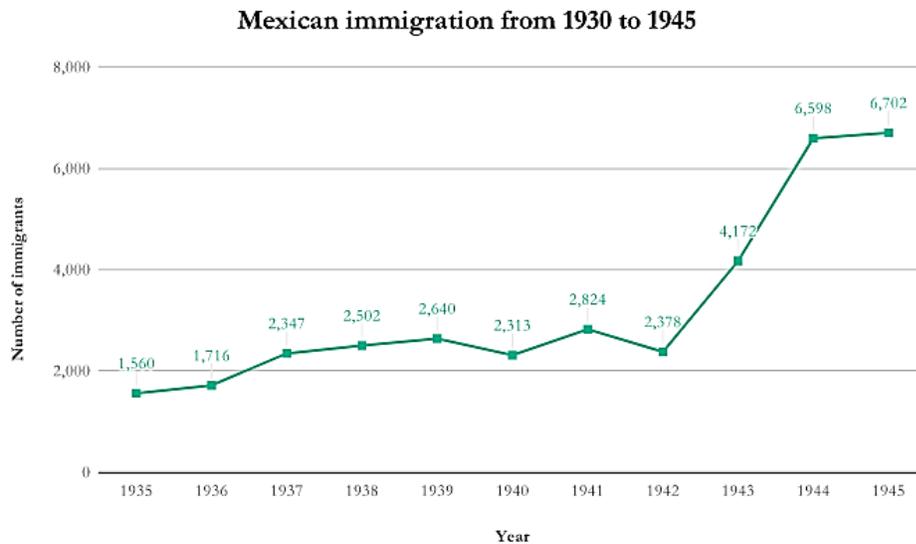
- A. the widespread segregation across the United States under Jim Crow laws
- B. the migration of African Americans from the South to the North
- C. the growth of a Civil Rights movement that aimed to end voting restrictions
- D. the increase in pro-fascist beliefs on the American homefront during the war

Question 16:

**Which event was a cause of the Spanish-American War?**

- A. The construction of the Panama Canal
- B. The discovery of the Zimmerman Telegram
- C. The discovery of the gold in Spain Telegram
- D. The sinking of the U.S.S. Maine

Question 17:



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Historical Statistics of the United States, 1789 to 1945, 1949

**Which of the following was a significant cause of the trend from 1935 to 1945 as shown in the graph?**

- A. the rising temperature, making it impossible to grow crops
- B. the growing political unrest leading to the Mexican Revolution
- C. the desire to reunite families during World War II
- D. the need for low-cost labor to meet war production goals

Question 18:

**Which of the following was a major contributor to American Imperialism in the late 1800s?**

- A. Curiosity about other cultures
- B. Desire for new markets for American goods.
- C. Need for spices from the East Indies
- D. The end of the Civil War.

Question 19:

**US policy that says the US can trade within any "sphere of influence" in China**

- A. Open-Door Policy
- B. Colonialism
- C. Monroe Doctrine
- D. Roosevelt Corollary

Question 20:

“The successful termination of the war against our present enemies will find a world profoundly changed in respect of relative national military strengths, a change more comparable indeed with that occasioned by the fall of Rome than with any other change occurring during the succeeding fifteen hundred years. . . After the defeat of Japan, the United States and the Soviet Union will be the only military powers of the first magnitude. This is due in each case to a combination of geographical position and extent, and vast munitioning potential.”

-Source: U.S. military staff to the Secretary of State, 1944

**The excerpt best serves as evidence of which of the following trends during the 1940s?**

- A.** the emergence of the United States and the Soviet Union as global superpowers
- B.** the beginning of an arms race between the United States and the Soviet Union
- C.** the creation of legislation to support rebuilding efforts in Europe
- D.** the start of a period of economic prosperity for the United States

Answer Key:

1. A
2. C
3. C
4. C
5. C
6. A
7. B
8. A
9. B
10. C
11. B
12. A
13. C
14. B
15. A
16. D
17. D
18. B
19. A
20. A