

REVIEW #1: Recent History

1 Which action did President Gerald Ford take in an attempt to end the national controversy over the Watergate affair?

- (1) pardoning Richard Nixon
 - (2) declaring a war on poverty
 - (3) declining to run for reelection
 - (4) asking Congress to impeach Richard Nixon
- Base your answer to question 38 on the cartoon below and on your knowledge of social studies.

2 In the 1970s, many women's rights advocates reacted to the situation shown in the cartoon by

- (1) rejecting the provisions of Title IX
- (2) opposing affirmative action programs
- (3) demanding the right to vote in all elections
- (4) supporting the Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution

3 President Jimmy Carter's decision to pardon Vietnam War draft evaders who had fled to Canada is an example of the president's role as

- (1) chief diplomat (3) chief executive
- (2) head of party (4) world leader

4 What is one reason for the increases in worldwide oil prices since the 1970s?

- (1) construction of the Trans-Alaska oil pipeline
- (2) political unrest in the Middle East
- (3) promotion of conservation efforts by United States oil companies
- (4) doubling of tariffs on oil imports by the United States government

5 The United States has had a trade deficit over the past two decades because the nation

- (1) imposed protective tariffs on imports
- (2) placed high taxes on exports
- (3) refused to enter international free trade agreements
- (4) imported more goods than it exported

6 President Ronald Reagan's supply-side economic policy was successful in

- (1) increasing government spending on social programs
- (2) lowering tax rates on personal and business income
- (3) reducing defense spending
- (4) enforcing stricter environmental regulations



7. The cartoonist is commenting on which Cold War foreign policy?

- (1) détente
- (2) brinkmanship
- (3) the domino theory
- (4) collective security

8 Which situation in the 1970s caused the United States to reconsider its dependence on foreign energy resources?

- (1) war in Afghanistan
- (2) oil embargo by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC)
- (3) meetings with the Soviet Union to limit nuclear weapons
- (4) free-trade agreements with Canada and Mexico

9 One similarity between President Jimmy Carter and President Bill Clinton is that both leaders

- (1) attempted to bring peace to the Middle East
- (2) supported the federal takeover of public education
- (3) testified under oath at United States Senate hearings
- (4) proposed treaties to limit trade with Latin America

10 In 1990, approximately 12 percent of the United States population was over 65. It is estimated that in 2030 that number will climb to nearly 20 percent.

The most likely result of this trend will be an increase in the number of

- (1) immigrants from Asia
- (2) students attending colleges
- (3) people receiving Social Security
- (4) members of the House of Representatives

11 An initial response of the United States to the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, was to

- (1) aid in the overthrow of Taliban rule in Afghanistan
- (2) reduce support for Israel
- (3) end trade with all Middle Eastern nations
- (4) demand an end to communist rule in Iraq

12 What was the primary reason Richard Nixon resigned his presidency?

- (1) He was convicted of several serious crimes.
- (2) He was facing impeachment by the House of Representatives.
- (3) His reelection was declared invalid by the Supreme Court.
- (4) His actions in Cambodia and Laos were exposed in the *Pentagon Papers*.

13 In the late 1990s, increasing public concern about the role of money in politics led to

- (1) all candidates receiving an equal amount of money
- (2) a ban on all private campaign contributions
- (3) attempts to reform campaign financing
- (4) the widespread defeat of incumbent congressional candidates

14 Cultural pluralism in American society is best characterized by the

- (1) existence of ethnic diversity within the population
- (2) failure of many immigrants to vote in elections
- (3) rejection of United States citizenship by most immigrants
- (4) flow of illegal immigrants into California

15 One similarity in the policies of President Herbert Hoover and President Ronald Reagan is that both supported

- (1) a reduction of military spending
- (2) the end of Social Security
- (3) appointment of a woman to the Supreme Court
- (4) economic changes favoring big business

16 Evidence that the United States has become more economically interdependent since 1990 is shown by its

- (1) participation in the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA)
- (2) change from a service economy to a manufacturing economy
- (3) increased dependence on domestic farm products

(4) policy of restricting imports

17 A major effect of the Watergate scandal of the 1970s was that it

- (1) led to the Arab oil embargo
- (2) reduced people's trust in government
- (3) resulted in term limits for elected officials
- (4) increased presidential power

18 In the Camp David Accords (1978), President Jimmy Carter succeeded in

- (1) returning the Panama Canal Zone to Panama
- (2) suspending grain sales to the Soviet Union and China
- (3) providing a foundation for a peace treaty between Egypt and Israel
- (4) freeing hostages being held in Iran

19 Which event is most closely associated with the end of the Cold War?

- (1) passage of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA)
- (2) establishment of a policy of détente with the Soviet Union
- (3) invasion of Afghanistan by the Soviet Union
- (4) fall of the Berlin Wall

20 Which event led to the other three?

- (1) United States overthrow of the Taliban in Afghanistan
- (2) passage of the Patriot Act
- (3) September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks against the United States
- (4) creation of the Department of Homeland Security

21 Which federal government program has been most affected by the longer life expectancy of people in the United States?

- (1) Medicare
- (2) Americans with Disabilities Act
- (3) War on Poverty
- (4) No Child Left Behind Act

22 Which action was a major foreign policy achievement of President Jimmy Carter?

- (1) settling the Suez crisis
- (2) withdrawing the United States from the Vietnam War
- (3) establishing improved relations with Iran
- (4) mediating the Camp David Accords between Egypt and Israel

23 President Ronald Reagan used the concept of supply-side economics when he proposed

- (1) reducing income taxes to stimulate growth
- (2) providing direct payments to people living in poverty
- (3) creating government jobs to keep people working
- (4) increasing regulations on business to promote competition

24 Which action has come to symbolize the end of the Cold War?

- (1) establishing the Peace Corps
- (2) achieving a truce in the Korean War
- (3) tearing down the Berlin Wall
- (4) improving United States relations with China

25 How is the presidential election of 2000 similar to the presidential elections of 1824 and 1876?

- (1) The electoral vote count ended in a tie.
- (2) The third-party candidate won several electoral votes.
- (3) The winner of the popular vote did not become president.
- (4) The United States Senate selected the winner.

26 A major way in which the Civil Rights Act (1964) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (1990) are similar is that both laws

- (1) were intended to lift Americans out of poverty
- (2) failed to pass constitutional review by the Supreme Court
- (3) gave a minority group the right to vote after years of protest
- (4) provided equal protection to groups that had experienced discrimination