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**U.S. History Spring Final Exam Review**

1. What was the main reason that President Franklin D. Roosevelt attempted to increase the number of Justices on the U.S. Supreme Court ?

2. Which New Deal agency created a system of insurance for the elderly?

3. List 6 major New Deal programs.

4. What was the Social Security Act and what reasons did Francis Perkins have for proposing the Act?

5. The “Hundred Days” refers to what?

6. What event caused the United States to immediately abandon neutrality during World War II?

7. In the 1930s, which countries were ruled by dictatorships that were widely regarded as threats to the safety and security of the world’s democracies?

8. What was the significance of the Allied invasion of Normandy on June 6, 1944?

9. Which of the following describes the treatment of Japanese-Americans during World War II?

10. What is rationing and how did it help to organize victory during World War II?

11. What were the two turning points in the Pacific war against Japan during World War II?

12. “Some recent work by E. Fermi and L. Szilard, which has been communicated to me in manuscript, leads me to expect that the element uranium may be turned into a new and important source of energy in the immediate future.”

---*Albert Einstein, letter to President FDR August 2, 1939*

The development referred to in Einstein’s letter led to the-

13. How did WWII propaganda help organize women to aid in the war effort?

14. Why did Franklin Roosevelt and Winston Churchill make plans to organize a United Nations at the end of WWII?

15. Of the countries involved in WWII which countries were Allies and which were Axis Powers?

16. During World War II President Roosevelt issued Executive Order 9066 which did what?

17. “Don't be afraid to . . . read every book, as long as any document does not offend our own ideas of decency. That should be the only censorship. How will we defeat communism unless we know what it is, what it teaches, and why does it have such an appeal for men, why are some many people swearing allegiance to it?”*— President Dwight D. Eisenhower, Speech at Dartmouth College, 1953*

President Eisenhower was responding to Senator Joseph McCarthy's public attempts to do what?

18. What was the Berlin Blockade?

19. As established in 1945, the Security Council of the United Nations was established for what purpose?

20. The Truman Doctrine was issued in response to what?

21. Joseph McCarthy is associated with what issue during the 1940s and 1950s?

22. How did the Korean War end?

23. Why did the status of the Cold War in East Asia change in 1949?

24. What event prompted the U.S. federal government to create the National Aeronautic and Space Administration (NASA)?

25. The Berlin Airlift was America’s response to what action by the Soviet Union?

26. Why were Julius and Ethel Rosenberg executed?

27. Why was the Marshall Plan implemented?

28. What was the name of the US sponsored economic aid plan designed to rebuild Europe after World War II ended?

29. As a result of the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, segregation was outlawed in in what areas of the United States?

30. Why did the Voting Rights Act of 1965 outlaw literacy tests?

31. What was the immediate result of the Supreme Court’s decision in *Brown v Board of Education of Topeka* (1954)?

32. The *Brown v Board of Education* decision of 1954 reversed which earlier Supreme Court decision?

33. What did the Montgomery Bus Boycott, March on Washington, Sit-ins in Greensboro, North Carolina, and March from Selma to Montgomery focus on?

34. What was the “baby boom” of the 1950s?

35. “Birmingham is probably the most thoroughly segregated city in the United States. Its ugly record of brutality is widely known. Negroes have experienced grossly unjust treatment in the courts. There have been more unsolved bombings of Negro homes and churches in Birmingham than in any other city in the nation. These are the hard, brutal facts of the case. On the basis of these conditions, Negro leaders sought to negotiate with the city fathers. But the latter consistently refused to engage in good-faith negotiation.”

 *Letter from a Birmingham Jail, 1963*

Why did Martin Luther King write this letter?

36. Who was a preacher, a prominent supporter of the Civil Rights Movement, a staunch anti-communist, and Chief adviser to President Eisenhower to send troops to protect the Little Rock Nine?

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What had the greatest impact on American life in the 1950’s?

38. What constitutional issue was raised by President Johnson’s “Great Society”?

39. What did Cesar Chavez, Hector Garcia, and Betty Friedan all have in common?

40. What did the Women’s Liberation Movement see as its major goal in the 1960’s?

41. What was a major goal of the American Indian Movement (AIM)?

42. Which book played a major role in changing attitudes about traditional gender roles in American society?

43. *“We choose to go to the moon in this decade and to do the other things, not because they are easy, but because they are hard, because that goal will serve to organize and measure the best of our energies and skills, because that challenge is one that we are willing to accept, one we are unwilling to postpone, and one which we intend to win, and the others too.”*

*President John F. Kennedy, September 12, 1962*

What was the main purpose of this speech?

44. What was the main impact of the Chicano Mural Movement on American society?

45. What best summarizes the main reason why the U.S. became involved in the Vietnam War?

46. According to the Domino Theory, if South Vietnam fell to Communism, then what would happen?

47. What was President Kennedy’s response to Soviet plans to install nuclear missiles in Cuba in 1962?

48. Which group achieved the right to vote in the 26th Amendment?

49. What contribution did Betty Friedan make to the movement for women’s rights?

50. The movement in the late 1960’s and early 1970’s to lower the voting age to 18 was prompted by what event?

51. What is Vietnamization?

52. What happened to U.S. Civilians with the fall of Saigon?

53. What government program was designed to “fight a war on poverty”?

54. Which president asked Congress for the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution?

55. How did the American public respond to the escalation of troops sent to Vietnam in 1968?

56. Why did the credibility gap during the Vietnam War contribute to Americans’ distrust of government?

57. What reasons did Americans have in using civil disobedience in the 1960’s?

58. Why did Nixon appeal to the “silent majority”?

59. *“And so, my fellow Americans: ask not what your country can do for you- ask what you can do for your country.*

*John F. Kennedy, Inaugural Address, January 20, 1960*

What was president Kennedy asking Americans to do?

60. *“I think it will be a safer world and a better world if we have a strong (and) healthy United States, Europe, Soviet Union, China, Japan, each balancing the other, not playing one against the other, an even balance.”*

*Richard Nixon, 1972*

 What did President Nixon hope to achieve by making this statement?

61. U.S. participation in the United Nations and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) in the post-World War II period demonstrated that the U.S. wanted to do what?

62. The Camp David Accords, negotiated by President Carter, were significant because they led to what action?

63. Why was President Nixon’s visit to Communist China in 1972 so important?

64. What was the one major effect of the Camp David Accords in 1977?

65. The Environmental Protection Act and the Endangered Species Act both illustrated the federal government’s commitment to to do what?.

66. What is the function of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)?

67. Why did Phyllis Schlafly oppose the Equal Rights Amendment?

68. Due to the U.S. support of Israel during the Yom Kippur War, the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) responded with what action?

69. *“The U.S. Constitution is not the place for symbols or slogans, it is not the proper device to alleviate psychological problems of personal inferiority. Symbols and slogans belong on bumper strips- not in the Constitution. It would be a tragic mistake for our nation to succumb to the tirades and demands of a few women who are seeking a constitutional cure for their personal problems.”*

*-Phyllis Schlafly*

What does the excerpt above reflect?

70. How did President Nixon’s visit to Communist China in 1972 alter the relationship between the U.S. and China?

71. What was the unintended outcome of the Watergate scandal?

72. The North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and the General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs (GATT) have encouraged countries to do what?

73. Why did the U.S. become involved in the Persian Gulf War in 1991?

74. What is the importance of the appointment of Sandra Day O’Connor to the U.S. Supreme Court?

75. What has been an important consequence of the invention of air conditioning, the construction of federal highways, and the building of dams and aqueducts?

76. What American entrepreneur helped to develop the software running most computers today?

77. How did President Ronald Reagan believe he could tackle the problem of stagflation facing the American economy in 1980?

78. What did the events of the Persian Gulf War and the Balkan Crisis in the 1990s indicate about the foreign policy goals of American leaders?

79. In what way were the Heritage Foundation, the Moral Majority, and the National Rifle Association similar?

80. Which of the following was a significant issue faced by Americans throughout the 1980s and 1990s?

d. Should the degree of business regulation by the federal government be reduced?

81. The Iran-Contra Affair occurred during which presidency?

82. What event initiated America’s War on Terror?

83. What are the three nations that are involved in the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA)?

84. Which category five hurricane created a levee failure in New Orleans?

85. Which woman became the first Hispanic Justice on the U.S. Supreme Court?

86. How did the Regan Presidency bring about an end to the Cold War?

87. A study of the American Southwest presented evidence that there will be insufficient water supplies for the population if immigration to the region continues at its present rate. What is the best conclusion from this study?

88. In the 1980’s, Reagan’s foreign policy of “peace through strength” was an attempt to do what?

89. What is “Reaganomics”?

90. \* Gorbachev appointed general secretary of the U.S.S. R. and instituted reforms

 \* Pope John Paul II elected and inspired Polish Solidarity Movement

 \* U. S. and U.S.S. R. agree to nuclear arms reduction

 \* Reagan elected President of the U.S.

 \* Collapse of Soviet economy

The culmination of the events listed above led to what significant historical event?

91. A policy that increased openness and transparency in government and was introduced by Gorbachev to reform the Communist party of the U.S.S.R. was called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

92. What is the correct sequence for the following events?

Afghanistan War, Gulf War, 9/11/2001, Ist term of George W. Bush, Iraq War

93. In 1979, which country held 52 Americans as hostages for 444 days?

94. Which federal policies were designed to correct the effects of discrimination in the employment or education of minority groups or women?

95. Which woman became the first Hispanic Justice on the U.S. Supreme Court?

96. What important effect did Hurricane Katrina have on the American economy?

97. Why did Cesar Chavez wish to organize the “United Farm Workers”?

98. “Each suburban wife struggles with it alone. As she made the beds, shopped for groceries, matched slipcover material, ate peanut butter sandwiches with her children, chauffeured Cub Scouts and Brownies, and lay beside her husband at night – she was afraid to ask even of herself the silent question – ‘Is this all?’”

The above quote was said by:

99. “Yes, I will bring the understanding of a woman to the Court, but I doubt that alone will affect my decisions. I think the important thing about my appointment is not that I will decide cases as a woman, but that I am a woman who will get to decide cases. The power I exert on the Court depends on the power of my arguments, not on my gender.”

The above quote was said by:

100. "What I am defending is the real rights of women. A woman should have the right to be in the home as a wife and mother."

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