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- 1. "Jackie Robinson Breaks Color Barrier in Major League Baseball"
 - "President Truman Issues Executive Order Desegregating Armed Forces"
 - "NAACP Challenges School Segregation"

These headlines are most closely associated with

- 1) a decline in African American participation in political activities
- 2) the beginning of the modern civil rights movement
- 3) Southern resistance to the Civil Rights Act of 1964
- 4) the effects of affirmative action programs
- **2.** In 1954, the Supreme Court decision in *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka* advanced the civil rights movement by
 - guaranteeing equal voting rights to African Americans
 - 2) banning racial segregation in hotels and restaurants
 - 3) declaring that racial segregation in public schools violated the 14th amendment
 - 4) upholding the principle of separate but equal public facilities
- **3.** Which pair of Supreme Court cases demonstrates that the Court can change an earlier decision?
 - 1) Schenck v. United States and United States v. Nixon
 - 2) Korematsu v. United States and Miranda v. Arizona
 - 3) Gideon v. Wainwright and Heart of Atlanta Motel v. United States
 - 4) Plessy v. Ferguson and Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka
- **4.** "We conclude that in the field of public education the doctrine of 'separate but equal' has no place. Separate educational facilities are inherently unequal." --Brown v. Board of Education (1954)

Which constitutional idea was the basis for this Supreme Court decision?

- 1) protection against double jeopardy
- 2) equal protection of the law
- 3) freedom of speech
- 4) right of assembly

5. "... there are two types of laws: There are just laws and there are unjust laws. I would be the first to advocate obeying just laws. One has not only a legal but a moral responsibility to obey just laws. Conversely, one has a moral responsibility to disobey unjust laws." --Martin Luther King, Jr.

This statement is a justification of the concept of

- 1) cultural pluralism
- 2) ethnic assimilation
- 3) reverse discrimination
- 4) civil disobedience
- **6.** Rosa Parks was honored at the March on Washington for her part in
 - 1) bringing about the Montgomery bus boycott
 - 2) integrating Little Rock Central High School
 - 3) forming the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee
 - 4) organizing lunch counter sit-ins in Greensboro, North Carolina
- **7.** In 1957, President Dwight D. Eisenhower sent federal troops to Little Rock, Arkansas, to
 - 1) protect civil rights marchers
 - 2) help African Americans register to vote
 - 3) enforce a Supreme Court decision to desegregate public schools
 - 4) end race riots resulting from a bus boycott
- **8.** Lunch counter sit-ins and the actions of freedom riders are examples of
 - steps taken in support of the Americans with Disabilities Act
 - 2) programs dealing with affirmative action
 - 3) violent acts by the Black Panthers
 - 4) nonviolent attempts to oppose segregation
- **9.** The Civil Rights Act of 1964 was passed in an effort to correct
 - 1) racial and gender discrimination
 - 2) limitations on freedom of speech
 - 3) unfair immigration quotas
 - 4) segregation in the armed forces

- **10.** The main reason the Voting Rights Act of 1965 removed the literacy test as a voting qualification was that
 - 1) different standards of literacy had been applied to different groups of voters
 - 2) a majority of voters were unable to read election ballots
 - 3) technology had made voter literacy unnecessary
 - 4) the cost of achieving literacy was too high
- 11. The baby boom after World War II led directly to
 - 1) a decrease in spending for public education
 - 2) a return to a rural lifestyle
 - 3) an increased demand for housing
 - 4) a decrease in consumer spending
- **12.** Programs designed to increase the representation of minorities and women in the workforce have come under attack mainly because
 - minorities and women have not been able to point to serious examples of discrimination in employment
 - 2) most laws guaranteeing equal opportunity have been found unconstitutional
 - 3) affirmative action has sometimes been considered reverse discrimination
 - 4) the economy has been too weak to absorb more workers
- **13.** The GI Bill affected American society after World War II by
 - 1) eliminating child labor
 - 2) expanding voting rights
 - 3) increasing spending on space exploration
 - 4) extending educational and housing opportunities
- **14.** President John F. Kennedy supported the 1961 Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba as an effort to
 - 1) remove a communist dictator from power
 - 2) stop the flow of illegal drugs to the United States
 - 3) support Fidel Castro's efforts for reform
 - 4) rescue hostages held by Cuban freedom fighters
- **15.** During the early 1960s, the U.S. had to deal with the building of the Berlin Wall and the Cuban missile crisis. Both of these events was a direct result of the
 - 1) U.S. continued support of United Nations decisions
 - 2) continuing tensions between the U.S. and the Soviet Union
 - 3) U.S. failure to remain involved in world affairs
 - 4) concern for the safety of Americans living in foreign nations

- **16.** The term Great Society was used by President Lyndon B. Johnson to describe his efforts to
 - 1) lower taxes for all Americans
 - 2) win the race for outer space
 - 3) end poverty and discrimination in the United States
 - 4) improve the nation's armed forces
- **17.** *The Feminine Mystique* by Betty Friedan was an influential book in the 1960s because it
 - 1) helped strengthen family values
 - 2) led directly to the defeat of the Equal Rights Amendment
 - 3) energized a new women's rights movement
 - 4) reinforced the importance of women's traditional roles
- **18.** The Equal Pay Act, the Title IX education amendment, and the proposed Equal Rights amendment (ERA) were primarily efforts to improve the status of
 - 1) African Americans
 - 2) Native American Indians
 - 3) migrant workers
 - 4) women
- **19.** The Supreme Court decision in *Roe v. Wade* (1973) was based on the constitutional principle of
 - 1) protection of property rights
 - 2) freedom of speech
 - 3) right to privacy
 - 4) freedom of religion
- **20.** During the 1950s and 1960s, which civil rights leader advocated black separatism?
 - 1) Medgar Evers
 - 2) James Meredith
 - 3) Rosa Parks
 - 4) Malcolm X
- **21.** In the 1950s and 1960s, the decisions of the United States Supreme Court under Chief Justice Earl Warren tended to
 - 1) expand the rights of individuals
 - 2) reduce government regulation of business
 - 3) deal harshly with persons accused of crimes
 - 4) increase the power of state governments

- **22.** Supreme Court decisions in *Mapp v. Ohio*, *Gideon v. Wainwright*, and *Miranda v. Arizona* affected individual liberties by
 - 1) eliminating the poll tax as a voting requirement
 - 2) preventing the use of organized prayer in public schools
 - 3) requiring equal pay for men and women performing the same job
 - 4) expanding the constitutional rights of people accused of crimes
- **23.** Which development is most closely associated with the belief in the domino theory?
 - 1) military involvement in Vietnam
 - 2) construction of the Berlin Wall
 - 3) signing of the nuclear test ban treaty
 - 4) end of the Korean War
- **24.** The Berkeley demonstrations, riots at the 1968 Democratic National Convention, and the Kent State protest all reflect student disapproval of
 - 1) increases in college tuition
 - 2) the unequal status of American women
 - 3) the Vietnam War
 - 4) racial segregation
- **25.** Protests against United States involvement in Vietnam grew in the late 1960's and early 1970's mainly because many Americans
 - 1) believed that the war was unjust
 - 2) objected to the drafting of college students
 - 3) feared nuclear war with the Soviet Union
 - 4) opposed participation in conflicts involving the United Nations
- **26.** The primary purpose of the War Powers Act is to
 - 1) allow for a quicker response to a military attack
 - 2) limit presidential power to send troops into combat
 - 3) assure adequate defense of the Western Hemisphere
 - 4) stop the use of troops for nonmilitary purposes
- **27.** President Richard Nixon supported the policy of détente as a way to
 - 1) introduce democratic elections to communist nations
 - 2) encourage satellite nations to break their ties with the Soviet Union
 - 3) reduce tensions between the United States and the Soviet Union
 - 4) undermine Soviet influence among nonaligned countries in Africa and Asia

- **28.** Which presidential action best represents the policy of détente?
 - 1) John F. Kennedy's order for the Bay of Pigs invasion against Cuba
 - 2) Lyndon B. Johnson's escalation of the Vietnam War
 - 3) Richard Nixon's Strategic Arms Limitations Talks (SALT) with the Soviet Union
 - 4) George Bush's military action to remove Iraqi forces from Kuwait
- **29.** President Richard Nixon's decision to resign from the presidency in 1974 was based primarily on
 - 1) developments in the Watergate investigation
 - 2) backlash from his policies toward China and the Soviet Union
 - 3) protests against his secret military actions during the Vietnam War
 - 4) accusations of trading arms for hostages
- **30.** 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
- **31.** Which factor contributed most to inflation in the United States during the 1970s?
 - 1) high tariffs
 - 2) dependence on foreign oil
 - 3) tax increases
 - 4) high unemployment
- **32.** 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
- **33.** According to the supply-side economics principles promoted by President Ronald Reagan, economic growth would occur when
 - 1) corporate business taxes were reduced
 - 2) business was regulated by antitrust legislation
 - 3) unemployment benefits were increased
 - 4) investment in capital goods was decreased

- **34.** The terms Watergate and Iran-Contra are most closely associated with
 - 1) domestic policies
 - 2) presidential scandals
 - 3) federal court decisions
 - 4) failed reform movements
- **35.** Passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act (1990) improved conditions for the disabled by
 - 1) making it illegal to criticize or fire handicapped persons
 - 2) mandating easier access to employment and public facilities
 - 3) sponsoring Olympic games for the handicapped
 - 4) requiring separate classrooms for disabled students
- **36.** 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
- **37.** One direct result of the Persian Gulf War was that the United States
 - 1) liberated Kuwait from Iraqi control
 - 2) brought about peaceful relations between Israel and its neighbors
 - 3) gained control of oil resources in the Middle East
 - 4) obtained overseas colonies in the Middle East
- **38.** Which event of Bill Clinton's presidency best illustrates the use of checks and balances?
 - 1) hosting peace talks between Israelis and Palestinians
 - 2) reelection to a second term
 - 3) selection of Al Gore as vice president
 - 4) impeachment for alleged perjury and obstruction of justice
- **39.** The North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and the General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs (GATT) have encouraged countries to
 - 1) participate in the global economy
 - 2) create a uniform international currency
 - 3) accept similar wage and price controls
 - 4) regulate multinational corporations

- **40.** The disputed elections of 1876 and 2000 were similar because in both contests the
 - 1) winner was chosen by a special election commission
 - 2) states were required to hold a second election
 - 3) winner of the popular vote did not become president
 - 4) election had to be decided in the Senate
- **41.** One unique feature of the presidential election of 2000 between George W. Bush and Al Gore is that
 - 1) the Supreme Court played an important role in the final outcome
 - 2) no third-party candidate was on the ballot
 - 3) both candidates had previously served as vice president
 - 4) the electoral votes in Florida were divided between the candidates
- **42.** 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
- **43.** An initial response of the United States to the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, was to
 - 1) reduce support for Israel
 - 2) aid in the overthrow of Taliban rule in Afghanistan
 - 3) end trade with all Middle Eastern nations
 - 4) demand an end to communist rule in Iraq
- **44.** Announcement of Eisenhower Doctrine (1957) Operation Desert Storm (1991) Operation Iraqi Freedom (2003-present)

These events involve attempts by the U.S. to

- 1) protect human rights in Europe
- 2) protect its interests in the Middle East
- 3) deliver humanitarian aid to Africa
- 4) contain the spread of communism in Asia
- **45.** Which change in the demographic pattern of the United States is currently contributing most to the problems facing the Social Security system?
 - 1) aging of the baby boomers
 - 2) shorter life span of the elderly
 - 3) migration to the Sunbelt
 - 4) decline in the rate of immigration