



## US History Bee - B Set Qualifying Examination

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**Instructions – Print the letter of the correct answer in the space provided or leave it blank. Write neatly and in capital letters. Correct answers are worth 2 points. Incorrect answers are worth –1 point. Questions left blank are worth 0 points.**

\_\_\_\_\_ 1. John Quincy Adams was elected president in the controversial election held in what year?  
A. 1800  
B. 1824  
C. 1852  
D. 1860

\_\_\_\_\_ 2. Which of these is notable of the Pennsylvania colony in the seventeenth century?  
A. it was a royal colony founded for purely commercial reasons  
B. only full members of a Puritan church could hold public office  
C. Catholics and other non-Protestants were not allowed in the colony  
D. it was founded in part as a haven for English Quakers

\_\_\_\_\_ 3. John Muir and Theodore Roosevelt both advocated for which of these causes in the early twentieth century?  
A. conservation of natural resources  
B. the expansion of the Supreme Court  
C. civil rights  
D. immigration restrictions

\_\_\_\_\_ 4. Which of the following is true of the Treaty of Ghent?  
A. it ended the Mexican-American War  
B. it transferred Louisiana from the Spanish to the French  
C. it did not result in any major exchanges of territory between the British and Americans  
D. it established de facto American control over Cuba

\_\_\_\_\_ 5. Which of the following established the current central banking system of the United States in 1913?  
A. the Sixteenth Amendment  
B. the Federal Reserve Act  
C. the Glass-Steagall Act  
D. the Hawley-Smoot Tariff

\_\_\_\_\_ 6. All of these were events during Bill Clinton's presidency EXCEPT which of the following?  
A. the signing of the North American Free Trade Agreement  
B. the appointment of Ruth Bader Ginsburg to the Supreme Court  
C. Hillary Clinton's appointment as Secretary of State  
D. the siege of the Branch Davidian complex in Waco, Texas

\_\_\_\_\_ 7. Which of the following was made illegal by the United States government prior to the Civil War?  
A. the importation of slaves into the United States  
B. freeing slaves by any method  
C. the buying and selling of slaves within the United States  
D. educating slaves by teaching them to read or write

\_\_\_\_\_ 8. George Washington led American forces across the Delaware River just prior to which of the following decisive battles?  
A. Saratoga  
B. West Point  
C. Yorktown  
D. Trenton

\_\_\_\_\_ 9. 'Stagflation' was a term used to describe the American economy in which of the following decades?  
A. the 1910s  
B. the 1930s  
C. the 1950s  
D. the 1970s

\_\_\_\_\_ 10. The Homestead strike of the 1890s involved workers in which of the following industries?  
A. automobile  
B. farming  
C. steel  
D. mining

\_\_\_\_\_ 11. Peggy Shippen and her husband Benedict Arnold are best known for which of the following during the American Revolution?  
A. spying and conspiring against the United States  
B. their substantial financial contributions to the Continental Army  
C. being the governor and first lady of Pennsylvania during the Revolution  
D. leading an armed rebellion against the state government of Massachusetts immediately following the war

\_\_\_\_\_ 12. Which of the following ensured the economic success of the Jamestown colony?

- A. the abolition of slavery
- B. the 'Great Migration' of Puritans from England
- C. the introduction of tobacco cultivation
- D. the invention of the cotton gin

\_\_\_\_\_ 13. Carrie A. Nation and Frances Willard were leaders in which of the following causes in the late nineteenth century?

- A. the 'free silver' movement
- B. temperance
- C. civil rights
- D. banking and finance reform

\_\_\_\_\_ 14. The belief that the United States had a God-given right to settle across the North American continent in the nineteenth century is known by what term?

- A. the continental manifesto
- B. the 'Oregon system'
- C. the 'frontier thesis'
- D. manifest destiny

\_\_\_\_\_ 15. Which of these American companies pioneered the use of both the trust and the holding company in the late nineteenth century?

- A. Carnegie Steel
- B. American Telephone and Telegraph
- C. Standard Oil
- D. Ford Motor Company

\_\_\_\_\_ 16. The 'Kitchen Debate' took place in Moscow in 1959 between Vice President Richard Nixon and what Soviet Leader?

- A. Joseph Stalin
- B. Nikita Khrushchev
- C. Leonid Brezhnev
- D. Mikhail Gorbachev

\_\_\_\_\_ 17. Samuel Morse invented his namesake code in the early nineteenth century for use with which of the following devices?

- A. phonographs
- B. film cameras
- C. telegraphs
- D. automobiles

\_\_\_\_\_ 18. 'Carpetbagger' was a term describing which of these groups following the Civil War?

- A. immigrants moving to large east coast cities
- B. freed slaves moving West to claim homesteads
- C. northerners moving to the South for political or economic gain
- D. miners moving West during the California gold rush

\_\_\_\_\_ 19. Which of the following ended the American Revolution?

- A. the Treaty of Tordesillas
- B. the Treaty of Paris of 1783
- C. the Treaty of Paris of 1898
- D. the Treaty of Ghent

\_\_\_\_\_ 20. Shays' Rebellion took place in which of the following decades?

- A. the 1670s
- B. the 1680s
- C. the 1760s
- D. the 1780s

\_\_\_\_\_ 21. The Camp David Accords were the signature foreign policy accomplishment of what president?

- A. Richard Nixon
- B. Gerald Ford
- C. Jimmy Carter
- D. Ronald Reagan

\_\_\_\_\_ 22. What large national infrastructure project was begun by the federal government in the 1950s and is still commonly in use today?

- A. the transcontinental railroad
- B. the interstate highway system
- C. the National Forest system
- D. the National Park system

\_\_\_\_\_ 23. All of these were part of the foreign policy of the Washington administration EXCEPT which of the following?

- A. Jay's Treaty
- B. Pinckney's Treaty
- C. the Neutrality Proclamation
- D. the Embargo Act

\_\_\_\_\_ 24. Which of the following pairs of men served as president of the United States during the 1880s?

- A. Millard Fillmore and Franklin Pierce
- B. Abraham Lincoln and Andrew Johnson
- C. James Garfield and Chester Arthur
- D. William McKinley and Benjamin Harrison

\_\_\_\_\_ 25. The Twenty-First Amendment did which of the following?

- A. repealed the Eighteenth Amendment, ending prohibition
- B. moved the date of the presidential inauguration from March to January
- C. allowed eighteen-year-old Americans to vote
- D. allowed women to vote

\_\_\_\_\_ 26. John Winthrop referred to which of the following American colonies as a 'city on a hill'?

- A. Rhode Island
- B. New Hampshire
- C. Vermont
- D. Massachusetts Bay

\_\_\_\_\_ 27. Which of the following was used by LBJ's administration to escalate the Vietnam War in the mid-1960s?

- A. the Bay of Pigs invasion
- B. the Cuban Missile Crisis
- C. the 'March on Washington'
- D. the Gulf of Tonkin incident

\_\_\_\_\_ 28. The Third Amendment to the United States Constitution was enacted due in part to which of the following colonial-era laws?

- A. the Navigation Acts
- B. the Townshend Acts
- C. the Quartering Acts
- D. the Currency Acts

\_\_\_\_\_ 29. What pair of states entered the Union as a result of an 1820 compromise?

- A. Louisiana and Mississippi
- B. Texas and Nevada
- C. Massachusetts and Rhode Island
- D. Maine and Missouri

\_\_\_\_\_ 30. The Feminine Mystique was a foundational work of which of the following movements?

- A. women's suffrage
- B. second-wave feminism
- C. the 'free speech' movement
- D. the anti-war movement

\_\_\_\_\_ 31. Which of the following was the dominant cash crop of the South in the 1850s?

- A. corn
- B. wheat
- C. soybeans
- D. cotton

\_\_\_\_\_ 32. Which of these was discovered in California at Sutter's Mill in 1848?

- A. oil
- B. gold
- C. diamonds
- D. uranium

\_\_\_\_\_ 33. All of these men served as vice president for Franklin Roosevelt EXCEPT which of the following?

- A. John Nance Garner
- B. Dwight Eisenhower
- C. Henry Wallace
- D. Harry Truman

\_\_\_\_\_ 34. Pinckney's Treaty of 1795 gave the United States navigation rights on what river?

- A. the Mississippi
- B. the Rio Grande
- C. the Potomac
- D. the Snake

\_\_\_\_\_ 35. The 'Palmer Raids' immediately following World War I targeted which of these groups?

- A. communists, radicals and anarchists
- B. civil rights groups
- C. the Ku Klux Klan
- D. corrupt monopolies

\_\_\_\_\_ 36. William 'Boss' Tweed led which of the following groups in New York City during the 1860s and 1870s?

- A. the Republican Party
- B. the 'Whiskey Ring'
- C. the Tammany Hall political machine
- D. the Rough Riders

\_\_\_\_\_ 37. All of these were part of the 'Columbian Exchange' EXCEPT which of the following?

- A. diseases like smallpox
- B. crops like tomatoes and corn
- C. livestock like horses and cattle
- D. all of these were part of the Columbian Exchange

\_\_\_\_\_ 38. Which of these early nineteenth century Supreme Court cases established the principle of judicial review?

- A. McCulloch v. Maryland
- B. Plessy v. Ferguson
- C. Dred Scott v. Sanford
- D. Marbury v. Madison

\_\_\_\_\_ 39. Which of these New Deal programs employed young American men to build infrastructure on public land and in National Parks?

- A. the Social Security Administration
- B. the CCC
- C. the AAA
- D. the WPA

\_\_\_\_\_ 40. John Adams was a member of which political party?

- A. Democratic-Republican
- B. Whig
- C. Federalist
- D. Free Soil

\_\_\_\_\_ 41. In the Gadsden Purchase of the 1850s, the United States purchased land from what country?

- A. Spain
- B. France
- C. Mexico
- D. China

\_\_\_\_\_ 42. What name describes the system of racial segregation and discrimination in the United States from the late nineteenth to the mid-twentieth century?

- A. Manifest Destiny
- B. Jim Crow
- C. indentured servitude
- D. imperialism

\_\_\_\_\_ 43. John Bell was a candidate for the Constitutional Union party in what presidential election?

- A. 1840
- B. 1860
- C. 1880
- D. 1900

\_\_\_\_\_ 44. Which of these was a major victory for the United States in the War of 1812?

- A. the Battle of New Orleans
- B. the Battle of Gettysburg
- C. the Battle of Saratoga
- D. the Battle of Midway

\_\_\_\_\_ 45. By which of the following dates did a majority of Americans live in cities and towns as opposed to rural areas?

- A. 1780
- B. 1820
- C. 1860
- D. 1920

\_\_\_\_\_ 46. Which of the following delivered the 'Cross of Gold' speech during his presidential campaign in 1896?

- A. James Garfield
- B. Chester Arthur
- C. William Jennings Bryan
- D. Grover Cleveland

\_\_\_\_\_ 47. Which of these is a term for poor migrants during the Great Depression who fled the effects of the Dust Bowl?

- A. Exodusters
- B. Okies
- C. New Immigrants
- D. homesteaders

\_\_\_\_\_ 48. The Emergency Quota Act of 1921 was designed to restrict which of the following in the United States?

- A. stock market speculation
- B. immigration
- C. the development of trusts
- D. railroads

\_\_\_\_\_ 49. Executive Order 9066 mandated the internment of which of these groups during World War II?

- A. Mexican Americans
- B. Italian Americans
- C. Japanese Americans
- D. German Americans

\_\_\_\_\_ 50. Which of these 1918 speeches outlined Woodrow Wilson's plan for peace following World War I?

- A. the 'Four Freedoms'
- B. the 'Fourteen Points'
- C. 'Peace in our Time'
- D. the 'Arsenal of Democracy'