Now try answering some additional questions on your own.

Use the cartoon and your knowledge of social studies to answer the following question.

2 What is the main idea of this cartoon from the Watergate era?
   F The Supreme Court presides over a Presidential impeachment trial.
   G Congress has to obey the Constitution.
   H The President has the final word involving constitutional issues.
   J Even the President is bound by the rules of the Constitution.
   [Govt 19(C)]

3 U.S. participation in the United Nations and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) in the post-World War II period demonstrated that the United States —
   A believed in the principle of hemispheric isolation
   B participated in international organizations to enhance its security
   C returned to the foreign policy it had followed after World War I
   D embraced a postwar policy of strict neutrality to avoid entangling alliances
   [Govt 19(E)]

4 The Camp David Accords, negotiated by President Carter, were significant because they led to —
   F the end of the Vietnam War
   G a lasting arms-reduction treaty with the Soviet Union
   H the first peace agreement between Israel and an Arab nation
   J the establishment of a worldwide human rights policy
   [Hist 10(D)]

5 Why was President Nixon’s visit to Communist China in 1972 so important?
   A It convinced the Chinese to abandon Communism.
   B It decreased U.S. dependence on Chinese exports.
   C It led to the unification of Taiwan and Communist China.
   D It reduced tensions between the United States and Communist China.
   [Hist 10(A)]
Use the passage and your knowledge of social studies to answer the following question.

"U.S. interests in the Persian Gulf are vital to our national security. These interests include access to oil and the security of key states in the region. The United States will defend its vital interests in the area, through the use of force if necessary, against any power with interests [unfriendly] to our own. The United States will support the defense of friendly countries in the area to enable them to play a more active role in their own defense. The United States will encourage the participation of our allies and other friendly states to promote our mutual interests in the Persian Gulf region ...."

— Nat'l Security Directive, "U.S. Policy in Response to the Iraqi Invasion of Kuwait,”

6. Based on the reasoning in this directive, why did the United States become involved in the Persian Gulf War in 1991?
   F. The United States was forced into the war by its treaty obligations. (Hist 11(A))
   G. The United States sought to end violations to the rights of the Iraqi people.
   H. The United States sought to remove Saddam Hussein from power in Iraq.
   J. The United States saw the invasion of Kuwait as a threat to its national interests.

7. The North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and the General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs (GATT) have encouraged countries to —
   A. engage in more international trade (Econ 17(E))
   B. create a uniform international currency
   C. accept similar wage and price controls
   D. regulate multinational corporations from the Middle East

8. 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?
   F. They desire greater stability in the Middle East. (Hist 11(A))
   G. They wish to expand trade with Middle Eastern nations.
   H. They want to help maintain peace and stop oppression around the world.
   J. They only act where American access to scarce resources is at stake.

Use the information in the boxes and your knowledge of social studies to answer the following question.

9. The events shown above illustrate attempts by the United States to —
   A. further the interests of peace in the world (Hist 11(A))
   B. protect its interests in the Middle East
   C. deliver humanitarian aid to Europe
   D. contain the spread of Communism in Asia
10 The events on this timeline demonstrate that in the years immediately after the Cold War —
F the United States sought to acquire a colonial empire
G Americans continued to take an active role in foreign affairs
H Americans were faced with a rising threat of Communism
J Americans adopted a policy of isolationism in foreign affairs

11 What was one effect of the Camp David Accords (1977)?
A They led to freedom for the embassy hostages being held in Iran.
B They led to the restoration of U.S. grain sales to Egypt and Israel.
C They led to a lack of American interest in Middle Eastern affairs.
D They led to a peace treaty between Egypt and Israel.

12 The Environmental Protection Act and the Endangered Species Act both illustrated the federal government’s commitment to —
F allowing certain issues to be decided by private citizens
G protecting natural areas and their resources for the public good
H permitting unlimited exploitation of the nation’s natural resources
J leaving all decisions on the use of natural resources to state and local agencies

13 What was the purpose of the Community Reinvestment Act of 1977?
A help low-income, minority areas to obtain loans and credit
B prevent banks from making risky loans in low-income areas
C stop the practice of some banks making high-interest loans
D encourage banks to compete with local businesses in providing credit

14 What was the importance of the appointment of Sandra Day O’Connor to the U.S. Supreme Court?
F It showed a desire to appoint a strongly anti-Communist Justice.
G It was the first time a woman was appointed to the Supreme Court.
H It illustrated Reagan’s intent to limit judicial activism on the Court.
J It showed a desire to appoint Justices without legal training.
15 What does the trend shown in these graphs indicate?
A  The Cold War had a great impact on defense spending.  
B  The federal government was working to reduce the unfavorable balance of trade.  
C  Increasing benefits to the military would be too expensive for American taxpayers.  
D  There has been little support for a reduction in defense spending.

16 What is the function of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)?
F  to develop America’s natural resources  
G  to reduce air and water pollution and protect the environment  
H  to protect Americans from acts of terrorism  
J  to manage the nation’s parks and forests

17 What has been an important consequence of the invention of air conditioning, the construction of federal highways, and the building of dams and aqueducts?
A  Farmers have been unable to irrigate their crops.  
B  “Rust Belt” cities have been able to resume their manufacturing.  
C  The American population has shifted towards the South and West.  
D  The U.S. population has shifted from the South to the Midwest.

18 Which American entrepreneur helped to develop the software running most computers today?
F  Lionel Sosa  
G  Bill Gates  
H  Robert Johnson  
J  Sandra Day O’Connor

19 How did President Ronald Reagan believe he could tackle the problem of stagflation facing the American economy in 1980?
A  increasing public spending on education and infrastructure  
B  raising the taxes of wealthier Americans  
C  reducing taxes and relaxing federal regulations so that producers would create a larger supply of goods  
D  increasing tariffs so that consumers would be encouraged to “Buy American.”
Use the newspaper headline and your knowledge of social studies to answer the following question.

20 Which best explains the reason for this 1974 headline?
   F Nixon was convicted of participating in a serious crime.
   G Nixon faced impeachment for his role in a scandal.
   H Nixon was opposed by a group of anti-war activists, students, and women.

   [Govt 19(C)]

21 Why did Phyllis Schlafly oppose the Equal Rights Amendment?
   A She thought it discriminated against certain religious beliefs.
   B She thought the ERA violated women’s freedom of speech.
   C She believed the ERA harmed women who preferred a more traditional lifestyle.
   D She claimed that more changes were needed than the ERA had proposed.

22 In what way were the Heritage Foundation, the Moral Majority, and the National Rifle Association similar?
   F They opposed the election Ronald Reagan.
   G They were united in their opposition to prayer in schools.
   H They represented a resurgence of conservatism in America.
   J They wanted the Endangered Species Act to be declared unconstitutional.

23 Which of the following was a significant issue faced by Americans throughout the 1980s and 1990s?
   A Should the U.S. military be racially integrated?
   B Should President Nixon have resigned before impeachment?
   C Should the degree of business regulation by the federal government be reduced?
   D Should the United States re-open diplomatic relations with China?

24 Which woman entrepreneur made her fortune by developing new ways to promote a line of cosmetics?
   F Hillary Clinton
   G Phyllis Schlafly
   H Sandra Day O’Connor
   J Estée Lauder

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Directions: Put a circle around the letter that best answers the question.

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1. Which generalization about U.S. Presidential elections is most clearly supported by the data in this table?
   A. Voter participation in national elections is declining. (Govt 20B)
   B. Third-party candidates have no effect on Presidential elections.
   C. A candidate can win the election without a majority of the popular vote.
   D. The Electoral College always follows the will of the majority of voters.
**EXAMINE the question.** This question tests your ability to read a table and your understanding of the historical significance of the 2000 election. **RECALL what you know.** You should recall that Gore lost the election after a court fight, even though he had won the popular vote. **APPLY what you know.** The best answer is Choice C. Choices B and D are not accurate based on the table and past historical events. There is no information on Choice A in the table that would support this choice, so it is also wrong.

**Now try answering some additional questions on your own.**

Use the passage and your knowledge of social studies to answer the following question.

"What Wall Street is to money as the Gulf Coast is to energy. It's a vast assemblage of refineries, storage tanks and pipelines — and the petroleum engineers, energy consultants and [oil field workers] who make them run. Oil production in the Gulf of Mexico accounts for nearly 30 percent of the U.S. total. Natural-gas production is roughly 20 percent. About 60 percent of the nation's oil imports arrive at Gulf ports. Nearly half of all U.S. oil refineries are there. [Hurricane] Katrina hit this system hard.

— Robert J. Samuelson, "Hitting the Economy," *Newsweek*, September 12, 2005

2 According to the author, what important effect did Hurricane Katrina have on the American economy?
   
   F It had little impact on the American economy.  
   G It had some marginal effect on the energy industry.  
   H It mostly shocked Wall Street.  
   J It especially damaged the U.S. oil and gas industries.  

3 What was the historical significance of the Presidential election of 2000?
   
   A The Electoral College ended in a tie.  
   B A third-party candidate won several electoral votes.  
   C The winner of the popular vote became President.  
   D The U.S. Supreme Court intervened to prevent a recount that might have changed the result.

4 The terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 led the federal government to pass the —
   
   F Endangered Species Act  
   G Community Reinvestment Act  
   H USA PATRIOT Act  
   J No Child Left Behind Act

5 One similarity between Presidents Herbert Hoover and George W. Bush was that both Presidents —
   
   A faced the threat of terrorist attacks  
   B vetoed increases in Social Security payments  
   C appointed women to the U.S. Supreme Court  
   D had to deal with serious economic crises
Use the information in the newspaper headlines and your knowledge of social studies to answer the following question.

6. Which conclusion would be most clearly supported by these headlines?
   F. The United States exports more oil than it imports.
   G. Energy policies are not affected by domestic events.
   H. The demand for alternative energy sources is declining.
   J. American dependence on foreign oil remains a major problem.

7. An immediate American response by the United States to the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 was to —
   A. invade Iraq to end the rule of Saddam Hussein
   B. boycott Iran for supporting global terrorism
   C. overthrow Taliban rule in Afghanistan for shielding Osama bin Laden
   D. end trade with Middle Eastern nations

8. The federal government responded to the 2001 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon by —
   F. creating a cabinet-level Department for Homeland Security
   G. enacting the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act
   H. decreasing defense spending
   J. expanding the civil liberties of American citizens

9. Evidence that the United States has become more economically interdependent with other nations in the twenty-first century is shown by its —
   A. policy of raising tariffs on imports
   B. increased dependence on domestic farm products
   C. membership in the World Trade Organization (WTO)
   D. change from a service economy to a manufacturing economy

10. One similarity between the Presidencies of Jimmy Carter and Barack Obama has been that both leaders —
   F. emphasized moral principles in dealing with foreign countries
   G. supported the expansion of imperialism throughout the world
   H. rejected human rights initiatives passed in Congress
   J. sought to achieve dominance in the nuclear arms race
11 The main idea of the cartoon is that computers —
A can act as a storehouse for important personal records
B may reduce the privacy of much of our personal information
C because technology often become obsolete very quickly
D are too complex to be used by the average person

12 Which federal legislation has had the greatest effect on the educational system of most American students?
F USA PATRIOT Act
G Americans with Disabilities Act
H American Recovery and Reinvestment Act
J No Child Left Behind Act

13 The economic policies of President Ronald Reagan (1981–1989) and President George W. Bush (2001–2009) were similar in that both —
A balanced the federal budget
B brought an end to poverty
C used tax cuts to encourage economic growth
D decreased military spending

14 How does the U.S. economy today differ from the nation’s economy that existed in the early 1900s?
F Immigrants are no longer a source of labor.
G The United States has become less dependent on oil imports.
H Government plays a less active role in regulating the economy.
J Scientific discoveries and technological innovations have led to a more global economy.

15 The passage of the USA PATRIOT Act of 2001 and the creation of the Department of Homeland Security showed that —
A security concerns can lead to new federal legislation
B American leaders felt the country was already safe from terrorism
C government programs have been successful in ending threats of terrorism
D federal laws emphasize individual responsibility for education
16 President George W. Bush’s actions in sending American troops to Afghanistan and Iraq illustrated the President’s constitutional power as —
F Commander-in-Chief
G ceremonial head of state
H head of a political party
J leader of the free world

17 Which step was taken by both President George W. Bush and Barack Obama to prevent the financial crisis of 2008–2009 from triggering another Great Depression?
A seeking the support of the anti-tax “Tea Party” members
B increasing the amount of military spending
C raising interest rates on borrowing
D injecting federal money into the economy

18 What was an important reason why there were so many deaths in the United States from Hurricane Katrina?
F The hurricane was worse than weather experts had predicted.
G Government officials did not respond rapidly enough to the crisis.
H Fear of terrorism made it difficult for government officials to respond.
J Government officials relied primarily on private groups to help hurricane victims.

19 Which as been an effect of both legal and illegal immigration to the United States?
A There has been a shortage of labor.
B America’s total population has grown more rapidly.
C The U.S. Congress now conducts its sessions in both Spanish and English.
D Legal immigration has been reduced.

20 Which woman became the first Hispanic Justice on the U.S. Supreme Court?
F Sonia Sotomayor
G Sandra Day O’Connor
H Dolores Huerta
J Estée Lauder

21 Which of the following is an example of a multinational corporation?
A United States Postal Service
B a neighborhood flower shop
C the Coca-Cola Company
D the North American Free Trade Association (NAFTA)

22 Which explains the underlying reason for the greater involvement of the United States in Central Asia and the Middle East following September 11, 2001?
F the need to wage war against global terrorism
G a desire to annex new territories in the Middle East
H an attempt to prevent the spread of the “Arab Spring”
J a wish to expand American culture throughout the world
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