The 1970s

1. The agency that sets air and water pollution standards for cities, while monitoring and enforcing these regulations to protect the environment is the...
   A. Environmental Protection Agency
   B. Central Intelligent Agency
   C. Clean Air Act
   D. Equal Employment Opportunity Council

2. Which law required that the Fish and Wildlife Service list species of plants and animals that are threatened with extinction, such as the California Condor, and take action to protect those species.
   A. Endangered Species Act of 1973
   B. Save the Birds Act of 1975
   C. Species Control Act of 1980
   D. Earth Day Act of 1974

3. President Nixon adopted a policy known as ___ in order to reduce the size and power of the federal government.
   A. détente
   B. stagflation
   C. New Federalism
   D. Realpolitik

4. Henry Kissinger served President Nixon as
   A. Secretary of Treasury
   B. Secretary of State
   C. Secretary of Commerce
   D. Secretary of Navy

5. Nixon’s greatest achievement in foreign affairs is considered to be
   A. Practicing unfair trade
   B. Establishing détente with China and the Soviet Union
   C. Negotiating open trade policies with the Soviet Union
   D. Containing communism in Asia

6. President Nixon and Russian Secretary Brezhnev, reached the SALT I agreement on?
   A. Weapons, space and trade
   B. Trade, space and the Vietnam War
   C. Weapons, the Vietnam War, and trade
   D. Space, the Vietnam War and weapons
7. What did SALT I prove to the world?
   A. The policy of *realpolitik* could not work with the Soviet Union
   B. That the U.S. could not catch up to the Soviet Union militarily
   C. That the Soviet Union would no longer dominate Eastern Europe
   D. That the superpowers could reach agreements limiting nuclear expansion

8. In 1973, the OPEC nations cut off their supply of ___ to the United States.
   A. grain
   B. oil
   C. money
   D. consumer goods

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**Watergate Timeline**

Five burglars break into the Democratic National Committee Headquarters

“Saturday Night Massacre”

Nixon supplies “edited” tapes

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9. Which of the following statements would best complete the timeline?
   A. Nixon is impeached
   B. Nixon resigns
   C. Ford resigns
   D. Ford assassinated

10. President Ford inherited the economic problems of inflation and unemployment from Nixon and Johnson. At that time the economy remained stalled and stagnant. Stagflation is a condition that occurs when...
    A. Living standards rise and poverty rates fall over time.
    B. Prices and unemployment both rise rapidly over time.
    C. Production and consumption both rise slowly over time.
    D. Wages and productivity stay about the same over time.
11. What is the main idea of this cartoon from the Watergate era?
   A. The Supreme Court presides over a Presidential impeachment trial.
   B. Congress has to obey the Constitution.
   C. The President has the final word involving constitutional issues.
   D. Even the President is bound by the rules of the Constitution.

12. Which feature of American Constitutionalism is best illustrated by the above headline
   A. Checks and Balances
   B. Executive privilege
   C. Power to grant pardons
   D. Federalism
13. In 1975, when South Vietnam was about to fall to North Vietnam, President Ford asked for military aid to try to save South Vietnam, Congress was committed to:
   A. Voting in favor of military aid
   B. Forcing Ford to appear before a House committee
   C. Cutting the defense budget by half
   D. Using the War Powers Act to say no

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

15. A part of President Ford’s foreign policy was signing the ______________ with Canada, the Soviet Union and about 30 other European nations in a pledge to cooperate economically, respect existing international boundaries and promote human rights.
   A. Helsinki Accords
   B. Détente
   C. Camp David Accords
   D. Stagflation Agreements
16. In 1979, angered by President Jimmy Carter’s decision to allow the deposed Shah of Iran to come to the United States for medical treatment, Iranian militants...
   A. Bombed a U.S. marine barracks in Tehran.
   B. Stormed the American Embassy in Tehran and took all American personnel as hostages.
   C. Tried to assassinate the Shah of Iran when he arrived at a cancer center in Maryland.
   D. Attacked a U.S. navy destroyer passing through the Straits of Hormuz.

17. According to the graph, during which of the following years was the difference between the inflation rate of fuel and the inflation rate of all goods the greatest?
   A. 1972
   B. 1973
   C. 1974
   D. 1975

18. Between 1974 and 1975, how much did fuel prices change?
   A. Increased approximately 25%
   B. Decreased approximately 45%
   C. Decreased approximately 25%
   D. Increased approximately 45%
19. In the 1970’s, which music genre changed from its traditional roots to become popular again by incorporating many aspects of other music genres?
   A. Country
   B. Hip Hop
   C. Rap
   D. The Blues

20. What did President Carter announce on his first day in office?
   A. The creation of the Department of Energy
   B. The return of the Panama Canal to Panama
   C. The full pardon of most Vietnam War draft dodgers
   D. A nuclear accident at Three Mile Island

21. President Carter surpassed previous administrations in the number of
   A. nuclear missiles he built
   B. bills he persuaded Congress to pass
   C. formal dinners he hosted
   D. women and minorities he appointed

22. At the start of his presidency, Carter tried to stimulate the economy with
   A. school prayer
   B. tax cuts for the wealthy
   C. government deficit spending
   D. slashing the federal budget

23. Willie Nelson, Johnny Cash, and Hank Williams Jr. are examples of what genre of music that relates to the rock and roll counterculture of the 1970s.
   A. Swing Music
   B. Disco Music
   C. Punk Rock
   D. Country Music

24. The time period from 1973 – 1981 was a major energy crisis for the U.S. Which answer choice best relates the 1973-1981 time period to our current energy issues?
   A. Americans did not like to obey the speed limit
   B. Oil spills were not the main cause of the crisis
   C. Solar power cannot provide an adequate energy supply
   D. The United States is still dependent on foreign oil supplies
25. Which of the following would be the appropriate headline for a newspaper printed in 1976?
   A. Headline I  
   B. Headline II  
   C. Headline III  
   D. Headline IV

26. The Camp David Accords, negotiated by President Jimmy Carter, were significant because they led to—
   A. The end of the Vietnam War.  
   B. A lasting arms-reduction treaty with the Soviet Union.  
   C. The first peace agreement between Israel and an Arab nation.  
   D. The establishment of a worldwide human rights policy.

27. OPEC’s 1973 embargo on shipping oil to the United States resulted in
   A. an increase in problems with the Soviet Union.  
   B. higher inflation and another recession at home.  
   C. a war between Israel and its Arab neighbors.  
   D. a British-American foreign policy offensive against Arab nations.

28. In addition to high inflation and unemployment, what foreign policy disaster kept President Carter from being reelected in 1980?
   A. The Iran Hostage Crisis  
   B. The Miracle on Ice  
   C. The SALT talks  
   D. The Camp David Accords
29. In an effort to develop inner cities, the Carter administration passed legislation that required banks to make credit available to poor communities. This is known as
   A. Community Reinvestment Act
   B. War Powers Act
   C. Endangered Species Act
   D. Environmental Protection Act

30. Based on the political cartoon, what is the artist’s opinion of President Nixon?
   A. Nixon’s aides trapped him in their plot.
   B. Tapes could help prove Nixon’s innocence.
   C. Nixon trapped himself in a web of lies.
   D. Nixon had trouble removing troops from Vietnam.

31. Which Supreme Court case upheld a school’s right to use affirmative action in the admissions process but stated that any racial quota system used in determining admittance to public institutions was a violation of the Civil Rights Act of 1964?
   A. Gideon v. Wainwright
   B. Regents of the University of California v. Bakke
   C. Baker v. Carr
   D. Brown v. the Board of Education of Topeka Kansas

32. Which Supreme Court case involved a state law violating Amish parents’ right to freedom of religion in regard to children attending school beyond Grade 8?
   A. Tinker v. Des Moines
   B. Texas v. Johnson
   C. Gregg v. Georgia
   D. Wisconsin v. Yoder
33. Which proposed amendment stated that a person could not be denied or abridged their rights by the U.S. or any state on account of a person’s sex.
   A. The Gender Amendment
   B. The Equal Rights Amendment
   C. The Right to Choose Amendment
   D. The Equal Gender/Sex Amendment.

34. President Nixon’s foreign policy was based on realpolitik, which is a political policy centered on...
   A. Practical rather than idealistic concerns.
   B. Peaceful negotiation rather than warfare.
   C. Economic goals rather than social goals.
   D. Using intimidation rather than compromise.

35. What caused the U.S. energy crisis in the 1970s?
   A. Countries in the Middle East established an oil embargo on the United States.
   B. The USSR lacked enough oil to sell to the United States after the Vietnam war.
   C. Vietnam and Cambodia sold oil at much lower prices than the United States.
   D. France charged the United States extremely high tariffs on oil shipments.

36. Which of these describes the most important outcome of President Nixon’s visit to China?
   A. The United States and China reestablished diplomatic relations.
   B. The Chinese government agreed to give up its claims to Taiwan.
   C. The United States and China resolved long-standing trade disputes.
   D. The Chinese government agreed to limit its production of nuclear missiles.

37. How did the National Energy Act of 1978 encourage energy efficiency?
   A. By placing a temporary tax surcharge on gasoline.
   B. By offering tax credits to those who conserved energy.
   C. By funding programs to teach children about energy conservation.
   D. By requiring solar panels to be installed on all new federal buildings.
38. What was the cause of the Three Mile Island accident?
A. A toxic chemical spill.
B. Sewage flowing into a waterway.
C. Corrosion resulting from acid rain.
D. A meltdown at a nuclear power plant.

39. Which statement best describes President Carter’s foreign policy?
A. President Carter’s foreign policy focused on human rights.
B. President Carter wanted all prisoners released around the world.
C. President Carter’s foreign policy did not promote the well-being of citizens in wealthy citizens.
D. President Carter’s foreign policy focused too much on providing aid to foreign government.

40. What was Phyllis Schlafly’s point of view regarding the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA)?
A. Women should have the same rights as men
B. Women should not have the right to vote
C. The ERA could eventually take away gender specific privileges for women
D. The ERA was an important amendment to guarantee fair treatment for all women

“The very heart of our identity as a nation is our firm commitment to human rights. We stand for human rights because our foreign policy focuses on human rights as a purpose to promote the well-being of citizens in all nations, in all our foreign policy…

—Jimmy Carter, State of the Union Address, 1979
41. Based on the cartoon, what was President Ford’s goal during his presidency?
   A. To repair the American people’s confidence in the Executive office.
   B. To establish decency and openness among the Legislative branch.
   C. To prevent the impeachment of President Nixon.
   D. To regain popularity with the media.

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

   --Richard Nixon, 1972

42. President Nixon put this idea into practice by...
   A. Expanding economic relations with communist nations.
   B. Abandoning his policy of détente.
   C. Declaring an end to the Korean War.
   D. Ending collective security agreements.
43. Which set of characteristics best represents President Carter?

A. • Washington Outsider
   • Wanted to make government honest
   • Humanitarian

B. • Well-known in Washington government
   • Developed “Big Stick” diplomacy
   • Believed the U.S. should not interfere in foreign countries

C. • Was an experienced federal politician
   • Create the Great Society
   • Create a strong relationship with Iran

D. • Worked as weapon’s advisor for the U.S. government
   • Pledge for honesty
   • Set up a close relationship with China and Russia

44. The conflict in Vietnam led Congress to pass the War Powers Act of 1973 in order to...
A. Increase the U.S. support for the United Nations.
B. Strengthen the policy of détente.
C. Increase U.S. participation in international peacekeeping operations.
D. Reestablish the voice of the people in committing troops overseas.
45. Which of the following best completes the chart below.

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A. End of the Korean War  
B. Rise of Rock and Roll  
C. Beginning of the Vietnam conflict  
D. Iranian Hostage Crisis