American Revolution Unit Test
Read each question carefully and circle the best answer.

1. Which event cost England a lot of money and caused the King to impose new taxes on the colonies to help pay for its cost?
   a. The French and Indian War
   b. The American Revolution
   c. Westward Expansion
   d. The Civil War

2. The ________ required colonists to pay extra taxes on paper goods such as newspapers, legal documents, and even playing cards.
   a. Intolerable Acts
   b. Sugar Act
   c. Stamp Act
   d. Quartering Act

3. The colonists had no voice in parliament where new laws and taxes were developed and imposed on the colonies. As a result, the colonists began to use the slogan, “______________!”
   a. It is so unfair … it’s not our fair share
   b. No taxation without representation
   c. No more king
   d. The shot heard ‘round the world

4. A secret organization made up of merchants and journalists formed to protest unfair taxes was called the _________________.
   a. Patriots
   b. Loyalists
   c. Minutemen
   d. Sons of Liberty

5. The Sons of Liberty never used violence to protest unfair taxes.
   a. True
   b. False

6. What did the Stamp Act do that England did not expect?
   a. It increased the colonists’ support of King George III.
   b. It united the colonies against England.
   c. It caused them to buy more paper goods.
   d. None of the above.

7. What was the Boston Tea Party?
   a. Members of the Sons of Liberty dressed up in disguise and dumped hundreds of chests of tea into the Boston Harbor.
   b. Members of the Sons of Liberty got together to celebrate their success with tea and crumpets.
   c. Colonists in Boston held a meeting to discuss the new tax on tea.

8. In 1774 delegates from all the colonies except Georgia met in Philadelphia to discuss the problems the colonies were having with England. This was called the _________________.
   a. Boston Tea Party
   b. First Continental Congress
   c. Parliament
   d. None of the above

9. A year later the representatives met in Philadelphia again. What did they discuss?
   a. Becoming an independent nation.
   c. Writing a document that declared the colonies independent.
   d. All of the above.

10. It took 17 days to write the Declaration of Independence. Who wrote it?
11. The Declaration of Independence was a way to break away from the tyranny and abuse of power by King George III.
   a. True
   b. False

12. On what day was the Declaration of Independence adopted?
   a. January 1, 1776
   b. July 4, 1776
   c. June 4, 1776
   d. None of the above

Use this word bank to help you complete questions 13 – 20.
A. Thomas Jefferson   B. John Adams   C. Benedict Arnold   D. Benjamin Franklin
E. King George III   F. Thomas Paine   G. Patrick Henry   H. George Washington

13. _____ was an officer who turned against the Americans and joined the British Army.
14. _____ was the ruler of England during the Revolutionary Era who lost all 13 colonies.
15. _____ was the main writer of the Declaration of Independence and became the third president of the United States.
16. _____ wrote “Common Sense” that challenged the colonists to fight for independence.
17. _____ was a lawyer in Massachusetts who served on the Declaration of Independence Committee. He later became the second president of the United States.
18. _____ was the Commander in Chief of the Continental Army; he led 2,400 men across the Delaware River on Christmas Day, 1776.
19. _____ became known for his famous speech just before the Revolutionary War began. He said, “Give me liberty or give me death!”
20. _____ was a colonial leader who was also an inventor and scientist. He also helped create the Declaration of Independence.
21. The first armed conflict of the Revolutionary War took place at __________________________. It became known as “the shot heard ‘round the world.”
   a. Philadelphia
   b. Lexington
   c. Washington, D.C.
   d. None of the above

22. What caused the first battle of the American Revolution?
   a. British were looking to seize a storehouse of weapons that belonged to the colonists, but met the Minutemen instead.
   b. The British fired on the Sons of Liberty as they dumped tea into the harbor.
   c. The colonists shot British soldiers bringing tea into the Boston Harbor.
   d. None of the above.

23. The American Troops defeated the British in New York during the ____________________ in the fall of 1777.
   a. Boston Massacre
   b. Battle at Lexington
   c. Battle of Saratoga
   d. None of the above

24. In 1781, the Continental Army defeated the British troops for the final time at Yorktown, Virginia. What British leader surrendered to General George Washington?
   a. Lord Cornwallis
   b. King George III
   c. Benedict Arnold
Short Answer/Essay

25. Choose one major event from the American Revolution event. Describe what led to the event happening, what happened during the actual event, and an effect from your chosen event.

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