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PART I GENERAL CULTURAL CONCERN [60 MIN] (50 POINTS)

Instructions: Multiple-choice questions. The section is designed to check whether you are familiar with the general cultural concern over history, literature, philosophy, politics, religion, arts, and etc. Each question below is followed by four possible answers. Choose the one that best answers the question.

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1. Sophocles and Euripides are best known as Greek A. poets. B. painters. C. dramatists. D. sculptors.
 2. Which of the following does NOT belong to the category of tragedies in the mature period of Shakespeare's plays? A. The Merchant of Venice. B. Antony and Cleopatra. C. Timon of Athens. D. King Lear.
3. The Great Gatsby is a 1925 novel written by American author that explores themes of decadence, idealism, resistance to change, social upheaval, and excess in the Roaring Twenties. A. Ernest Hemingway B. F. Scott Fitzgerald C. Tennessee Williams D. Wilt Whitman
4. Following the Enlightenment and its impact on literature, there was a period of literature in Western Europe generally known as the Romantic Movement, which came earliest in Germany, with the "" of the late 18 th century. A. Tempest B. Storm and Stress C. Storm Surge D. Great Depression
5. Which of the following pairs involving the Postcolonialists and their works fits INCORRECTLY?

A. Edward Said – Orientalism.
B. Dipesh Chakrabarty – Provincializing Europe.
C. Gayatri Spivak – Rip Van Winkle.
D. Derek Gregory – The Colonial Present.
6. The conflicts between Sunni and Shi'ite Muslims centered on the
A. divinity of Muhammad.
B. authenticity of Muhammad's visions.
C. location of the capital of the Islamic state.
D. importance of blood kninship to Muhammad in chossing his successor.
7. The cave metaphor in Plato's writings refers to
A. the need of humans to have a place of regufe from their enemies.
B. the difference between reality and falsely understood images.
C. the desire of humans to create a stable home environment.
D. the ability of humans to form a community.
8. The basic message of More's <i>Utopia</i> is that
A. personal wealth is the only sure path to social reforms.
B. education cannot reduce human sinfulness.
C. people are inherently evil and cannot really be changed.
D. social institutions, not individuals, must be reformed first.
9. Mercantilism aimed first of all at
A. securing financial rewards for the entrepreneurs.
B. developing a wide range of products for export.
C. securing a favorable balance of foreign trade.
D. allowing the impoverished a chance of rising in society.
10. Developments in which two sciences were at the heart of the advances of the sixteenth and
seventeenth centuries?
A. Physics and Astronomy.
B. Math and Chemistry.
C. Biology and Astronomy.
D. Math and Medicine.
11. The Enlightenment is best described as a phenomenon that
A. was restricted to the country of France.
B. was generally limited to an urban, educated group.
C. was found more or less equally through Christendom.
D. was generally favorable to the idea of an official religion.
12. Eighteenth-century liberals thought that
A. all individuals should have equal opportunities to amass wealth.
B. men and women were essentially equal in talents and abilities.
C. social and cultural position should be about the same for all.
D. all individuals should have basic necessities guaranteed to them.
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13. The first major industry to feel the effect of industrial production was

A. lumbering. B. grain farming. C. paper making. D. textiles.
14. Darwinian biology was ultimately based on A. Christian theology. B. a mechanical view of the cosmos. C. a belief in random change in species. D. observation of people.
15. Which of the following was NOT embraced by Freudian psychology?A. The superego is engaged in a struggle against the libido.B. The sex drive lies at the bottom of much unconscious activity.C. Humans are basically seeking rational answers to their difficulties.D. Conscious actions are often reflections of unconscious motives.
16. Which of the following was NOT a reason for American victory in the Revolutionary War?A. the military mediocrity of the British commanding officers.B. The better equipment of the American forces.C. The petty jealousies among the British officers.D. French aid to the rebels.
17. The Truman Doctrine declared that
 18. All of the following are examples of the new role that the United States played as a superpower after World War II EXCEPT A. issued the Eisenhower Doctrine. B. issued and funded the Marshall Plan. C. voted to admit the People's Republic of China to the United Nations D. denounced the Suez invasion.
19. The English Prime Minister from 1940 to 1945 was A. Winston Churchill B. Neville Chamberlain C. Stanley Baldwin D. Ramsay MacDonald
20. From 1688 to 1783 British Parliament was mainly controlled by the, who played a central role in the Glorious Revolution of 1688. A. Tories B. Whigs C. Labours D. Patriots
21. Terrorism is perhaps best understood as

A. directed against civilians to inspire fear.
B. motivated by Islamic beliefs.
C. inherently anti-West.
D. All of the above.
22. The person most responsible for the end of Apartheid ("apartness," or strict racial
separation) was
A. Steven Biko.
B. P. W. Botha.
C. F. W. de Klerk.
D. Nelson Mandela.
23. Which of the following problems that Latin American nations face today has its roots in colonial times?A. Population explosion.B. Uneven distribution of wealth.C. Hostile natural environment.
D. Lack of natural resources.
 24. In the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (as amended in Kyoto in 1997), more than 50 nations agreed to
D. prohibit the trading of emissions "credits" among industrialized nations.
25. One of the most revolutionary technologies of the last century, the Internet was
A. developed first to reduce "transaction costs" in global trade.
B. created by publicly-funded research universities.
C. originally a secret military logistics system.
D. None of the above is correct.
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PART II WRITING [120 MIN]

SECTION A PRACTICAL WRITING [40 MIN] (40 POINTS)

Instructions: Write a claim (complaint) letter within 100 words about a faulty delivery, or damaged or shoddy merchandise. The letter points out the problem and asks that it be corrected. Your position is backed with supporting evidence or arguments that seem most appropriate. End courteously by expressing hope for a speedy settlement or offering any further information needed to reach that settlement.

SECTION B ANALYTICAL WRITING [80 MIN] (60 POINTS)

Governments should focus on solving the immediate problems of today rather than on trying to solve the anticipated problems of the future.

Instructions: Write a response with more than 600 words, in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the recommendation and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, describe specific circumstances in which adopting the recommendation would or would not be advantageous and explain how these examples shape your position.