Chapters 1-3 Pre-Test

Good Luck

The answer key for this test is located on the final page. Try your best and then check your answers. Page numbers given beside the answers help identify the section in the textbook from which the questions were taken.

1. All of the following were elaborate societies that developed in South and Central America except
   A. the Mayans
   B. the Incas
   C. the Aztecs
   D. the Hopi

2. Before the coming of Europeans, the peoples who lived in what is now the United States had not developed
   A. large, permanent settlements
   B. a common language
   C. complex agricultural systems
   D. elaborate religious practices

3. By 1500, the incentives for Europeans to engage in overseas exploration included all of the following except
   A. a significant growth in their population
   B. more powerful and united governments
   C. an increased prosperity and desire for commerce
   D. the return of the bubonic plague

4. The first European country to launch long ocean voyages of exploration was
   A. Portugal
   B. Spain
   C. England
   D. Italy

5. The Spanish conquest of the Aztecs was, in part, due to
   A. all of the answers below
   B. an overwhelmingly superiority in numbers
   C. the diseases the Spaniards had given the Indians
   D. their humane treatment of the natives
6. Interest in colonization grew in England because of
   A. all of the answers below
   B. almost constant religious strife
   C. the growth of merchant capitalism
   D. an increasing population and decreasing food supply

7. The majority of English Puritans were religious dissenters who
   A. wanted to leave the Church of England
   B. wished to purify Anglican forms of worship
   C. were content with the reformed Church of England
   D. hoped to return the English Church to the Roman Catholic Church

8. In the early 1600s, the common characteristics of the English colonies included all of the following except
   A. they were business enterprises designed to produce a profit
   B. they made efforts to blend English society with native societies
   C. they could not get things to work as they had planned
   D. they were tied only indirectly to the British crown

9. Virginia began to prosper when the governor changed from
   A. all of the answers below
   B. a communal system of labor to private ownership of land
   C. military assaults on the Indians to a program of peaceful cooperation with the natives
   D. harsh and rigid discipline of the colonists to gentle but determined persuasion

10. The first successfully marketed colonial crop from the English colonies in North America was
    A. cotton
    B. rice
    C. sugar
    D. tobacco

11. The colony of Virginia was the first English colony in North America to
    A. all of the answers below
    B. hold a meeting of an elected legislature
    C. import Africans as laborers
    D. use the headright system for distributing land
12. During the 1600s, the rapid growth of Virginia's population led to the
   A. all of the answers below
   B. violation of Indian treaties and frequent border conflicts
   C. extension of the right to vote to all white men
   D. domination of the House of Burgesses by frontier settlers

13. Bacon's Rebellion began as
   A. a revolt by easterners against western control of the government
   B. a fight between Indians and frontiersmen over western lands
   C. a struggle over what faction would dominate the slave trade
   D. an effort by landowners to force former indentured servants to leave the settled areas

14. English settlers in the Caribbean colonies found that their most lucrative crop was
   A. cotton
   B. rice
   C. sugar
   D. tobacco

15. The Massachusetts Bay colony was founded as
   A. all of the answers below
   B. a refuge for Catholics
   C. a business venture
   D. a haven for the losers of the English Civil War

16. The longest and bloodiest war between whites and Indians in the 1600s was
   A. King Philip's War
   B. the Pequot War
   C. King John's War
   D. the Mohawk War

17. In its early years, Pennsylvania was characterized by having
   A. all of the answers below
   B. only English settlers
   C. representative government
   D. good relations with the Indians
18. For the English colonists in North America, the major problem with mercantile policy was that
A. all of the answers below
B. it crippled the American ship-building industry
C. England did not want or need all colonial goods
D. the English could not supply the manufactured goods that the colonists wanted

19. By 1750, American settlers differed from English society for all of the following reasons except
A. the physical environment was far different
B. many European immigrants came from countries other than England
C. the native population mixed with the Europeans to a great degree
D. large numbers of African slaves lived in the colonies

20. During the 1600s, indentured servants in the English colonies included large numbers of all of the following groups except
A. poor English people who came voluntarily
B. convicts who were sold into servitude
C. English people who had been kidnapped by promoters
D. Indians who had been captured in battle

21. In the late 1600s, the element of society in the English colonies that caused the greatest social unrest was
A. the middle class
B. African slaves
C. indentured servants
D. aristocratic landowners

22. In the 1600s, the high sex ratio of men to women in the Chesapeake meant that
A. premarital sexual relationships were rare
B. women generally married at a much older age than men
C. the birth rate was low
D. females had much latitude in the choice of husbands
23. By the early 1700s, the slave codes of the English colonies in North America established all of the following rules except
A. they made slavery a permanent condition
B. they allowed a slave with some white ancestry to apply for freedom
C. they limited the rights of slaves severely
D. they provided that the children of slaves would also be slaves

24. Immigrants from Europe came to the American colonies because of
A. all of the answers below
B. rising costs of living
C. religious persecutions
D. devastating wars

25. During the 1600s and 1700s, the southern economy was characterized by all of the following conditions except
A. boom-and-bust economic cycles
B. development of a merchant class
C. dominance of cash crop agriculture
D. expansion of planters' landholdings

26. In general, plantations in the American South can be described as
A. all of the answers below
B. relatively large estates
C. controlling the markets for their products
D. self-contained communities

27. The southern agrarian economy was dominated by
A. wealthy landowners
B. independent farmers
C. wealthy merchants
D. slave traders

28. The most common form of resistance by slaves to the masters' wishes was
A. armed rebellion
B. running away
C. buying their freedom
D. attacking the overseer
29. The basic unit of social life in colonial New England was the
   A. church  
   B. farm  
   C. plantation  
   D. town

30. Colonial cities displayed all of the following characteristics except
   A. they developed trade and industry  
   B. they had residents who were roughly equal in wealth  
   C. they were the center for new ideas  
   D. they experienced many social problems

31. The Halfway Covenant became necessary in colonial New England because
   A. all of the answers below  
   B. fewer people had conversion experiences  
   C. many Puritan communities did not have churches  
   D. the clergy believed that religious piety was less necessary

32. The Great Awakening of the 1700s
   A. came in response to a decline in religious piety  
   B. depended exclusively on powerful evangelists from England  
   C. healed the divisions that had grown up between existing congregations  
   D. achieved its greatest success in northern cities

33. The Enlightenment encouraged people to seek guidance in their lives and shaping society from
   A. themselves  
   B. government leaders  
   C. leading educators  
   D. the clergy

34. The American who least subscribed to the ideas of the Enlightenment was
   A. Benjamin Franklin  
   B. Thomas Jefferson  
   C. Thomas Paine  
   D. Jonathan Edwards
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