Chapter 12 Quiz- The Great Depression

Multiple Choice
Identify the choice that best completes the statement or answers the question.

IDENTIFYING MAIN IDEAS

1. Throughout most of the 1920s, Americans were generally
   a. worried that the stock market would crash.
   b. confident that business would bring continued prosperity.
   c. delighted that wealth was evenly distributed.
   d. concerned with economic danger signs.

2. Which statement best describes the American economy in the 1920s?
   a. Wages decreased and the economy appeared weak.
   b. Unemployment was at an all-time high.
   c. Stock prices rose and the economy appeared healthy.
   d. Small businesses dominated American industry.

3. Which group faced hard times during much of the 1920s?
   a. urban bankers
   b. farmers
   c. small investors
   d. owners of large corporations

4. Which of the following best describes the plight of factory workers in during the 1920s?
   a. The cost of living increased faster than wages
   b. Workers struggled to find jobs as they were replaced by machines
   c. Wages increased dramatically resulting in most workers joining the middle class
   d. Rapid increases in immigration made it difficult to find work

5. One sign that the economy might be weakening in the 1920s was
   a. uneven distribution of national wealth.
   b. underproduction of consumer goods.
   c. an increase in personal savings.
   d. the collapse of large corporations.

6. Which of the following best describes the distribution of wealth in 1920s American society?
   a. Because of high farm prices there was a massive growth of a consumer middle class
   b. Because of the new progressive tax system wealth was fairly evenly distributed
   c. Because of heavy taxes on the rich wealth was concentrated in the middle class
   d. Wealth was concentrated in the hands of a small percentage of wealthy families

7. Which of the following is an example of actions taken by the federal government that further weakened the
depth of the 1920s economy?
   a. Strict enforcement of the Clayton Anti-trust Act
   b. Failure to pass the McNary-Haagen Bill
   c. The Federal Reserve’s strict regulation of the banking industry
   d. Passage of tax increases for the richest Americans
8. Which of the following was a sign of an unsound economy during the 1920s?
   a. Personal debt was decreasing.
   b. Wages were keeping pace with production.
   c. More goods were being produced than consumers could buy.
   d. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was steady.

9. When the Dow Jones Industrial Average began to drop sharply in late October 1929,
   a. investors bought record shares of stock.
   b. bankers pardoned personal loans and mortgages.
   c. President Hoover warned Americans to stop investing.
   d. investors raced to get their money out of the stock market.

10. After the Crash, thousands of American banks closed, because they
   a. had to print new money.
   b. could not return depositors’ money.
   c. had invested in European banks.
   d. charged too high an interest rate.

11. The collapse of the American economic system
   a. affected only the German economy.
   b. boosted American investment in Europe.
   c. led to a worldwide depression.
   d. increased demand for American-made goods.

12. A major environmental crisis of the 1930s was known as
   a. the Dust Bowl.
   b. the Grapes of Wrath.
   c. Black Tuesday.
   d. the Great Crash.

13. Which of the following describes a common reaction to the crisis caused by the droughts of the Dustbowl region?
   a. Farmers formed cooperative unions to lower the supply of crops
   b. Many farmers migrated west in search of better opportunities
   c. Many Dustbowl region banks forgave loans and allowed farmers to stay on their land
   d. Most farmers quit farming and moved to Detroit to work in the Ford factory

14. What was one effect of the wage cuts and unemployment of the 1930s?
   a. The divorce rate nearly tripled.
   b. Banks pardoned thousands of farm mortgages.
   c. Hoovervilles sprang up in the nation’s cities.
   d. Most industries gave top jobs to married women.

15. During the Depression, wage cuts and unemployment eventually affected
   a. mainly women.
   b. factory workers only.
   c. mainly farmers.
   d. all levels of society.

16. The rise in homelessness mainly resulted from
   a. increased immigration.
   b. high interest rates.
   c. a decline in housing construction.
   d. laid-off workers losing their homes.
17. During the Depression, African Americans, Hispanics, and Asian Americans
   a. made great strides in equal rights legislation.
   b. often lost jobs to white laborers.
   c. were less affected than other groups.
   d. were encouraged to start their own businesses.

18. Dorothea Lange’s photographs of migrant workers
   a. appeared in *The Grapes of Wrath.*
   b. angered many unemployed mothers.
   c. were lost in the Dust Bowl.
   d. helped win aid for the workers.

19. During the Depression working women were
   a. embarrassed to be working.
   b. respected for being family providers.
   c. paid extra if they got married.
   d. accused of taking jobs away from men.

20. President Hoover believed that the best strategy for ending the Depression was
   a. encouraging massive government spending.
   b. lowering import duties.
   c. setting up federal relief programs.
   d. encouraging voluntary controls in the business sector.

21. The Reconstruction Finance Corporation aimed to
   a. create a national bank.
   b. provide government credit to banks.
   c. give loans to war veterans.
   d. build houses for the homeless.

22. International trade slowed down as a result of
   a. the Bonus Army’s demands.
   b. the election of 1932.
   c. the Hawley-Smoot Tariff.
   d. the Allies’ payment of their war debts.

23. To get the Bonus Army marchers to leave the capital, General MacArthur
   a. used force.
   b. negotiated with the veterans’ leaders.
   c. gave a patriotic speech.
   d. paid them their bonus.

24. The 1932 presidential election served as a turning point in the way Americans viewed
   a. presidential elections.
   b. the Bill of Rights.
   c. the responsibilities of the federal government.
   d. local relief programs and private charities.

25. Roosevelt easily won the 1932 presidential election by promising
   a. a New Deal for Americans.
   b. repeal of the Hawley-Smoot Tariff.
   c. lower taxes.
   d. a White House conference on business.
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Answer Section

MULTIPLE CHOICE

1. ANS: B  PTS: 1  DIF: Average  REF: 508–511
   OBJ: 15.1.1  STA: 11.6.1 | 11.6.2  TOP: U.S. economy | Prosperity
   NOT: 15.1.1—Learn about events that led to the stock market’s Great Crash in 1929.

2. ANS: C  PTS: 1  DIF: Average  REF: 508–509
   OBJ: 15.1.1  STA: 11.6.1 | 11.6.2  TOP: U.S. economy | Prosperity
   NOT: 15.1.1—Learn about events that led to the stock market’s Great Crash in 1929.

3. ANS: B  PTS: 1  DIF: Average  REF: 513–518
   OBJ: 15.2.2  STA: 11.6.1 | 11.6.2  TOP: Farmers
   NOT: 15.2.2—Find out about social problems that were caused by poverty in the 1930s.

4. ANS: A  PTS: 1

5. ANS: A  PTS: 1  DIF: Average  REF: 508–511
   OBJ: 15.1.1  STA: 11.6.1 | 11.6.2  TOP: U.S. economy | Prosperity
   NOT: 15.1.1—Learn about events that led to the stock market’s Great Crash in 1929.

6. ANS: D  PTS: 1

7. ANS: B  PTS: 1

8. ANS: C  PTS: 1  DIF: Average  REF: 508–509
   OBJ: 15.1.3  STA: 11.6.1 | 11.6.2  TOP: U.S. economy | Prosperity
   NOT: 15.1.3—Become familiar with the main causes of the Great Depression.

9. ANS: D  PTS: 1  DIF: Challenging  REF: 509
   OBJ: 15.1.1  STA: 11.6.1 | 11.6.2  TOP: Stock Market crash | Economics
   NOT: 15.1.1—Learn about events that led to the stock market’s Great Crash in 1929.

10. ANS: B  PTS: 1  DIF: Average  REF: 510
    OBJ: 15.1.2  STA: 11.6.1 | 11.6.2  TOP: Stock Market crash | Great Depression
    NOT: 15.1.2—See how the Great Crash produced a ripple effect throughout the nation’s economy.

11. ANS: C  PTS: 1  DIF: Average  REF: 511
    OBJ: 15.1.2  STA: 11.6.1 | 11.6.2  TOP: Economics | Great Depression
    NOT: 15.1.2—See how the Great Crash produced a ripple effect throughout the nation’s economy.

12. ANS: A  PTS: 1  DIF: Average  REF: 514
    OBJ: 15.2.3  STA: 11.6.3  TOP: Dust Bowl | Environment | Great Depression
    NOT: 15.2.3—Discover how some people struggled to survive hard times.

13. ANS: B  PTS: 1

14. ANS: C  PTS: 1  DIF: Average  REF: 514
    OBJ: 15.2.3  STA: 11.6.1 | 11.6.2  TOP: Social problems | Hoovervilles | Great Depression
    NOT: 15.2.3—Discover how some people struggled to survive hard times.

15. ANS: D  PTS: 1  DIF: Average  REF: 514
    OBJ: 15.2.1  STA: 11.6.3  TOP: Economics | Great Depression
    NOT: 15.2.1—Understand how poverty spread during the Great Depression.

16. ANS: D  PTS: 1  DIF: Average  REF: 514
    OBJ: 15.2.1  STA: 11.6.3  TOP: Homelessness | Economics | Great Depression
    NOT: 15.2.1—Understand how poverty spread during the Great Depression.
17. ANS: B PTS: 1 DIF: Easy REF: 517
OBJ: 15.2.2 STA: 11.6.3 TOP: Social problems | Minorities | Great Depression
NOT: 15.2.2—Find out about social problems that were caused by poverty in the 1930s.

18. ANS: D PTS: 1 DIF: Average REF: 517
OBJ: 15.2.1 STA: 11.6.3 TOP: Dorothea Lange | Photography | Great Depression
NOT: 15.2.1—Understand how poverty spread during the Great Depression.

19. ANS: D PTS: 1 DIF: Average REF: 516
OBJ: 15.2.2 STA: 11.6.3 TOP: Working women | Great Depression
NOT: 15.2.2—Find out about social problems that were caused by poverty in the 1930s.

20. ANS: D PTS: 1 DIF: Average REF: 525
OBJ: 15.4.1 STA: 11.6.1 | 11.6.2 TOP: Herbert Hoover | U.S. economy | Great Depression
NOT: 15.4.1—Find out how President Hoover responded to the Great Depression.

21. ANS: B PTS: 1 DIF: Average REF: 525
OBJ: 15.4.1 STA: 11.6.2 TOP: Banking | Economics | Great Depression
NOT: 15.4.1—Find out how President Hoover responded to the Great Depression.

22. ANS: C PTS: 1 DIF: Average REF: 525
OBJ: 15.4.1 STA: 11.6.3 TOP: Hawley-Smoot Tariff | International trade | Great Depression
NOT: 15.4.1—Find out how President Hoover responded to the Great Depression.

23. ANS: A PTS: 1 DIF: Average REF: 525
OBJ: 15.4.1 STA: 11.6.3 TOP: Bonus Army | Great Depression
NOT: 15.4.1—Find out how President Hoover responded to the Great Depression.

24. ANS: C PTS: 1 DIF: Average REF: 528
OBJ: 15.4.3 STA: 11.6.1 | 11.6.2 TOP: Election of 1932 | Federal relief | New Deal
NOT: 15.4.3—Realize why the election of 1932 was a significant turning point in American politics.

25. ANS: A PTS: 1 DIF: Average REF: 528
OBJ: 15.4.2 STA: 11.6.2 TOP: Franklin Roosevelt | Election of 1932 | New Deal
NOT: 15.4.2—Learn what Roosevelt meant when he offered Americans a “new deal.”