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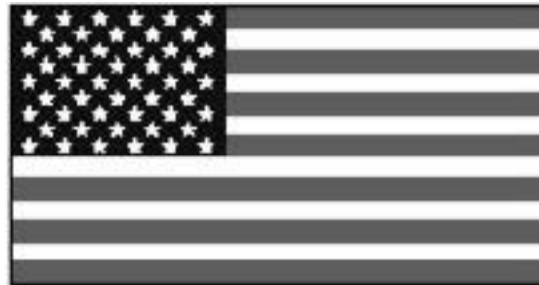
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1. The Virginia House of Burgesses was the first _____ in the British colonies.
A. elected legislature
B. bicameral assembly
C. appointed government
D. written constitution
2. The individuals that signed the Mayflower Compact were all _____.
A. clergy
B. soldiers
C. Puritans
D. male
3. The *Instructions for the Virginia Colony* stated that a river headed to the Northwest direction was the best choice to travel because _____.
A. It was the fastest way back to Europe
B. It was the direction of Canada
C. It was most likely to lead to the other sea
D. It was where the older colonies were located
4. Limited governments feature all of the following characteristics **EXCEPT** _____.
A. ensuring peaceful transitions of power
B. promoting economic freedom
C. protecting human rights
D. a single political party
5. India's economy features a large population. This allows the economy to provide _____ for service industries from around the world.
A. natural resources
B. labor
C. capital
D. technology
6. In an unlimited government, _____ and there are no limits on a ruler's authority.
A. laws only apply to authority figures
B. laws apply equally to everyone
C. laws are decided by the people
D. laws are used to control the people
7. The Speaker of the United States House of Representative is _____.
A. Kevin McCarthy
B. Nancy Pelosi
C. Hakeem Jefferies
D. Mike Johnson
8. The Spanish government was a _____ when Texas was a colony.
A. republic
B. theocracy
C. democracy
D. monarchy

9. Most of the British colonies were _____ with members of the community elected to make laws.

- A. under direct rule
- B. royal charters

- C. self-governing
- D. run by a board of directors

10. The Jamestown colony was established in _____.

- A. 1620
- B. 1598

- C. 1607
- D. 1637



11. Currently, _____ serves as the Vice President of the United States.

- A. Kamala Harris
- B. Lisa Murkowski

- C. Nikki Haley
- D. Nancy Pelosi

12. Examples of cash crops in the southern colonies include _____.

- A. wheat and corn
- B. beef and pork

- C. rye and oats
- D. cotton and tobacco

13. A(n) _____ best helps advanced economies develop technology and continue to advance.

- A. limited supply of capital
- B. centralized government

- C. educated labor force
- D. large supply of natural resources



14. John Smith was a leader of _____ that helped them survive the harsh winters they faced after starting their settlement.

- A. Hartford
- B. Jamestown

- C. Roanoke
- D. Plymouth

15. In societies with representative governments, there are three main categories of rights that are protected: personal rights, political rights, and _____.
A. religious rights
B. voting rights
C. educational rights
D. economic rights

Economic Traits of the Colonies

- Private ownership of land
- Access to natural resources
- Artisans able to produce and sell goods

16. The economic traditions of _____ influenced the colonists in North America to develop a free enterprise system for their economy.
A. England
B. the Netherlands
C. France
D. Spain
17. The U.S. economic system features significantly less _____ than a communist system.
A. consumer choice
B. government control
C. voluntary exchange
D. private property
18. An agricultural product that is farmed for its value for sale rather than its use to the farmer is known as _____.
A. subsistence farming
B. a bumper crop
C. a cash crop
D. livestock
19. March 2, 1836 is celebrated in the state of Texas because it is when _____.
A. Texas defeated Mexican troops at Goliad
B. Texas was admitted into the United States
C. Texas declared independence from Mexico
D. Texas left the Spanish empire
20. The British began colonizing the east coast of North America partially to compete with the colonies already started by the Spanish and _____.
A. Germans
B. Portuguese
C. Belgians
D. French
21. The land area that was authorized as a colony by *The Charter of Massachusetts Bay* was located between the Merrimack and the _____ Rivers.
A. Hudson
B. James
C. Potomac
D. Charles
22. The _____ was a conflict that took place in the North American colonies of France and Britain from 1754 to 1763.
A. War of Spanish Succession
B. French Revolution
C. French and Indian War
D. Anglo-French War

23. According to *The Instructions for the Virginia Colony*, _____ were not to be allowed to be between the settlement and the sea coast.

- A. large herd animals
- B. Native inhabitants
- C. enemy fortifications
- D. farming lands

24. *The Mayflower Compact* was signed on November 11, _____.

- A. 1607
- B. 1639
- C. 1620
- D. 1585

25. The colonies in North America were able to develop an economic system based on free enterprise largely due to their access to large amounts of _____.

- A. land and natural resources
- B. skilled labor
- C. capital and investments
- D. roads and canals

- First person to write detailed accounts about the people and environment of Texas
- Explored for Spain
- Survived the disastrous Narváez expedition of 1527

26. All of the above describe _____.

- A. Francisco Coronado
- B. Hernán Cortés
- C. Hernando de Soto
- D. Cabeza de Vaca

27. Under the free enterprise system in the United States, key economic questions are answered by _____.

- A. the elite
- B. the marketplace
- C. business leaders
- D. the government

28. The *Instructions for the Virginia Colony* warned against settling too close to the mouth of a river because _____.

- A. there would be more flooding and rain
- B. crops would not grow in the marshy areas
- C. an enemy could have success attacking
- D. Natives were likely to already live there

"We...do by these presents solemnly and mutually, in the presence of God and one another, covenant, and combine ourselves together into a civil body politick, for our better ordering and preservation...."

29. The excerpt above from *The Mayflower Compact* was signed by subjects of _____, the monarch of Great Britain.

- A. Queen Elizabeth
- B. King James
- C. Queen Victoria
- D. King George

30. A _____ government is based on the belief that power is held by the people and their concerns should be addressed by elected officials.

- A. parliamentary
- B. federal
- C. representative
- D. centralized

31. *The Charter of Massachusetts Bay* created a colony in the area known at the time as _____.
A. Quebec
B. New England
C. Maine
D. Boston
32. _____ are examples of limited governments in Southwest Asia.
A. Saudi Arabia and Iraq
B. Syria and Iran
C. Turkey and Israel
D. Qatar and Kuwait
33. The United States and Canada have very developed economies and are highly industrialized. Immigration is important in these countries to provide _____.
A. labor
B. capital
C. natural resources
D. technology
34. French explorers in Texas were motivated by the desire to start a colony that would give them access to _____.
A. the Mississippi River
B. the Hill Country
C. trade routes to Mexico
D. a Northwest Passage
35. The characteristic of the U.S. system of free enterprise that most helps produce better products and lower prices is _____.
A. private property
B. entrepreneurship
C. limited regulation
D. competition
36. All of the following are examples of civic participation **EXCEPT** for _____.
A. being informed about issues
B. starting a business
C. voting
D. supporting public policies
37. _____ is the active involvement of individuals at the local, state, and national levels of government.
A. charity work
B. civic participation
C. public awareness
D. self-employment
38. Some British colonists were active in _____ that generally featured small-scale production of goods at home.
A. subsistence farming
B. cash crops
C. indentured servitude
D. cottage industries
39. _____ is the current President of the United States.
A. Joseph Biden
B. Kamala Harris
C. Chuck Schumer
D. Donald Trump
40. The economic theory of _____ stated that a nation's wealth is created by beneficial trade based on exploiting the resources of its colonies.
A. mercantilism
B. capitalism
C. free trade
D. command economies

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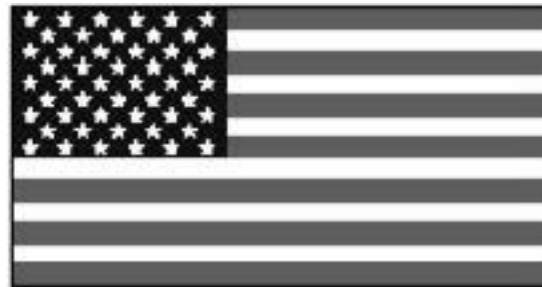
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- Public education in Texas is primarily funded by _____ taxes.
A. property
B. sales
C. income
D. excise
- Most Puritans that came to North American colonies were looking for freedom from religious persecution in _____.
A. New England
B. France
C. Spain
D. England
- The _____ of the Gulf Coast area, in what is now Southeast Texas, used dugout canoes to fish and were written about by Cabeza de Vaca.
A. Karankawa
B. Comanche
C. Apache
D. Caddo

Fourth Amendment

“The rights of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects against _____ shall not be violated”

4. The above excerpt is best completed by which of the following?
 - A. double jeopardy
 - B. unreasonable searches and seizures
 - C. self-incrimination
 - D. cruel and unusual punishment
5. Being concerned with and involved in public affairs is known as _____.
 - A. charity work
 - B. civic participation
 - C. public awareness
 - D. informed voting
6. The term _____ refers to a mounted herdsman of the Spanish colonial period or the later Mexican counterpart that acted as a cowboy.
 - A. vaquero
 - B. caballo
 - C. rancho
 - D. adobe
7. The _____ region of Texas features cattle and sheep ranching and is home to Big Bend National Park.
 - A. Coastal Plains
 - B. Mountains and Basin
 - C. North Central Plains
 - D. Rio Grande Valley



8. United States Senator from Texas, _____ is shown in the picture above.
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| A. Greg Abbott | C. Beto O'Rourke |
| B. Ted Cruz | D. Marco Rubio |
9. The _____ supported ratification of the U.S. Constitution by showing the need for a stronger central government.
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| A. <i>Brutus</i> Essays | C. Kentucky and Virginia Resolutions |
| B. Articles of Confederation | D. <i>Federalist Papers</i> |
10. By the mid-1800s in the United States, the _____ was characterized by the plantation economy that largely produced cotton at the expense of focusing on manufacturing.
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| A. East | C. South |
| B. West | D. North |
11. Coronado reported to the King of Spain that he came upon a group called the Querecho that did not plant food and instead traveled around eating _____.
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| A. fruits from trees | C. fish from rivers |
| B. cows | D. pigs |



12. _____ were people that typically worked four to seven years in a colony in exchange for travel, food, and lodging. They were then free to work for themselves.
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| A. Enslaved people | C. Convicts |
| B. Stock holders | D. Indentured servants |

13. The Appalachian Mountains, navigable rivers, rich soil, and a warm climate are all physical characteristics of the _____ region of the United States.
A. northern
B. western
C. southern
D. mid-west
14. Spain's primary method of colonization in Texas was the _____ system first established in the area of El Paso.
A. mission
B. provincial
C. presidio
D. encomienda
15. The _____ region of Texas includes parts of the Guadalupe Mountains and the Permian Basin.
A. southwest
B. northeast
C. southern
D. northern
16. _____ feature limited governments largely due to their influence by the British.
A. The United States and Canada
B. Mexico and Argentina
C. The Dominican Republic and Haiti
D. Cuba and China
17. The current governor for the state of Texas is _____.
A. Ted Cruz
B. Dan Patrick
C. John Cornyn
D. Greg Abbott
18. Institutions responsible for giving people the skills, behavioral norms and customs they need to function in a society are _____.
A. governmental institutions
B. economic institutions
C. religious institutions
D. educational institutions
19. Coronado told the King of Spain in his October 1541 report that after travelling for 77 days he reached a place called _____.
A. Quivira
B. Teyas
C. Querecho
D. Cibola

"Thereupon we had many bitter quarrels with the Christians, for they _____, and we grew so angry at it that at our departure we forgot to take along many bows, pouches and arrows, also the five emeralds, and so they were left and lost to us."

20. In *The Journey of Alvar Nuñez Cabeza de Vaca*, his group left the company under the command of Diego de Alcaraz because they _____.
A. "were loyal to great French ruler and sovereign"
B. "refused to share their plentiful and bountiful food supplies"
C. "were extremely rude and treated us as less than servants"
D. "wanted to make slaves of our Indians"

21. According to his *Report to the King of Spain*, Coronado was ordered to explore Texas by the _____.
 A. Governor of Texas
 B. President of Mexico
 C. Viceroy of New Spain
 D. King of Spain
22. The activity of setting up and developing a business is known as _____.
 A. entrepreneurship
 B. profit incentive
 C. laissez-faire
 D. consumer choice
23. Coronado stated in his *Report to the King of Spain* that the area he was exploring was first discovered for the Spanish by _____.
 A. Alvar de Nuñez Cabeza de Vaca
 B. Hernando de Soto
 C. Friar Marcos de Niza
 D. Juan Ponce de León
24. *The Journey of Alvar Nuñez Cabeza de Vaca* states that four Natives were captured and shown _____ to see if they knew it and where it could be found.
 A. gold
 B. silver
 C. beaver pelts
 D. maize
- Limited government
 - Written code of laws and legal traditions
 - Hereditary ruler or an elected leader that is limited by the legal code
25. All of the above describe a _____.
 A. free enterprise system
 B. totalitarian government
 C. republican government
 D. constitutional government
26. *The Journey of Alvar Nuñez Cabeza de Vaca* states that Cabeza de Vaca first arrived at _____ where he stayed for 45 days.
 A. Cape Santa Cruz
 B. the port city of Havana
 C. New Spain
 D. the island of Santo Domingo
27. Some of the first _____ immigration to Texas was facilitated by the land grants awarded by Mexico to James Hewetson and James Power and then to John McMullen and James McGloin in the 1820s.
 A. Irish
 B. German
 C. English
 D. French
28. The _____ is a region in western Texas and eastern New Mexico that comes from the Spanish term for staked or palisaded plains.
 A. Caprock Escarpment
 B. Rio Grande
 C. Palo Duro Canyon
 D. Llano Estacado
29. The intellectual movement in the 17th and 18th centuries that focused on science and reason and applying those subjects to government was known as the _____.
 A. Renaissance
 B. Enlightenment
 C. Reformation
 D. Industrial Revolution

Rights Protected by the Bill of Rights

- Right to petition the government
- Freedom of speech
- Freedom to peaceably assemble
- Right to privacy

30. All of the above are protections included in the First Amendment **EXCEPT** for _____.
A. right to free speech
B. right to petition the government
C. right to peaceably assemble
D. right to privacy
31. The distance from the government in England to its colonies in North America allowed the colonists _____.
A. to trade freely with other countries
B. the ability to print money without fear of interference
C. to make treaties with foreign powers
D. more direct control over their governments
32. Josef Arnošt Bergmann has been described as the "father" of _____ immigration to Texas. The group mainly settled in the Central Texas counties with Fayette County being the most popular.
A. Czech
B. German
C. Irish
D. Swiss
33. The accumulation of wealth through the sale of goods and services is a main feature and driving force behind the _____ system.
A. communist
B. free enterprise
C. socialist
D. traditional
34. _____ was the first European explorer to map the coast of what is now Texas.
A. Alonso Álvarez de Pineda
B. Álvar Núñez Cabeza de Vaca
C. Pánfilo de Narváez
D. Hernando de Soto
35. The _____ marks the southern boundary between Texas and Mexico.
A. Sabine River
B. Red River
C. Nueces River
D. Rio Grande River
36. In *The Journey of Alvar Nuñez Cabeza de Vaca*, the author states that he finally ended his journey at Lisbon, Portugal in _____.
A. 1527
B. 1530
C. 1533
D. 1537
37. _____ countries are mainly limited governments with parliamentary systems.
A. Western European
B. East Asian
C. Middle Eastern
D. North African

38. The _____ in 1215 limited the power of the King and guaranteed certain rights such as due process and jury trials.
- A. English Bill of Rights
 - B. Mayflower Compact
 - C. Magna Carta
 - D. Articles of Confederation
39. The Texas Constitution of 1876 shifted control of public education systems to _____.
- A. local districts
 - B. state legislatures
 - C. the federal government
 - D. county governments
40. De Leon's colony was the only predominantly Mexican colony in Texas. It was started in 1824 and founded near the town of _____.
- A. Refugio
 - B. Castroville
 - C. Victoria
 - D. Panna Maria

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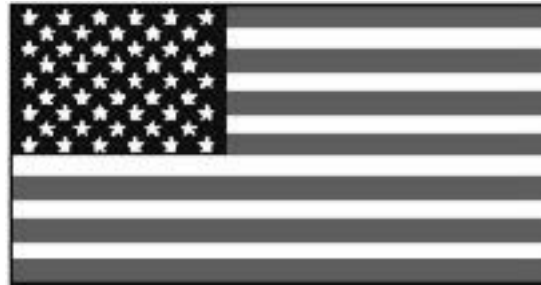
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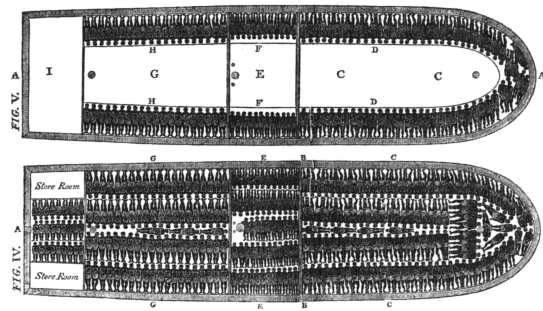
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1. Without the ability of colonists to have _____, it would have been difficult for a free enterprise system to take root.
 A. religious freedom
 B. freedom of the press
 C. representative government
 D. private property
2. The city of New Orleans was founded by the _____ in 1718 and became a major port at the mouth of the Mississippi River.
 A. Spanish
 B. French
 C. British
 D. Swiss



3. The Trans-Atlantic slave trade enslaved Africans and forced them to migrate mainly to _____.
 A. British North America
 B. the Caribbean and Brazil
 C. French North America
 D. Europe
4. The plantation system that used large amounts of enslaved people to operate, generally existed in the _____ region of British colonies.
 A. mountainous
 B. southern
 C. western
 D. driest

Types of Governments

- Theocracy
- Oligarchy
- Absolute Monarchy

5. All of the items listed above are examples of _____ governments.
 A. unlimited
 B. representative
 C. communist
 D. limited
6. Taking care of yourself and accepting responsibility for your actions are examples of _____.
 A. political rights
 B. personal responsibilities
 C. economic responsibilities
 D. civic rights

7. The _____ was adopted in 1639 and became the first written constitution in the North American colonies.
- A. Fundamental Orders of Connecticut
 - B. Mayflower Compact
 - C. Articles of Confederation
 - D. Bill of Rights
8. _____ was an outspoken supporter of religious freedom in the Massachusetts Bay colony that was banished due to her beliefs. She fled to the colony of Rhode Island.
- A. Abigail Adams
 - B. Anne Hutchinson
 - C. Rebecca Nurse
 - D. Anne Bradstreet
9. René Robert Cavelier, Sieur de la Salle was a _____ explorer that tried to establish a colony along the Mississippi River, but actually landed at Matagorda.
- A. Spanish
 - B. French
 - C. British
 - D. Portuguese
10. Colonies such as _____, Rhode Island, and New Hampshire mainly focused on economic activities such as ship building and trade.
- A. Massachusetts
 - B. Pennsylvania
 - C. South Carolina
 - D. Virginia
11. In a _____ country, the government owns most industries and businesses and there is little to no private ownership.
- A. communist
 - B. capitalist
 - C. free enterprise
 - D. theocratic
- “In witness whereof we have hereunto subscribed our names at _____ the 11 of November, the year of the reign of our sovereign Lord....”*
12. The above excerpt from the Mayflower Compact states that the document was signed at _____.
- A. Jamestown
 - B. Cape Cod
 - C. Roanoke
 - D. Boston
13. The _____ government became more interested in creating settlements in Texas to keep the French from establishing control of the region.
- A. British
 - B. Spanish
 - C. Dutch
 - D. Mexican
14. The Charter of Massachusetts specifically calls for the creation of the offices of _____.
- A. Mayor and City Manager
 - B. President and Vice President
 - C. Senate Leader and Speaker
 - D. Governor and Deputy Governor
15. _____ were colonial military settlements used by the Spanish to defend the territory they claimed from Native populations.
- A. Missions
 - B. Caudillos
 - C. Presidios
 - D. Rancheros

16. The Charter of Massachusetts Bay was authorized by the King of England, _____.
A. James II
B. Henry VIII
C. Charles I
D. Richard I
17. Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and Iran are all examples of unlimited governments in _____.
A. Southwest Asia
B. East Asia
C. North Africa
D. Western Europe
18. The current Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court is _____.
A. John Roberts
B. Sonia Sotomayor
C. Elena Kagan
D. Ketanji Brown Jackson
19. The Virginia House of Burgesses held its first session as a representative part of the colonial government in _____.
A. 1631
B. 1619
C. 1585
D. 1607
20. According to *The Instructions for the Virginia Company*, the chief way to prosper and have success was _____.
A. to drill troops regularly and intensely
B. to all work together for the good of the country
C. to work in the fields every day without fail
D. to find gold or other precious metals
21. A socialist economic system generally provides a wide variety of services to its citizens, but also features _____ than a free enterprise system.
A. higher taxes
B. less employment
C. less exchanging of goods
D. more private property
22. The Mayflower Compact states that the *Mayflower* was sent in order to plant the first colony in _____.
A. Northern Virginia
B. North America
C. Massachusetts
D. New England
23. Nearly all _____ nations have featured limited governments for decades.
A. East Asian
B. Southwest Asian
C. Western European
D. Southeast Asian
24. The Minority Leader of the House of Representatives is currently, _____.
A. Hakeem Jefferies
B. Nancy Pelosi
C. Mike Johnson
D. Kevin McCarthy
25. A(n) _____ has elected leaders that act on behalf of the citizens.
A. unlimited government
B. representative government
C. coalition government
D. totalitarian government

26. When _____ in short supply in an economy, it can result in migration, outsourcing, and even enslavement.
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| A. natural resources are | C. capital is |
| B. labor is | D. entrepreneurs are |
27. Respecting the rights of others, being informed about needs of the community, and staying informed about the actions of elected leaders are all examples of _____.
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| A. personal responsibilities | C. civic responsibilities |
| B. economic responsibilities | D. governmental responsibilities |
28. *The Instructions for the Virginia Company* required that carpenters and skilled builders first construct a _____ before any private structures.
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| A. storehouse | C. school |
| B. church | D. garrison |
29. Fishing was most essential to the economy of the _____ British colonies in North America.
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| A. southern | C. midwestern |
| B. southeastern | D. northeastern |
30. The will of the majority and a focus on the good of the settlement were principles of the _____ written in 1620.
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| A. Mayflower Compact |
| B. English Bill of Rights |
| C. Albany Plan of Union |
| D. Fundamental Orders of Connecticut |
- *Had many settlements in what is now Canada*
 - *Sent Jesuit Missionaries to convert Natives*
 - *Used the St. Lawrence River to found settlements*
 - *Focused on the fur and pelt trade*
31. All of the above items describe _____ colonies in North America.
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| A. Spanish | C. French |
| B. Dutch | D. Portuguese |
32. The amounts of entrepreneurs and foreign capital were limited in _____ prior to the 1990s, which limited the ability of its economy to grow.
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| A. Russia | C. Canada |
| B. China | D. Japan |
33. The Maryland Act of Toleration was the first law in the North American colonies requiring _____.
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|---|-------------------------------------|
| A. all men be allowed to vote | C. the colonial governor be elected |
| B. religious freedom for all Christians | D. freedom of the press |

34. All of the following are major characteristics of the free enterprise system in the United States **EXCEPT** for _____.
A. economic freedom
B. voluntary exchange of goods
C. equal wealth distribution
D. private property
35. A country that has a limited supply of natural resources may develop a(n) _____ which is an economy based almost entirely on a single crop.
A. monoculture
B. trade deficit
C. service economy
D. import policy
36. The free enterprise economy of the North American colonies under British rule was limited due to government restrictions on _____.
A. employment
B. agricultural
C. education
D. trade
37. On June 19, 1865, enslaved people in Texas were informed about the Emancipation Proclamation when General Gordon Granger announced the end of slavery and the Civil War in _____.
A. Nacogdoches
B. Austin
C. Galveston
D. San Antonio
38. The Massachusetts Bay Colony established in _____ was a charter colony.
A. 1629
B. 1607
C. 1620
D. 1638



39. _____ is the Majority Leader of the United States Senate.
A. Mike Johnson
B. Mitch McConnell
C. Chuck Schumer
D. Hakeem Jefferies
40. All of the following were mentioned as the three main types of jobs assigned by *The Instructions for the Virginia Company* **EXCEPT** for _____?
A. building fortifications
B. making treaties with locals
C. preparing the land for farming
D. exploring the surrounding area

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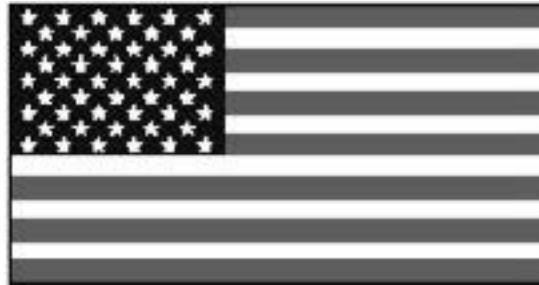
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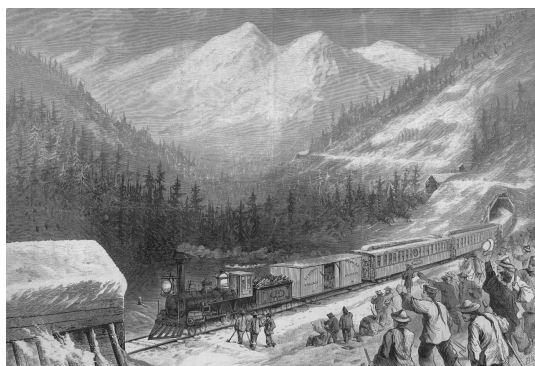
1. Based on a study of census data, _____ was determined to be the most ethnically diverse city in the United States in 2015.
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| A. Houston | C. San Antonio |
| B. El Paso | D. Fort Worth |

2. When French explorer _____ established Fort St. Louis in the region of Texas, the Spanish decided to renew their own colonization efforts.
- A. Jacques Cartier
B. René-Robert Cavelier, Sieur de La Salle
C. Samuel de Champlain
D. Hernán Cortés

“...the enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.”

3. The _____ Amendment, quoted above, guarantees the protection of rights beyond those that are specifically listed in the Constitution.
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| A. 9th | C. 6th |
| B. 3rd | D. 10th |
4. _____ serves as the current Lieutenant Governor of Texas.
- | | |
|----------------|-------------------|
| A. Greg Abbott | C. George P. Bush |
| B. Dan Patrick | D. Jane Nelson |
5. Language, ethnicity, age, and standards of living are examples of the _____ of an area.
- | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| A. physical characteristics | C. human characteristics |
| B. economic characteristics | D. governmental characteristics |
6. The _____ was a document written by settlers of the Plymouth colony in 1620 as an agreement to establish a government supported by the people.
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|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| A. Mayflower Compact | C. Charter of Establishment |
| B. Fundamental Orders of Connecticut | D. Social Contract |
7. The _____ all deal with rights of the accused.
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|---------------------------------|--|
| A. Bill of Rights | C. 13 th , 14 th , and 15 th Amendments |
| B. 4th, 5th, and 6th Amendments | D. Articles of the Constitution |
8. A group of German immigrants helped establish _____ in 1845 and began expanding the settlement to allow for more immigration.
- | | |
|------------------|----------------|
| A. New Braunfels | C. Nacogdoches |
| B. Austin | D. Amarillo |

9. The first group of colonists to establish a town in the San Antonio area were _____.
A. Castilian
B. Saharan Berbers
C. Canary Islanders
D. Moroccan
10. A system of government that is centralized, dictatorial, and requires its citizens to live according to strict rules is known as _____.
A. a monarchy
B. totalitarianism
C. an oligarchy
D. republicanism



11. _____ immigrants first arrived in Texas in the 1870s as part of railroad construction projects.
A. Chinese
B. German
C. Irish
D. Czech
12. In the United States, mining became a significant economic feature of the _____ in the mid-1800s and helped attract settlers and develop infrastructure.
A. West
B. East
C. South
D. North
13. Alvar Nuñez Cabeza de Vaca stated that he and around 30 men survived by _____ before two ships and the rest of their crews were lost during a storm.
A. jumping overboard
B. going ashore
C. tying themselves to the mast
D. escaping into smaller boats
14. All of the following are examples of unlimited systems of governments **EXCEPT** for _____.
A. democracy
B. absolute monarchy
C. theocracy
D. dictatorship

"On account of this cure they made many dances and festivities, as is their custom."

15. The above excerpt from *The Journey of Alvar Nuñez Cabeza de Vaca* refers to when Natives celebrated after Cabeza _____.
A. brewed a medicinal potion
B. helped break a child's fever
C. set a fractured leg
D. performed a surgery

16. Alvar Nuñez Cabeza de Vaca remained with the Avavare for about eight months during his Journey and acted as _____.
A. a commander of hunting parties
B. a healer for people from all over
C. an advisor to the local leader
D. an interpreter during trading festivals

17. The city of _____ takes its name from the Spanish word for yellow which most likely described the local wildflowers.
A. Blanco
B. Dallas
C. Amarillo
D. Laredo

Cities in Texas

- El Paso
- San Antonio
- Houston
- Laredo

18. All of the cities listed above are examples of Spanish influence on names of Texas cities **EXCEPT** for _____.
A. El Paso
B. San Antonio
C. Houston
D. Laredo

19. In Coronado's *Report to the King of Spain*, he received a _____ from a "chief Indian" in Quivira, which he sent to back to the viceroy of New Spain.
A. set of furs
B. piece of copper
C. golden idol
D. ceremonial spear

20. The _____ section of the United States has had several large port cities and urban areas on the coast that attracted immigration, industrialization, and finance through most of the country's history.
A. northeast
B. southeast
C. northwest
D. southwest

21. During the *Journey of Alvar Nuñez Cabeza de Vaca*, the group first departed in June 1527, but did not arrive in Florida until _____.
A. July 1527
B. April 1528
C. June 1529
D. December 1530

22. The idea of a limited central government that is in use in the United States today can trace its origins to the traditions established by the _____.
A. Federalist Papers
B. Olive Branch Petition
C. Magna Carta
D. Declaration of Independence

23. Gold, Glory, and God describe three _____ of European countries seeking colonies.
A. discouragements
B. obstacles
C. governments
D. motivations

24. Coronado mentioned in his *Report to the King of Spain* that the best place he found during his explorations for producing the products of Spain was _____.

- A. the province of Quivira
- B. a settlement on the South Sea
- C. the province of Cibola
- D. the river of Tiguex

25. Private property, entrepreneurship, and competition are all features of the _____.

- A. command economy
- B. free enterprise system
- C. socialist economic system
- D. communist economy

Features of American Colonies

- Representative government
- Basic rights of citizens
- Protections for private property

26. The traits listed above were traditions from _____ government that heavily influenced colonists.

- A. France's
- B. the Cherokee
- C. the Spanish
- D. England's

27. Japan and South Korea were heavily influenced by the _____ after WWII and during the 1950s, which led them to adopt limited governments.

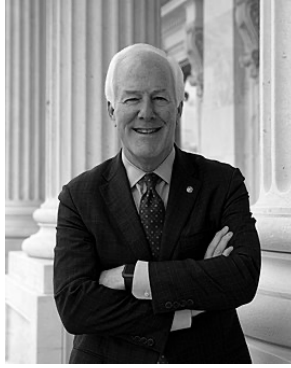
- A. Soviet Union
- B. United Nations
- C. United States
- D. Chinese

28. Comanche, Apache, and Kiowa were all cultures most associated with the _____ region.

- A. Gulf Coast
- B. Piney Woods
- C. Great Plains
- D. Mississippi Valley

29. The _____ region of Texas is divided into the three main sub-regions of forested East Texas, the humid prairies, and the sub-humid plains of South Texas.

- A. Great Plains
- B. Mountains and Basin
- C. Eastern Woodlands
- D. Coastal Plains



30. Current United States Senator for Texas, _____ is shown in the picture above.
- A. Mitch McConnell
 - B. John Cornyn
 - C. Sid Miller
 - D. Greg Abbott
31. In Coronado's *Report to the King of Spain*, he wrote that he did not think a Spanish settlement would be possible due to all of the following reasons **EXCEPT** _____.
- A. the area was too cold during the winters
 - B. the area does not have sources of wood
 - C. the area was too difficult to defend from invasion
 - D. the area does not have enough material to make cloth
32. Many of the European powers that explored North America in the 16th and 17th centuries were looking for a faster trade route to _____.
- A. Africa
 - B. Asia
 - C. South America
 - D. the Mediterranean
33. All of the following are responsible for administering public education in Texas **EXCEPT** for the _____.
- A. Texas Education Agency
 - B. Education Council of Texas
 - C. State Board of Education
 - D. Commissioner of Education
34. Laissez-faire refers to the idea that the government should _____.
- A. have a limited influence on the economy
 - B. make most decisions concerning what should be produced
 - C. promote innovation by financing business and research
 - D. make laws that promote education and civic participation
35. The British policy of _____ towards its North American colonies resulted in a lack of enforcement of some laws and rules, especially those concerning trade.
- A. decriminalization
 - B. salutary neglect
 - C. mercantilism
 - D. indirect rule
36. The _____ sets policies and standards for Texas public schools. This involves reviewing and adopting instructional materials.
- A. Texas Legislature
 - B. Governor's office
 - C. State Board of Education
 - D. Commissioner of Education

37. All of the following are examples of economic institutions **EXCEPT** for _____.
A. agricultural practices
B. trade
C. holiday traditions
D. exchange of money
38. The Great Plains region of Texas is located mainly in the _____ and is characterized by canyons, escarpments, and plateaus.
A. Texas Gulf Coast
B. Texas Panhandle
C. Permian Basin
D. Eastern Woodlands
39. _____ is necessary for a representative government to continue to be successful.
A. Civic participation
B. Economic participation
C. Uniform voter turnout
D. Volunteering in the armed forces
40. Coronado's *Report to the King of Spain* stated that Natives told him false stories about great settlements to try and _____.
A. have his forces attack their enemies in those lands
B. help them explore new areas they had not seen
C. help them find new food sources and kill more animals
D. have his forces die of hunger while searching

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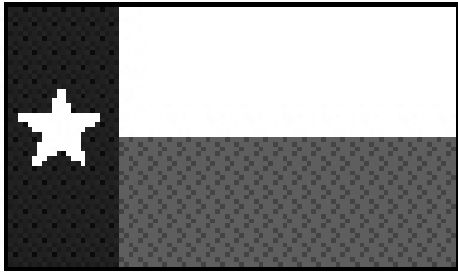
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1. Leaders of the Texas independence movement first officially announced their separation from Mexico at _____.
A. Washington-on-the-Brazos
B. Austin
C. The Alamo
D. San Jacinto
2. The desire for financial gain that acts as an incentive in the free enterprise system is known as _____.
A. exploitation
B. opportunity cost
C. profit motive
D. entrepreneurship
3. The first permanent European settlement in, what is now, the United States was _____. It was founded by Spain in 1565.
A. St. Augustine
B. New Orleans
C. Roanoke
D. Quebec

**Influence of the Spanish Government
in Colonial Texas**

- Roman Catholicism
- Representative government
- Central town squares
- Administration by appointed leaders

4. All of the following examples in the diagram above belong in the box **EXCEPT** for _____.
A. Roman Catholicism
B. Representative government
C. Central town squares
D. Administration by appointed leaders
5. _____ is an essential characteristic of the free enterprise economic system. It is a transaction where consumers and producers trade goods and services freely.
A. Profit motive
B. Investment opportunity
C. Technological innovation
D. Voluntary exchange
6. In 1608, Pierre de Mons and Samuel de Champlain founded the first permanent _____ settlement in the St. Lawrence Valley at Quebec City.
A. British
B. French
C. Dutch
D. Swiss

"Above all things Do not advertise _____ that the Country people may know it if they Perceive that they are but Common men and that with the Loss of many of theirs they Deminish any part of Yours they will make Adventures upon You..."

7. The above excerpt from *The Instructions for the Virginia Company* can best be completed by that statement that Natives should not be allowed to know _____.
A. when members of the settlement have been killed or are sick
B. where the grain or harvest is stored
C. what other countries have established settlements
D. how the cannons or firearms work or are repaired
8. Francisco Coronado was a Spanish conquistador that explored the _____ and searched for the Seven Cities of Gold.
A. Mississippi River
B. Florida coast
C. Missouri River
D. Palo Duro Canyon
9. The factor of production most affected by drought and a lack of readily available water sources is/are _____.
A. capital
B. natural resources
C. entrepreneurship
D. technology



10. William Penn was a devout member of the _____ faith. He helped settle the colony of Pennsylvania which allowed for freedom of worship.
A. Catholic
B. Mormon
C. Quaker
D. Puritan
11. Shipbuilding was most significant in the economy of the _____ colonies.
A. Middle
B. Southern
C. French
D. New England
12. All of the following were motivations for the Spanish to explore and settle Texas **EXCEPT** for _____.
A. spreading Christianity
B. finding precious metals
C. expanding the influence of the King
D. furthering religious freedom

13. When _____ is/are in short supply in an economy it can result in a lack of development and the need for foreign involvement.
- A. labor
B. natural resources
C. entrepreneurship
D. capital
14. The _____ was the dangerous and often deadly journey by enslaved Africans from West Africa to the West Indies where they were to be sold.
- A. triangular trade
B. mercantile system
C. middle passage
D. trail of tears
15. The Mayflower Compact was needed to create a new agreement for governing because the passenger's original leaders' authority was meant for a settlement in _____.
- A. Florida
B. Virginia
C. New England
D. Canada

- Right to vote
- Speak freely
- Protest peacefully

16. All the items listed above are best described as examples of _____.
- A. political rights
B. economic rights
C. personal rights
D. personal responsibilities
17. _____ is the factor of production that is readily available in several Southwest Asian economies due to the sale of oil.
- A. Capital
B. Natural resources
C. Labor
D. Entrepreneurship
18. The settlement site recommended by *The Instructions for the Virginia Company* needed to be not too moist and also not too _____.
- A. mountainous
B. dry
C. covered by woods
D. near a lake
19. All of the following were listed as reasons needed for the creation of the Mayflower Compact **EXCEPT** for the need _____?
- A. to enact ordinances
B. to raise an army
C. to frame laws
D. to constitute officers
20. The ability to own property, change employment, or join a union are examples of _____ in a society with a representative government.
- A. political rights
B. economic rights
C. personal rights
D. voting rights



21. As of 2024, _____ served as the Attorney General of the United States.
A. Tom Vilsack
B. Merrick Garland
C. Christopher Wray
D. Antony Blinken
22. According to the Charter, future governors and other officers of the Massachusetts Bay Company _____.
A. were appointed by the king
B. inherited their positions
C. would be elected by members of the company
D. were appointed for life
23. A free enterprise system requires competition in order to thrive, but the British government tried to limit that in its colonies by using a _____ system.
A. capitalist
B. command
C. mercantilist
D. free trade
24. Free speech, right to property, and the ability to freely exercise a religion are all key components of societies with _____ governments.
A. unlimited
B. representative
C. traditional
D. communist
25. As of 2024, _____ was the Secretary of State for the United States.
A. Antony Blinken
B. Lloyd Austin
C. Hakeem Jefferies
D. Chuck Schumer
26. The first Governor of the Massachusetts Bay Company was _____.
A. Matthew Cradock
B. William Bradford
C. John Smith
D. Jonathan Edwards
27. Crops such as indigo, rice, and sugar were mainly grown in the _____ colonies.
A. western
B. northern
C. middle
D. southern

Limited Governments

- Australia
- South Korea
- Philippines

28. Another example of a limited government would be _____.
A. New Zealand
B. Cuba
C. Syria
D. North Korea
29. As of 2024, the United States Senate Majority Leader was _____.
A. Rand Paul
B. Ted Cruz
C. John Cornyn
D. Chuck Schumer
30. All of the following are examples of unlimited government systems **EXCEPT** for _____.
A. dictatorship
B. totalitarianism
C. single-party rule
D. republic
31. The _____ became an example of representative government that was imitated by many other British colonies as more were established in North America.
A. House of Lords
B. Continental Congress
C. New York State Assembly
D. Virginia House of Burgesses
32. The first English settlement attempted in North America was founded in 1585 at _____ by Sir Walter Raleigh.
A. Jamestown
B. Plymouth
C. Roanoke Island
D. Popham
33. The Mayflower Compact states that the signers wanted to combine themselves into a _____ for a better chance at preservation and success in their goals.
A. "house of Congress"
B. "civil body politick"
C. "more perfect Union"
D. "a humble religion"
34. Enslaved people in American colonies were mainly used in the production of _____.
A. manufactured goods
B. cotton and plantation crops
C. ships and trading vessels
D. cottage industries
35. The leadership positions created by The Massachusetts Bay Charter were able to create laws and rules for the colony as long as they were _____.
A. not in opposition to English laws
B. fair to all people of all backgrounds
C. voted on by all inhabitants
D. based on the Old Testament
36. China, Laos, and Vietnam are all examples of _____.
A. unlimited governments
B. limited government
C. market economies
D. mixed-market economies

37. An agreement among people in a group to cooperate for the benefits of the community is known as a _____.
A. constitution
B. bill of rights
C. social contract
D. charter
38. One of the main reasons that the _____ tried to establish colonies in North and South America was to spread the influence of Catholicism.
A. British
B. Spanish
C. French
D. Germans
39. An example of the _____ spirit of colonists in North America was their development of cottage industries to produce goods and start businesses.
A. laissez-faire
B. entrepreneurial
C. mercantilist
D. patriotic
40. Wages in the United States under a free enterprise system are generally determined by _____.
A. the availability of natural resources
B. what society values
C. federal legislation
D. state law

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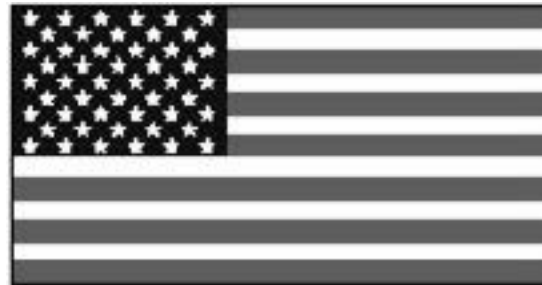
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1. The _____ were known for building dome shaped huts, having an organized government, and having women play important roles in their culture. They also introduced the word “tejas” to Europeans.
A. Wichita
B. Tigua
C. Caddo
D. Atakapan
2. During the *Journey of Álvar Núñez Cabeza de Vaca*, he and about 40 survivors wrecked on an island they eventually called _____.
A. This Island of Ill-Fate
B. Francisco Island
C. Port Redemption
D. Port Arthur
3. In Texas, local _____ are elected by the citizens of their communities to oversee the management of schools and their operations.
A. city councils
B. school boards
C. Parent Teacher Organizations
D. Education Agency
4. Enlightenment thinkers, such as John Locke, helped popularize the idea that governments should be _____ amongst its citizens.
A. feared and respected
B. seen as god-like
C. a social contract
D. chosen yearly
5. *La Relación*, written by _____, inspired other Spanish explorers, such as Marcos de Niza, to search for gold in Cibola.
A. Hernando de Soto
B. Álvar Núñez Cabeza de Vaca
C. Francisco Vasquez de Coronado
D. Ferdinand Magellan
6. The 10th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution reserves powers for the _____.
A. federal governments
B. executive branch
C. judicial branch
D. state governments
7. During the *Journey of Álvar Núñez Cabeza de Vaca*, he was enslaved by various tribes including the _____.
A. Navajo and Apache
B. Hans and Capoques
C. Aztec and Maya
D. Seminole and Creek



8. As of 2024, the Speaker of the House in the Texas legislature was _____.
 A. Dade Phelan
 B. Joe Strauss
 C. Dan Patrick
 D. Greg Abbott
9. The first elected legislative body established in the British colonies was located in _____.
 A. Massachusetts
 B. Washington D.C.
 C. Philadelphia
 D. Virginia
10. The Seventh Amendment of the Bill of Rights guarantees the right to a _____.
 A. civil trial
 B. criminal trial
 C. grand jury hearing
 D. speedy trial
11. All of the following are physical characteristics of a region **EXCEPT** for _____.
 A. religion
 B. weather patterns
 C. landforms
 D. bodies of water
12. As of 2024, _____ acted as the President of the Texas Senate.
 A. Dade Phelan
 B. Dan Patrick
 C. Chuck Schumer
 D. Kamala Harris

1718 Map of Area Surrounding Los Adeas



13. French soldiers attacked the Spanish mission at Los Adeas in 1719 causing a massive overreaction and retreat from surrounding Spanish settlements that became known as the _____.
 A. Chicken War
 B. War of the Quadruple Alliance
 C. French and Indian War
 D. War of the Missions

14. In the early to mid-1800s, states in the _____ part of the U.S. supported the use of the federal government to aid in construction of roads, canals, and increased transportation opportunities to help connect their newer settlements to more established markets.
- A. western
 - B. eastern
 - C. northern
 - D. southern
15. In his report to the King of Spain, Coronado stated that he found the area he explored to be _____.
- A. exactly as Friar Marcos had described
 - B. even more rich than Friar Marcos had described
 - C. nothing like Friar Marcos described
 - D. a new place that was not previously known

The Establishment Clause

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion,"

16. The establishment clause of the _____ guarantees that the government cannot mandate a religion.
- A. 5th Amendment
 - B. 4th Amendment
 - C. 10th Amendment
 - D. 1st Amendment
17. _____ is the largest metropolitan area in Texas.
- A. San Antonio
 - B. Austin
 - C. Dallas-Ft. Worth
 - D. El Paso
18. The names of places in Texas such as Corpus Christi, Comal, and Hidalgo are examples of the influence of the _____ language in Texas history.
- A. Spanish
 - B. French
 - C. Tonkawa
 - D. Karankawa
19. Boston, New York City, and Philadelphia are all significant urban centers with major ports connected to the _____.
- A. Gulf of Mexico
 - B. Pacific Ocean
 - C. Atlantic Ocean
 - D. Great Lakes
20. Coronado's Report to the King of Spain stated that he was sure there _____ in the area he explored.
- A. was no water source
 - B. was no gold
 - C. were more animals than in Europe
 - D. were hidden cities
21. Today, most South American countries feature _____.
- A. command economies
 - B. unlimited governments
 - C. limited governments
 - D. monarchies

22. All of the following are geographic regions in Texas **EXCEPT** for the _____.
A. Guadalupe Mountains
B. Hill Country
C. Rio Grande Valley
D. Red River Valley
23. All of the following are features of the free enterprise system **EXCEPT** for _____.
A. public ownership of utilities
B. consumer choice
C. competition
D. profit motive
24. Coronado reported to the King of Spain that he found foods, like nuts and sweet grapes, similar to _____.
A. those found in South America
B. those found in Spain
C. nothing he had ever seen
D. what he had heard in legends
25. The discrimination and attacks on Uighurs in China by the government is an example of _____ by an unlimited government.
A. suppression of political dissidents
B. human rights abuses
C. censoring of information
D. limiting free speech
26. All of the following are examples of Spanish influence on names of foods popular in Texas **EXCEPT** for _____.
A. enchiladas
B. tortillas
C. tamales
D. kolaches
27. The _____ was an area of settlements stretching across the south central part of Texas from around Galveston and the coast to Kerrville and the Hill Country.
A. German Belt
B. French Quarter
C. Irish diaspora
D. Swedish enclave

- Adobe
- Hacienda
- Presidio

28. All of the above are Spanish terms that are used to describe _____.
A. systems of government
B. ranks in the military
C. elected officials
D. types of buildings
29. All of the following are benefits of the free enterprise system **EXCEPT** for _____.
A. responsive prices
B. equal distribution
C. consumer choice
D. variety of goods

"{This} has hindered me, because I have been forced to send captains and men in many directions to find out whether there was anything in the country which could be of service to Your Majesty."

30. In Coronado's Report to the King of Spain, he stated that one of the difficulties in finding information about the areas was that _____.

- A. Native writings could not be translated
- B. Natives refused to speak to him or his men
- C. Natives spoke a different language in each village
- D. Natives knew nothing about other people in the area

31. All of the following are examples of countries with unlimited government **EXCEPT** for _____.

- A. Saudi Arabia
- B. Australia
- C. Iran
- D. Cuba

32. Many immigrant groups from _____ came to Texas fleeing the upheaval caused by conflicts across the continent in 1848.

- A. Europe
- B. Asia
- C. South America
- D. Africa

Countries Competing to Establish Colonies in North America

- England
- Spain
- ?

33. Exploration of North America was mainly sparked by competition between the European powers of England, Spain, and _____.

- A. Germany
- B. Italy
- C. France
- D. Belgium

34. The *Journey of Álvar Nuñez Cabeza de Vaca* started with about 600 men, but more than 140 stayed at their first stop due to _____.

- A. sickness and disease that spread rapidly
- B. promises made to them by people in Santo Domingo
- C. being captured by French naval forces
- D. ships being sunk coming into the jagged harbor

- Right to petition
- Right to a trial
- Freedom from excessive bail and punishments

35. Many of the rights first listed in the _____ in 1689 acted as inspiration for the first ten amendment of the U.S. Constitution.
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| A. Magna Carta | C. English Bill of Rights |
| B. Fundamental Orders of Connecticut | D. Mayflower Compact |
36. Alexander Hamilton, John Jay, and James Madison argued in the _____ that the U.S. Constitution would make the country more stable while still limiting the powers of the government.
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| A. Federalist Papers | C. Committees of Correspondence |
| B. Kentucky and Virginia Resolutions | D. Declaration of Independence |
37. _____ immigrants were not a significant group in Texas until the 1970s when large numbers sought to escape a communist regime and seek more economic opportunities.
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| A. Chinese | C. Polish |
| B. Vietnamese | D. Russian |
38. In order to expand the economies of the European nations, they required _____ from potential colonies in North America.
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| A. raw materials | C. manufactured goods |
| B. laborers | D. immigration |
39. The _____ was established in 1949 as the state of Texas' administrative agent to supervise the public school system.
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| A. State Board of Education |
| B. Texas Education Agency |
| C. State Superintendent of Public Instruction |
| D. University of Texas Board of Regents |
40. During the *Journey of Álvar Nuñez Cabeza de Vaca* while on an island, he and his company were asked to act as _____ for the Natives. When they tried to refuse, their food was withheld.
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| A. entertainers | C. medicine men |
| B. watchmen | D. raiders |

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| 2. A | 22. D |
| 3. B | 23. A |
| 4. C | 24. B |
| 5. B | 25. B |
| 6. D | 26. D |
| 7. B | 27. A |
| 8. A | 28. D |
| 9. D | 29. B |
| 10. A | 30. C |
| 11. A | 31. B |
| 12. B | 32. A |
| 13. A | 33. C |
| 14. A | 34. B |
| 15. C | 35. C |
| 16. D | 36. A |
| 17. C | 37. B |
| 18. A | 38. A |
| 19. C | 39. B |
| 20. B | 40. C |