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Great Depression Unit Test

Part I: Matching

Please match the description with the proper New Deal program. Answers may be used more than once.

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| _____ 1. Helped build airports, public buildings, bridges, and roads | A. Works Progress Administration |
| _____ 2. Punished dishonest sales of stocks and bonds in the United States | B. Agricultural Adjustment Act |
| _____ 3. Started the American welfare system that exists today | C. Federal Deposit Insurance Commission |
| _____ 4. Provided millions of Americans with jobs as artists, writers, and musicians | D. Tennessee Valley Authority |
| _____ 5. Raised prices of goods by paying workers to limit production | E. Securities and Exchange Commission |
| _____ 6. Provided affordable electric power to poor states | F. Social Security Administration |
| _____ 7. Formed in response to the bank failures across the United States | |
| _____ 8. Provided income to retired wage earners | |

Part II: Multiple Choice

Please select the **best** answer for each of the following questions.

9. Which of the following was **not** a cause of the Great Depression?

- A. International economic crisis
- B. Stock market crash
- C. Hoover's presidency
- D. Bank failures

10. *"It is the American system.... It is founded upon the conception that only through ordered liberty, freedom and equal opportunity to the individual will his initiative and enterprise spur on the march of progress."*

What idea does this quote support?

- A. Rugged Individualism
- B. Communism
- C. Public Works Projects
- D. Democracy

11. The Bonus Army is an example of how...

- A. International trade decreased because of military pressure.
- B. The Great Depression affected the lives of WWI veterans.
- C. The American government cooperated with soldiers to give them early bonuses.
- D. Hitler came to power through military force in Europe.

12. Purchasing stock with borrowed money is called...

- A. Overspeculation
- B. Buying on margin
- C. Refinance
- D. International tariffs

13. Which of the following was a result of the Hawley-Smoot Tariff?

- A. Decrease in international trade
- B. Decrease in the unemployment rate
- C. Increase in the consumer price index
- D. Increase in stock market prices

14. How did the role of government change during the Great Depression?

- A. The government admitted it had failed the American people.
- B. The government refused to help people recover from the depression.
- C. The government was now concerned about the social welfare of the American people.
- D. The government became more of a dictatorship.

15. What opinion toward the New Deal is expressed in the cartoon below?



- A. New Deal programs did not provide enough jobs for unemployed Americans.
- B. The policies and programs of the New Deal were unconstitutional.
- C. The costs of the New Deal were excessive.
- D. New Deal programs violated America's free economic system.

16. Approximately what percent of the Americans were unemployed during the worst years of the Great Depression?

- A. 10%
- B. 25%
- C. 50%
- D. 75%

17. What happened on Black Tuesday in 1929?

- A. The Bonus Army marched on Washington.
- B. President Hoover signed the Hawley-Smoot Tariff.
- C. The stock market crashed.
- D. Hitler took power in Germany.

18. One of FDR's first actions as president was to close the _____ system so it could be fixed.

- A. Stock market
- B. Bank
- C. School
- D. Church

19. How did the New Deal change the United States government?

- A. It decreased the government's responsibility for social welfare
- B. It increased the government's responsibility for social welfare
- C. It decreased the government's role in regulating the economy
- D. It increased the government's role in regulating the Supreme Court

20. What effect did fireside chats have on the American people?

- A. Kept them informed about Hoover's policies
- B. Worried them about the dust storms in the West
- C. Angered them about the Great Depression
- D. Helped them gain confidence in FDR as president

21. Movies like *Gone With the Wind*, *Casablanca*, and *The Wizard of Oz* were all forms of _____ for the American people during the Great Depression.

- A. Escapism
- B. Communism
- C. Fascism
- D. Social Criticism

22. "*We have nothing to fear but fear itself!*"

Who is the author of this quote?

- A. Herbert Hoover
- B. Franklin D. Roosevelt
- C. Eleanor Roosevelt
- D. Woodrow Wilson

23. The Dust Bowl farmers in the picture below were most likely migrating to which state to find work?



- A. California
- B. Oklahoma
- C. Pennsylvania
- D. Virginia

24. During the Great Depression, the American government sponsored public works projects like the Hoover Dam. Which of the following is a result of this action?

- A. Unemployment increased
- B. International trade increased
- C. Federal spending increased
- D. Federal spending stayed the same

25. During times of economic depression, which form of government would seem tempting to many people, and was used by many countries in Europe during the 1930s?

- A. Capitalism
- B. Communism
- C. Nationalism
- D. Democracy

26. What finally gets the American economy out of the Great Depression?

- A. New Deal
- B. Roosevelt's leadership
- C. Motivation and work ethic of the American people
- D. World War II

27. The map below depicts the area known as the _____ during the 1930s.



- A. Great Plains
- B. Dust Bowl
- C. Hooverilles
- D. Ohio River Valley

28. What impact of the Great Depression is portrayed in this photograph?



- A. Breadlines
- B. Hoovervilles
- C. The stock market
- D. Bank failure

29. The purpose of the New Deal was to...

- A. Create jobs for unemployed Americans.
- B. Decrease federal spending.
- C. Promote the idea of Rugged Individualism.
- D. Increase the amount of stocks bought on margin.

30. What impact of the Great Depression is being portrayed in this photograph?



- A. The crash of stock market prices due to overspeculation and buying on the margin
- B. The failure of the Federal Reserve to help prevent a collapse of the banking system
- C. The establishment of Bank Holidays by President Roosevelt
- D. The collapse of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

Part III: Matching

Please match the idea or person on the left with the correct political approaches on the right. Answers may be used more than once.

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| _____ 31. The New Deal | A. Conservative |
| _____ 32. Rugged Individualism | B. Liberal |
| _____ 33. Communism in Europe | C. Radical |
| _____ 34. Franklin D. Roosevelt | |

