

## PRACTICE MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS

Questions 1-3 refer to the image below

THE REAL TROUBLE WILL COME WITH THE "WAKE."



Source: Joseph Keppler, *Puck*, August 15, 1900 (adapted)

1. What development from c. 1900 best describes what is being depicted in the cartoon?
  - a. The Qing Dynasty utilized traditional methods of Confucianism and imperial bureaucracy to maintain power
  - b. Some Asian states sought to limit the disruptive economic and cultural effects of European dominated trade by restrictive or isolationist policies
  - c. The formation of a new political elite in China
  - d. The older, land-based empires collapsed due to a combination of internal and external factors
2. What continuity is best depicted from the period between the World Wars (1918 -1939) in this cartoon?
  - a. China saw the rise of a Communist Party attempting to take control of the state
  - b. American imperial expansion relied on gunpowder weapons being used against those who did not have access to them
  - c. Discontent with monarchist rule encouraged rebellion and dissent
  - d. Japan maintained control over colonial holdings and in some cases gained additional territories through conquest

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3. What was the impact of continued imperial aggression and internal tensions during and after World War II in China?
- The beginning of the Cold War
  - Chinese Communists seized power
  - Decolonization efforts began under the leadership of Deng Xiaoping
  - A rights-based discourse led the human rights and freedoms for ethnic minorities

**Questions 4-6 refer to the passage below**

“Article XXV. The provinces of Bosnia and Herzegovina shall be occupied and administered by Austria-Hungary. The government of Austria-Hungary, not desiring to undertake the administration of the Sanjak of Novi-Pazar [modern Kosovo Province], which extends between Serbia and Montenegro in a South-Easterly direction to the other side of Mitrovitza, the Ottoman administration will continue to exercise its functions there\*. Nevertheless, in order to assure the maintenance of the new political state of affairs, as well as freedom and security of communications, Austria-Hungary reserves the right of keeping garrisons and having military and commercial roads in the whole of this part of the ancient vilayet of Bosnia. To this end the governments of Austria-Hungary and Turkey reserve to themselves to come to an understanding on the details.

Article XXXIV. The High Contracting Parties recognize the independence of the Principality of Serbia, subject to the conditions set forth in the following Article.”

\* The regions being described are in the Balkans

**Source:** “The Treaty of Berlin, 1878” - signed by Austria-Hungary, France, Germany, Great Britain and Ireland, Italy, Russia, and the Ottoman Empire for the Settlement of Affairs in the East following the Russo-Turkish War of 1877-1878

4. The treaty above is evidence of which of the following historical developments in the late 19th and early 20th centuries?
- Territorial and regional conflicts combined with imperial expansion that eventually escalated tensions into the first World War
  - Economic imperialism practiced by industrialized states and the businesses within them led to growing conflicts
  - Western powers gaining additional territories between the World Wars caused tensions that led to the first World War
  - European states using diplomacy to expand their empires in Africa led to conflicts and the start of the Ottoman-Austrian War
5. Directly after World War II, the territories mentioned in the passage faced what challenge that shaped their development until the end of the 20th century?
- The Great Leap Forward initiated by Serbia led to weak economic development
  - A growing population faced with food shortages
  - The migration of colonial subjects to their metropole led to rapid urbanization, housing shortages and crumbling infrastructure
  - The Soviet Union emerged as a superpower and was determined to maintain influence over eastern Europe starting the Cold War

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6. The World Wars differed from previous wars in what way?
- New military technology led to increased levels of wartime casualties
  - New Islamic political entities fought against European states for the first time
  - New ship designs made travel to war zones faster leading to a truly worldwide conflict
  - Coerced labor was used to fill the ranks of European militaries

**Questions 7-9 refer to the passage below**

“What are the results of the Five-Year Plan in four years in the sphere of *industry*?...

We did not have an iron and steel industry, the foundation for the industrialization of the country. Now we have this industry.

We did not have a tractor industry. Now we have one.

We did not have an automobile industry. Now we have one.

We did not have a machine-tool industry. Now we have one.

We did not have a big and up-to-date chemical industry. Now we have one.

We did not have a real and big industry for the production of modern agricultural machinery. Now we have one.

We did not have an aircraft industry. Now we have one.

In output of electric power we were last on the list. Now we rank among the first.

In the output of oil products and coal we were last on the list. Now we rank among the first...

And as a result of all this the capitalist elements have been completely and irrevocably eliminated from industry, and socialist industry has become the sole form of industry in the U.S.S.R....

Finally, as a result of all this the Soviet Union has been converted from a weak country, unprepared for defense, into a country mighty in defense, a country prepared for every contingency, and a country capable of producing on a mass scale all modern weapons of defense and of equipping its army with them in the event of an attack from without ...”

**Source:** Joseph Stalin. “The Results of the First Five Year Plan.” 1933

7. Stalin’s Five-Year Plan was a response to Russia’s weak economy and which of the following developments as indicated in the last paragraph?
- The rise to power of the aggressive and militaristic Nazi Party in Germany
  - Concerns about Japan’s aggressive imperialism
  - The economic rise of the United States due to their industrial capacity
  - A desire to replace China as the leading Communist state

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8. How was the response of the United States to the Great Depression similar to the Soviet response to their own weak economy?
- They began their own Five-Year Plan
  - They loosened government regulations on business to let the Free-Market fix the situation
  - They took complete control of industry in a program called corporatism
  - They took a more active role in economic life by enacting the New Deal
9. What continuity in the World Wars did the economic actions of the Soviet Union and the United States in the 1930s prepare them for?
- Aggressive Imperialism
  - The use of political propaganda in support of the war effort
  - Total War with all aspects of the economy focused on the war effort
  - The rise of fascism as a guiding principle in the Americas

**Questions 10-11 refer to the passage below**

"Today, as I begin to write an account of my experiences after five years and several months have passed, the wretched scenes of that time float up before my eyes like phantoms. And as these phantoms appear, I can actually hear the pathetic groans, the screams...

I, who cannot forget, was in the fifth year of primary school when it happened. To escape the frequent air raids, I and my sisters had been evacuated to the home of our relatives in the country but on August 2, I returned to my home at Naka Kakomachi (near the former, Prefectural Office) during the summer vacation, to recover from the effects of a summer illness that had left me very weak...

I was just starting on my second bowl of rice. At that moment, a bluish-white ray of light like a magnesium flare hit me in the face, a terrific roar tore at my eardrums and it became so dark I could not see anything. I stood up, dropping my rice bowl and chopsticks. I do not know what happened next or how long I was unconscious. When I came to, I found myself trapped under what seemed like a heavy rock, but my head was free...

Nothing was left of the Hiroshima of a few minutes ago. The houses and buildings had been destroyed and the streets transformed into a black desert, with only flames from burning buildings giving a lurid illumination to the dark sky over Hiroshima."

**Source:** Iwao Nakamura, 11th Grade Boy (5th Grade at the Time). 1951

10. The scene described in the passage was a result of which twentieth century development?
- The collapse of older, land-based empires due to a combination of internal and external factors
  - New military technology that led to increased levels of wartime casualties
  - The Soviet Union's government controlled economy that led to negative repercussions for the population
  - Japan's increased control over colonial holdings and anti-imperial resistance

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11. Across Eurasia, the World Wars brought similar levels of trauma to other groups of people. What most led to these atrocities?
- a. Hopes of greater self-government were largely unfulfilled leading to anti-imperialist uprisings
  - b. The weak world economy led to multiple communist revolutions with violent and bloody protests
  - c. The rise of extremist groups in power who attempted to destroy specific populations in acts of genocide or ethnic violence
  - d. China's Great Leap Forward relied on repressive policies and negative repercussions for the population