

Part B: Stimulus-Based Multiple Choice Questions – Study each stimulus carefully. Use your knowledge of history as well as the information gathered from the stimulus to select the *best* answer choice.

For different reasons I have delayed writing much longer than I intended to first because the mail line was hardly in good running order 2nd I wanted to get past all the worst part of the road & 3rd I have scarcely had an opportunity to write...We crossed green river this day one week ago. There was a ferry there on which we crossed the wagons, & [inserted: we] swam the cattle...We began to meet emigrants from the states on Hams fork & have met them daily ever since. Mostly Horse & mule trains some of the Largest Horses Mares & Mules I ever saw...from all reports there is a heavy emigration ahead of us & after a while we hardly expect to find room to corral.

Letter by Samuel Russell to mother and sisters, Utah, 1862

1. Which of the following accurately describes a similarity shared by migrants in Russell's time and those in earlier periods of American history?
 - A) Migrants were motivated by religious factors.
 - B) Migrants experienced few hardships in their journeys.
 - C) Migrants indentured themselves in exchange for transportation.
 - D) Migrants were motivated primarily by a desire for novel experiences.

Resolved: That the Constitution confers upon Congress sovereign powers over the Territories of the United States for their government; and that in the exercise of this power, it is both the right and the imperative duty of Congress to prohibit in the Territories those twin relics of barbarism – Polygamy, and Slavery.

Resolved: That a railroad to the Pacific Ocean by the most central and practicable route is imperatively demanded by the interests of the whole country, and that the Federal Government ought to render immediate and efficient aid in its construction, and as an auxiliary thereto, to the immediate construction of an emigrant road on the line of railroad.

Republican Party Platform 1856

2. Which of the following most directly contributed to the formation of the Republican Party?
 - A) the failure of efforts to resettle freed slaves in Liberia
 - B) congressional establishment of popular sovereignty in western territories
 - C) proposals that threatened to give slave states a majority in the Senate
 - D) the publication of anti-slavery novels like *Uncle Tom's Cabin*
3. Which of the following best describes a pattern of continuity in American history reflected in the document?
 - A) Slavery was a key issue that persistently divided Americans into competing political parties.
 - B) Debates about the appropriate role of the national government shaped political parties.
 - C) Competing political parties often reflected regional differences.
 - D) Once formed, political parties rarely change positions on key policy issues.

...War is cruelty, and you cannot refine it; and those who brought war into our country deserve all the curses and maledictions a people can pour out...But you cannot have peace and a division in our country. If the United States submits to a division now, it will not stop, but will go on until we reap the fate of Mexico, which is eternal war.

...we do want and will have a just obedience to the laws of the United States. That we will have, and, if it involves the destruction of your improvements, we cannot help it.

Now that war comes home to you...you deprecate its horrors, but did not feel them when you sent carloads of soldiers and ammunition, and molded shells and shot, to carry war into Kentucky and Tennessee, to desolate the homes of hundreds and thousands of good people who only asked to live in peace...

William T. Sherman, letter to town leaders of Atlanta, Georgia, September 1864

4. Sherman's letter best serves as evidence of which of the following statements?
 - A) Both the North and South mobilized their economies to wage the war.
 - B) Preserving the Union was a major war aim for the North.
 - C) The North enjoyed the advantage of a larger population and greater material resources.
 - D) Ending the institution of slavery was a key objective in the Civil War.
5. Which of the following Union war strategies is most directly illustrated in Sherman's letter?
 - A) total war
 - B) naval blockade
 - C) preventing the Confederacy from gaining European allies
 - D) taking control of key rivers

Our title to the country of the Oregon is "clear and unquestionable," and already are our people preparing to perfect that title by occupying it with their wives and children. But eighty years ago our population was confined on the west by the ridge of the Alleghenies. Within that period--within the lifetime, I might say, of some of my hearers--our people, increasing to many millions, have filled the eastern valley of the Mississippi, adventurously ascended the Missouri to its headsprings, and are already engaged in establishing the blessings of self-government in valleys of which the rivers flow to the Pacific. The world beholds the peaceful triumphs of the industry of our emigrants. To us belongs the duty of protecting them adequately wherever they may be upon our soil. The jurisdiction of our laws and the benefits of our republican institutions should be extended over them in the distant regions which they have selected for their homes.

James K. Polk, Inaugural Address, March 4, 1845

6. Polk's speech best illustrates which of the following arguments made by supporters of Manifest Destiny?
 - A) Western expansion would give the U.S. greater access to Asian markets.
 - B) Western expansion would allow the U.S. to spread its superior culture.
 - C) Western expansion would diversify the U.S. population.
 - D) Western expansion would allow the U.S. greater access to natural resources.
7. Which of the following represents a territory added to the United States in the same period as Polk's speech?
 - A) Florida
 - B) Alaska
 - C) Louisiana
 - D) Texas

The Native American Party. What has given rise to the new party now organized in this city and two or three other places under the above name? Evidently, an influx of foreign labor into a market already overstocked. The existence of this conspicuous evil is clearly the motive of those who form the body, the rank and file, of the Native American Party. The officers and leaders of the party, who are chiefly composed of disappointed office seekers of the other parties are incensed against the foreign population for the very disinterested reason that their occupation of office seeking has been encroached upon by adopted citizens.

Workingman's Advocate, March 23, 1844

8. Which of the following most directly led to the formation of the Native American Party?
 - A) Italian immigration to the U.S.
 - B) The onset of the Mexican-American War
 - C) Irish immigration to the U.S.
 - D) Antebellum patterns of westward migration
9. Which of the following would have been mostly likely to disapprove of the Native American Party?
 - A) A Catholic
 - B) A factory owner
 - C) A Protestant
 - D) A plantation owner

...Soon after the call for militia, it was considered a duty to authorize the Commanding General, in proper cases, according to his discretion, to suspend the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus; or, in other words, to arrest, and detain, without resort to the ordinary processes and forms of law, such individuals as he might deem dangerous to the public safety. This authority has purposely been exercised but very sparingly. Nevertheless, the legality and propriety of what has been done under it, are questioned...[A]re all the laws, *but one*, to go unexecuted, and the government itself go to pieces, lest that one be violated? Even in such a case, would not the official oath be broken, if the government should be overthrown, when it was believed that disregarding the single law would tend to preserve it?

Abraham Lincoln, message to Congress, July 4, 1861

10. Lincoln's message to Congress best serves as evidence to support which of the following statements.
 - A) National leaders made a variety of efforts to calm the controversy over slavery.
 - B) Americans were conflicted about the prospect of employing African American soldiers.
 - C) The Civil War brought significant economic changes to the North.
 - D) The North's population was not unified in its support for the war effort.
11. The document excerpted above illustrates which of the following patterns of continuity in American history?
 - A) Information deemed essential to national security is withheld from the public during times of war.
 - B) U.S. participation in military conflicts has led to changes in the Constitution.
 - C) Military conflicts often coincide with an expansion of executive authority.
 - D) Nationalist sentiments tend to surge during times of war.



Thomas Nast, The Union as it was, The lost cause, Worse than slavery, 1874

12. Which development from Reconstruction does the cartoon most directly address?
 - A) Most former slaves worked as sharecroppers.
 - B) The 14th and 15th Amendments created new opportunities for former slaves.
 - C) Southerners resisted congressional Reconstruction.
 - D) Patterns of land ownership changed little in the post-Civil War South.

13. Which of the following would have been most distressed by this cartoon during Reconstruction?
 - A) the Supreme Court
 - B) a radical Republican
 - C) a Northern Democrat
 - D) a Southern Democrat

Thus was established, by compact between the States, a Government with definite objects and powers, limited to the express words of the grant. This limitation left the whole remaining mass of power subject to the clause reserving it to the States or to the people, and rendered unnecessary any specification of reserved rights...

We affirm that these ends for which this Government was instituted have been defeated, and the Government itself has been made destructive of them by the action of the non-slaveholding States. Those States have assumed the right of deciding upon the propriety of our domestic institutions; and have denied the rights of property...they have denounced as sinful the institution of slavery...They have encouraged and assisted thousands of our slaves to leave their homes...

We, therefore, the People of South Carolina...have solemnly declared that the Union heretofore existing between this State and the other States of North America, is dissolved...

Declaration of the Immediate Causes Which Induce and Justify the Secession of South Carolina from the Federal Union, adopted December 24, 1860

14. Which of the following represents the most immediate cause of South Carolina's actions?

- A) The election of Abraham Lincoln
- B) Announcement of the Emancipation Proclamation
- C) The decision in *Dred Scott v. Sandford*
- D) The Mexican Cession

15. With which of the following statements would the authors of the document excerpted above be most likely to agree?

- A) Slaves experienced conditions more taxing than those of factory workers in the North.
- B) The U.S. Constitution protected slavery.
- C) Abolitionist organizations were weak and ineffectual.
- D) Slavery was an unfortunate, but necessary institution.