Test - The Free Silver Movement

Part I – Fill-in-the-Blank: Use the word bank to complete each sentence.

Word Bank

Farmers money gold Bryan silver
Populists Inflation debt speech currency

1. The Free Silver Movement supported using both gold and _____ as money.
2. Many _____ supported Free Silver because they struggled financially.
3. Supporters believed Free Silver would increase the amount of _____ in circulation.
4. Free Silver supporters hoped inflation would make it easier to repay _____.
5. William Jennings _____ was a famous supporter of Free Silver.
6. The "Cross of Gold" _____ argued against the gold standard.
7. The gold standard limited the amount of _____ in circulation.
8. Many _____ supported the Free Silver Movement during the late 1800s.
9. Free Silver supporters believed more money would help the economy grow through _____.
10. Gold and silver were both forms of _____.

Part II – True or False: Write **T** or **F** for each statement.

1. ____ The Free Silver Movement wanted silver coins to be used as money.
2. ____ Many bankers strongly supported Free Silver.
3. ____ William Jennings Bryan supported the Free Silver Movement.
4. ____ Free Silver supporters believed more money in circulation would help farmers.
5. ____ The gold standard allowed unlimited silver coinage.
6. ____ Inflation can reduce the burden of debt.
7. ____ The Populist Party supported Free Silver.
8. ____ The "Cross of Gold" speech supported the gold standard.
9. ____ Farmers hoped Free Silver would raise crop prices.
10. ____ The Free Silver Movement became important during the late 1800s and early 1900s.

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Part III – Multiple Choice: Choose the best answer for each question.

1. What was the main goal of the Free Silver Movement?
   a. To eliminate all paper money
   b. To increase the money supply using silver
   c. To end farming in the West
   d. To lower wages

2. Which group most strongly supported Free Silver?
   a. Bankers
   b. Railroad owners
   c. Farmers
   d. Factory executives

3. Which economic system did Free Silver supporters oppose?
   a. Mercantilism
   b. Gold standard
   c. Communism
   d. Socialism

4. Why did many farmers support Free Silver?
   a. They wanted higher debt payments
   b. They hoped inflation would help repay debts
   c. They wanted less money in circulation
   d. They opposed silver mining

5. Who gave the famous "Cross of Gold" speech?
   a. Theodore Roosevelt
   b. Andrew Carnegie
   c. William Jennings Bryan
   d. Abraham Lincoln

6. What effect would adding silver to the money supply likely have?
   a. Deflation
   b. Inflation
   c. Fewer jobs
   d. Lower crop prices only

7. Which political group strongly supported Free Silver?
   a. Federalists
   b. Populists
   c. Whigs
   d. Loyalists

8. What did the gold standard do?
   a. Allowed unlimited silver coinage
   b. Backed money only with gold
   c. Increased factory wages
   d. Reduced taxes on railroads

9. Free Silver supporters believed inflation would help:
   a. Debtors
   b. Bankers only
   c. Railroad owners only
   d. Foreign governments

10. The Free Silver debate became especially important during the election of:
    a. 1776
    b. 1860
    c. 1896
    d. 1929

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