

HISTORY – UNIT 2 – ASSESSMENT

HOW SUCCESSFUL WAS THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS?

1 Drag the following events into the correct chronological sequence:

Expulsion of Soviet Russia from the League	1-
Corfu Incident	2-
Germany admitted to membership of the League	3-
Japan leaves the League	4-

2 Which ONE of the following was NOT a formative influence on the League of Nations?

Jan Smuts of South Africa ☐

Woodrow Wilson of the USA ☐

Benito Mussolini of Italy ☐

David Lloyd George of Great Britain ☐

3 Which ONE of the following best describes the Covenant of the League of Nations?

The constitution of the League. ☐

A binding agreement between League members to take action against aggressors. ☐

A sacred book on which all League members had to swear an oath of allegiance. ☐

A compact between League members to take any action necessary to preserve world peace. ☐

4 Which ONE of the following statements about the Assembly of the League is NOT true?

It controlled the League budget. ☐

It had permanent and non-permanent members. ☐

Every member had one vote. ☐

All decisions had to be unanimous. ☐

5 Which ONE of the following statements about the Council of the League is NOT true?

Britain and France were members throughout the existence of the League. ☐

Germany was a member between 1926 and 1933. ☐

It met several times a year and in times of crisis. ☐

All decisions required a two-thirds majority. ☐

6 Drag the following events into the correct chronological sequence:

Germany leaves the League

1-

Italian invasion of Abyssinia

2-

Japanese invasion of Manchuria

3-

Opening of World Disarmament Conference

4-

7 Which ONE of the following statements about League membership is NOT true?

The USA was never a member. ☐

The defeated powers were excluded from membership until the mid-1920s. ☐

Italy was the first major power to leave the League. ☐

Soviet Russia did not join the League until the 1930s. ☐

8 Which ONE of the following statements about sanctions imposed by the League is NOT true?

Military sanctions were never used against a major power. ☐

No sanctions were ever imposed on Germany. ☐

Economic sanctions used against Japan proved totally ineffective. ☐

Economic sanctions were imposed on Italy following its invasion of Abyssinia. ☐

9 Which ONE of the following statements about the Corfu Incident is NOT true?

It followed the murder of an Italian general on the border between Greece and Albania. ☐

Mussolini responded by ordering the invasion of Corfu together with the occupation of the islands of Kefalonia and Zakynthos. ☐

The dispute was finally resolved by the Conference of Ambassadors. ☐

Greece had to pay compensation to Italy. ☐

10 Which ONE of the following statements about the League agencies is NOT true?

The Disarmament Commission was set up to ensure that Germany abided by the disarmament clauses of the Treaty of Versailles. ☐

The Mandates Commission was responsible for the administration of the former colonies of Germany and Turkey. ☐

The Health Organisation began an international campaign to exterminate mosquitoes. ☐

The Special Committee for Refugees assisted the repatriation of former prisoners of war. ☐

11 Which ONE of the following statements about the World Depression is NOT true?

It brought extremists to power in Germany, who were committed to an expansionist foreign policy. ☐

In the same way, it brought Mussolini to power in Italy. ☐

It made it difficult for democratic powers to find money for military expenditure. ☐

It made it difficult for League members to consider using economic sanctions. ☐

12 Drag the following events into the correct chronological sequence:

Hoare-Laval Plan	1-
Publication of the Lytton Report	2-
Vilna Dispute	3-
Locarno Agreements	4-

13 Which ONE of the following statements about the League between 1930 and 1945 is NOT true?

The League was successful in resolving disputes in South America. ☐

Three members of the Council voluntarily left the League. ☐

The League organised the Munich Conference of September 1938. ☐

There were no meetings of the League during the Second World War. ☐

14 Which ONE of the following is NOT a reason why Japan invaded Manchuria in September 1931?

Manchuria possessed supplies of food and raw materials, together with land for the surplus Japanese population. ☐

Manchuria was adjacent to Korea which was controlled by Japan. ☐

Japan was facing an economic crisis in 1931, due to declining exports and a rapidly rising population. ☐

Manchurian bandits had been making regular and successful assassination attempts on the Japanese mainland against prominent businessmen, army generals and politicians. ☐

15 Which ONE of the following statements about the Manchurian crisis is NOT true?

Military sanctions were never seriously considered by the League. ☐

The League wanted to impose economic sanctions but was vetoed by Soviet Russia. ☐

The League sent out a commission of enquiry which included an American representative. ☐

Britain and France feared attacks on their colonies in the Far East in the event of economic sanctions being imposed on Japan. ☐

16 Which ONE of the following statements about the Manchurian crisis is NOT true?

In 1933, the Japanese representative at the League accused the western powers of hypocrisy and vowed to make all of China a Japanese province. ☐

Following the invasion, the Japanese renamed Manchuria Manchukuo. ☐

When China appealed to the League following the invasion, the Japanese Government promised to withdraw its troops. ☐

The Lytton Commission stated that Japan had been provoked by the Chinese in the lead-up to the invasion. ☐

17 Which ONE of the following statements about the World Disarmament Conference is NOT true?

Germany withdrew from the conference in 1933. ☐

The conference met in The Hague. ☐

54 states attended the conference. ☐

The conference was organised by the Disarmament Commission. ☐

18 Which ONE of the following is NOT a reason why Italy invaded Abyssinia in 1935?

The Abyssinian Emperor, Haile Selassie, had made a speech to the Assembly of the League, in which he insulted the nationhood of Italy. ☐

Italy wanted to avenge a humiliating defeat at Adowa in 1896. ☐

Abyssinia was conveniently located between Italy's other colonial possessions in east Africa. ☐

War against Abyssinia would distract ordinary Italians from their domestic problems, such as unemployment. ☐

19 Which of the following is NOT true about the League's response to the Italian invasion of Abyssinia?

The League immediately imposed economic sanctions but they were lifted within a year. ☐

The League failed to close the Suez Canal. ☐

Britain and France were mainly concerned with retaining Italy as a potential ally against Germany. ☐

Mussolini was sent secret expressions of support by the British Government following the Abyssinian invasion. ☐

20 Drag the following events into the correct chronological sequence:

Wall Street Crash	1-
Italy leaves the League	2-
Resolution of the Aaland Islands dispute	3-
Soviet Russia becomes a member of the League	4-