Assessment - Labor and Trade Unions in the 1900's

Part I – Multiple Choice

Directions: Circle the correct answer.

1. Which organization worked to improve wages and working conditions for workers?
   A. The Labor Union
   B. The Senate
   C. The Supreme Court
   D. The Census Bureau

2. What was one major goal of labor unions in the 1900's?
   A. Longer workdays
   B. Lower wages
   C. Safer working conditions
   D. Fewer workers

3. Who joined many labor unions during the Industrial Era?
   A. Factory workers
   B. Only business owners
   C. Only politicians
   D. Only farmers

4. What is a strike?
   A. A factory fire
   B. Workers refusing to work until demands are met
   C. A government election
   D. A new invention

5. Which problem was common in factories during the early 1900's?
   A. Safe equipment
   B. Short work hours
   C. Child labor
   D. Paid vacations

6. What did labor unions often negotiate for?
   A. Higher taxes
   B. Better wages
   C. More homework
   D. Smaller cities

7. What is collective bargaining?
   A. Workers negotiating together with employers
   B. A type of machine
   C. A government law
   D. A factory strike

8. Which group often opposed labor unions?
   A. Factory owners
   B. Teachers
   C. Doctors
   D. Farmers

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Part II – Fill in the Blank

Word Bank

strike union collective bargaining
child labor wage workers

1. A labor _____ is an organization formed by workers to protect their rights.
2. Workers sometimes went on _____ to demand better treatment.
3. Many factories used _____ during the Industrial Era.
4. Unions fought for better pay, also called _____.
5. _____ is when workers negotiate together with employers.
6. Labor unions worked to improve conditions for _____.

Part III – True or False

Directions: Write T or F on the line.

1. _____ Labor unions wanted safer working conditions.
2. _____ Child labor was uncommon in factories during the Industrial Era.
3. _____ Strikes were used by workers to protest unfair treatment.
4. _____ Factory owners always supported labor unions.
5. _____ Labor unions helped workers gain better wages and shorter hours.
6. _____ Collective bargaining means workers negotiate together.

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