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UNIT TEST: THE GREAT DEPRESSION

(70 points total)

Part One

True and False: *Clearly circle T if you consider the statement to be true or circle F if you consider the statement to be false. (2 points each)*

- T F** 1. During his time in office, FDR created programs like the CCC under the New Deal.
- T F** 2. The Social Security Act was designed to fight poverty among senior citizens.
- T F** 3. Unemployment rates were unaffected by the Great Depression.
- T F** 4. During the Great Depression, the only impact on farmers was a horrendous dust storm.
- T F** 5. Many believe the stock market crash is one in the same with the Great Depression.

For questions 6 and 7, clearly circle T if the statement is true. If the statement is false, clearly circle F and correct the statement to make it true in the space provided. (3 points each)

- T F** 6. John Steinbeck's novel *To Kill a Mockingbird* reflected the struggles of migrant farmers who headed to California in search of jobs during the Great Depression.

- T F** 7. The beginning of FDR's presidency was known as The First Thousand Days for its intensive legislative action.

Part Two

Multiple Choice: *Clearly circle the letter (A, B, C, or D) that corresponds with the correct answer to the question. (2 points each)*

8. Those who were not lucky enough to get a job would stay in shantytowns, or _____.
 - A. Trumatowns
 - B. Hoovervilles
 - C. Roosetowns
 - D. Obamavilles

9. Which two programs attempted to help curb unemployment by hiring people for various projects?
 - A. CCC and WPA
 - B. CCC and AAA
 - C. WPA and AAA
 - D. CCC and WWJD

10. How many years did Roosevelt spend in office?
 - A. 4
 - B. 8
 - C. 12
 - D. 16

11. What happened first in the timeline of the Great Depression?
 - A. Herbert Hoover is elected president.
 - B. The stock market crashes.
 - C. Roosevelt creates the New Deal.
 - D. Tarriffs are raised to an all-time high

12. Banks failed during the Great Depression because . . .
 - A. There was too much money in the bank.
 - B. They started creating too many loans.
 - C. Banks were uninsured.
 - D. Hoover did not trust their policy.

For questions 13 and 14, circle the letter of the correct answer and then explain your reasoning in the space provided. (3 points each)

13. Which of the following was a consequence of the Smoot-Hawley Tariff?

- A. It lowered tariff levels.
- B. It contributed to a drastic decline in international trade.
- C. It led to underproduction of crops.
- D. It allowed international agricultural imports.

Explain: _____

14. Which of the following was NOT a direct cause of the Great Depression?

- A. Bank failure leads to the loss of uninsured savings.
- B. The American economic policy with Europe.
- C. The aftermath of World War II.
- D. The stock market crash on Black Tuesday.

Explain: _____

Part Three

Matching: *In the space provided, write the letter of the term that corresponds with the numbered prompt. (2 points each)*

- _____ 15. This program corrected economic abuses such as that led to the stock market crash.
- _____ 16. This program was created to improve conditions of poverty among senior citizens.
- _____ 17. This program utilized the Tennessee River to provide electricity in areas of depression.
- _____ 18. This program created projects to provide many jobs, including road and building construction and arts.
- _____ 19. This program aimed to unite the interests of the working class and businesses.
- _____ 20. This president took over office when FDR died in 1945.
- _____ 21. This president raised tariffs to historically high levels.
- _____ 22. After greatly improving the conditions of the Great Depression, this president was one of three major leaders of the Allied forces along with Stalin and Churchill during World War II.
- _____ 23. This law decreased the amount of time that an outgoing president could be in office after November elections, moving the date of inauguration up from March 4th to November 20th.
- _____ 24. Roosevelt created this series of programs to aid those most affected by the harsh conditions of the Great Depression.

Terms:

- A. Roosevelt
- B. National Recovery Act (NRA)
- C. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)
- D. The Twentieth Amendment
- E. Truman
- F. Eisenhower
- G. Works Progress Administration (WPA)
- H. The Great Society
- I. Hoover
- J. Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA)
- K. Social Security Act (SSA)
- L. The New Deal

Part Four

Short Answer: *Answer questions 25 and 26 in one comprehensive sentence. (4 points each)*

25. Why was the Dust Bowl hard on farmers?

26. What was the effect of World War **II** on the Great Depression?

Part Five

Essay: *Respond to the prompt in number 26 with a comprehensive paragraph of at least five sentences in the space provided. You will not be graded on grammar or punctuation, but keep in mind the importance of effective communication through your writing. (10 points)*

26. Specifically identify and explain the five major causes of the Great Depression.

Answer Key

1. T
2. T
3. F
4. F
5. T
6. F – *The Grapes of Wrath*
7. F – The First Hundred Days
8. B
9. A
10. C
11. A
12. C
13. B – The Smoot-Hawley Tariff caused higher taxes on international trade items; therefore, other countries did not want to trade with the United States.
14. C – World War II occurred after the Great Depression. World War II actually helped end the Great Depression because it created jobs.
15. B
16. C
17. G
18. J
19. K
20. E
21. I
22. A
23. D
24. L
25. The Dust Bowl mixed drought and horrendous dust storms. Previous droughts, farmers were at least able to feed themselves and their families. Overgrazing and exposed topsoil also added to the mix.
26. It created jobs. It helped the Great Depression make money to help the economy.
27. Stock Market Crash- There was a sudden decline of stock prices.
 - Bank Failures- Bank deposits were uninsured which led to banks failing and people lost their savings.
 - Reduction in Purchasing Across the Board- Since people lost their jobs, they were unable to purchase items.
 - American Economic Policy with Europe- High tax for imports led to less trade between American and other foreign countries.
 - Drought Conditions- This caused people to not be able to pay their taxes or other debts and had to sell their farms for no profit to themselves.