Unit I- Colonial and Revolutionary America

- 1. Early encounters between American Indians and European colonists led to a variety of relationships among the different cultures. Analyze how the actions taken by BOTH American Indians and European colonists shaped those relationships in TWO of the following regions. Confine your answer to the 1600s. (2008)
- 2. Analyze the cultural and economic response of TWO of the following groups to the Indians off North America before 1750. (2000)

British

French

Spanish

- 3. Compare and contrast the British, French, and Spanish imperial goals in North America between 1580 and 1763. (2011B)
- 4. Analyze the differences between the Spanish settlements in the Southwest and the English colonies in New England in the seventeenth century in terms of TWO of the following: (2006)

Politics

Religion

Economic development

- 5. Analyze the extent to which religious freedom existed in the British North American colonies prior to 1700. (1998)
- 6. "Throughout the Colonial period, economic concerns had more to do with the settling of British North America than did religious concerns." Assess the validity of this statement with specific reference to economic and religious concerns. (1990)
- 7. How did the economic, geographical, and social factors encourage the growth of slavery as an important part of the economy of the southern colonies between 1607 and 1775? (2001)
- 8. Compare and contrast the ways in which economic development affected politics in Massachusetts and Virginia in the period from 1607 to 1750. (2005)
- 9. "In the two decades before the outbreak of the American Revolutionary War, a profound shift occurred in the way many Americans thought and felt about the British government and their colonial governments." Assess the validity of this statement in view of the political and constitutional debates of these decades. (1989)
- 10. Compare the ways in which religion shaped the development of colonial society (to 1740) in TWO of the following regions: (2002)

New England

Chesapeake

Middle Atlantic

11. Evaluate the influence of religion on the development of colonial society in TWO of the following regions. (2010B)

The Spanish Southwest

New England

New France

12. For the period before 1750, analyze the ways in which Britain's policy of salutary neglect influenced the development of American society as illustrated in the following: (1995)

Legislative assemblies

Commerce

Religion

- 13. "This history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpation, all having, in direct object, the establishment of an absolute tyranny over these States." Evaluate this statement made against George III in the Declaration of Independence. (1988)
- 14. Analyze the extent to which the American Revolution represented a radical alteration in American political ideas and institutions. Confine your answer to the period 1775 to 1800. (1997)
- 15. Evaluate the relative importance of the following as factors prompting Americans to rebel in 1776: (1992)

parliamentary taxation

restriction of civil liberties

British military measures

the legacy of colonial religious and political ideas

- 16. Analyze the ways in which British imperial policies between 1763 and 1776 intensified colonials' resistance to British rule and their commitment to republican values. (2009)
- 17. Analyze the political, diplomatic, and military reasons for the United States victory in the Revolutionary War. Confine your answer to the period 1775-1783. (2010)
- 18. Analyze the impact of the American Revolution on both slavery and the status of women in the period from 1775-1800. (2004)
- 19. Compare and contrast the experience of slaves on tobacco plantations in the early-17th century Chesapeake region with that of slaves on 19th century cotton plantations in the Deep South. What forces transformed the institution of slavery from the early 17th century to the 19th century? (2010B)
- 20. Analyze the origins and development of slavery in Britain's North American colonies in the period 1607 to 1776. (2011)

Unit II- Early Republic, Age of Jackson, Westward Expansion

- 1. Evaluate the extent to which the Articles of Confederation were effective in solving the problems that confronted the new nation. (2003)
- 2. Analyze the degree to which the Articles of Confederation provided an effective form of government with respect to any TWO of the following. (1996)

Foreign relations

Economic conditions

Western lands

3. Analyze the contributions of TWO of the following in helping to establish a stable government after the adoption of the Constitution. (2002)

John Adams

Thomas Jefferson

George Washington

- 4. The Bill of Rights did not come from a desire to protect the liberties won in the American Revolution, but rather from a fear of the powers of the new federal government. Assess the validity of this statement. (1991)
- 5. Analyze the ways in which the political, economic, and diplomatic crises of the 1780s shaped the provisions of the United States Constitution. (2011B)
- 6. Evaluate the importance of domestic and foreign affairs in shaping American politics in the 1790s. (1994)
- 7. To what extent did political parties contribute to the development of national unity in the United States between 1790 and 1840? (2011)
- 8. Analyze the impact of the market revolution (1815–1860) on the economies of TWO of the following regions. (2008)

The Northeast

The Midwest

The South

9. How did TWO of the following contribute to the reemergence of a two-party system in the period 1820-1840? (1999)

Major political personalities

States' rights

Economic issues

10. The Jacksonian Period (1824-1848) has been celebrated as the era of the "common man." To what extent did the period live up to its characterization? Consider TWO of the following in your response: (2001)

Economic development

Politics

Reform movements

11. Analyze the extent to which TWO of the following influenced the development of democracy between 1820 and 1840. (1996)

Jacksonian economic policy

Changes in electoral politics

Second Great Awakening

Westward movement

12. Analyze the impact of the market revolution (1815–1860) on the economies of TWO of the following regions. (2007)

The Northeast

The Midwest

The South

13. Analyze the ways in which TWO of the following influenced the development of American society. (1994)

Puritanism during the 17th century

The Great Awakening during the 18th century

The Second Great Awakening during the 19th century

- 14. Although historically represented as distinct parties, the Federalists and the Whigs in fact shared a common political ideology, represented many of the same interest groups, and proposed similar programs and policies. Assess the validity of this statement. (1991)
- 15. Analyze the ways in which supporters of slavery in the 19th century used legal, religious, and economic arguments to defend the institution of slavery. (1995)
- 16. Discuss the impact of territorial expansion on national unity between 1800 and 1850. (1997)
- 17. "Developments in transportation, rather than in manufacturing or agriculture, sparked American economic growth in the first half of the 19th century." Assess the validity of this statement. (1989)
- 18. In what ways did the development in transportation bring about economic and social change in the United States in the period 1820 to 1860? (2003)
- 19. "American reform movements between 1820 and 1860 reflected both optimistic and pessimistic views of human nature and society." Assess the validity of this statement in reference to reform movements in THREE of the following areas. (1988)

Education

Temperance

Women's rights

Utopian experiments

Penal institutions

- 20. "Although Americans perceived Manifest Destiny as a benevolent movement, it was in fact an aggressive imperialism pursued at the expense of others." Assess the validity of this statement with specific reference to American expansionism in the 1840s. (1990)
- 21. To what extent did the debates about the Mexican War and its aftermath reflect the sectional interests of New Englanders, westerners, and southerners in the period from 1845 to 1855? (2005)
- 22. Analyze the effectiveness of political compromise in reducing sectional tensions in the period 1820-1861. (2004)
- 23. Analyze the impact of the market revolution (1815–1860) on the economies of TWO of the following regions. (2007)

The Northeast

The Midwest

The South

24. Analyze the social, political, and economic forces of the 1840s and early 1850s that led to the emergence of the Republican Party. (2009)

Unit III- Civil War and Reconstruction

1. Evaluate the impact of the Civil War on political and economic developments in TWO of the following regions.

The South

The North

The West

Focus your answer on the period between 1865 and 1900. (2003)

- 2. "I am not, nor have I ever been, in favor of bringing about in any way the social and political equality of the white and black races." How can this 1858 statement of Abraham Lincoln be reconciled with his 1862 Emancipation Proclamation? (1988)
- 3. Discuss the economic consequences of the Civil War with respect to any TWO of the following in the United States between 1865 and 1880. (1997)

Agriculture

Labor

Industrialization

Transportation

4. Assess the moral arguments and political actions of those opposed to the spread of slavery in the context of TWO of the following: (2000)

Missouri Compromise

Mexican War

Compromise of 1850

Kansas-Nebraska Act

- 5. Analyze the ways in which controversy over the extension of slavery into western territories contributed to the coming of the Civil War. Confine your answer to the period 1845-1861, (2010)
- 6. Explain why and how the role of the federal government changed as a result of the Civil War with respect to TWO of the following during the period 1861-1877: (2006)

Race relations

Economic development

Westward expansion

Unit IV- Industrialization, Populism, and Progressivism

1. Compare and contrast the attitudes of THREE of the following toward the wealth that was created in the United States during the late nineteenth century. (1994)

Andrew Carnegie

Eugene V. Debs

Horatio Alger

Booker T. Washington

Ida M. Tarbell

- 2. Analyze the reasons for the emergence of the Populist movement in the late 19th century. (1995)
- 3. Analyze the impact of any TWO of the following on the American industrial worker between 1865 and 1900. (1998)

Government actions

Immigration

Labor unions

Technological changes

- 4. Discuss the political, economic, and social reforms introduced in the South between 1864 and 1877. To what extent did these reforms survive the Compromise of 1877? (1992)
- 5. Compare the debates that took place over American expansionism in the 1840s with those that took place in the 1890s, analyzing the similarities and differences in the debates of the two eras. (1992)
- 6. Although the economic growth of the United States between 1860 and 1900 has been attributed to a governmental policy of laissez-faire, it was in fact encouraged and sustained by direct governmental intervention." Assess the validity of this statement. (1988)
- 7. In what ways were the late 19th century Populists the heirs of the Jacksonian Democrats with respect to overall objectives AND specific proposals for reform? (1989)
- 8. The reorganization and consolidation of business structures was more responsible for late 19th century American industrialization than was the development of new technologies." Assess the validity of this statement with specific reference to business structures and technology between 1865 and 1900. (1990)
- 9. Although the economic development of the Trans-Mississippi West is popularly associated with hardy individualism, it was in fact largely dependent on the federal government. Assess the validity of this statement with specific reference to western economic activities in the 19th century. (1991)
- 10. From the 1840s through the 1890s, women's activities in the intellectual, social, economic, and political spheres effectively challenged traditional attitudes about women's place in society. Assess the validity of this statement. (1991)
- 11. How were the lives of the Plains Indians in the second half of the 19th century affected by technological developments and government actions? (1999)
- 12. How and why did transportation development spark economic growth during the period from 1860 to 1900 in the United States? (2001)
- 13. Historians have argued that Progressive reform lost momentum in the 1920s. Evaluate this statement with respect to TWO of the following: (2006)

Regulation of business

Labor

Immigrants

14. Following Reconstruction, many southern leaders promoted the idea of a "New South." To what extent was this "New South" a reality by the time of the First World War? In your answer be sure to address TWO of the following. (2007)

Economic development

Politics

Race relations

15. Choose TWO of the following organizations and explain their strategies for advancing the interests of workers. To what extent were these organizations successful in achieving their objectives? Confine your answer to the period from 1875 to 1925. (2009)

Knights of Labor

American Federation of Labor

Socialist Party of America

Industrial Workers of the World

16. Analyze the roles that women played in the Progressive Era reforms from the 1880s through 1920. Focus your essay on TWO of the following. (2010)

Politics

Social conditions

Labor and working conditions

- 17. Compare and contrast the ways that many Americans expressed their opposition to immigrants in the 1840s-1850s with the ways that many Americans expressed their opposition to immigrants in the 1910s-1920s. (2011)
- 18. Compare and contrast the foreign policies of Theodore Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson. (2011B)

Unit V- Modern World Wars and Great Depression

1. Assess the relative influence of THREE of the following in the American decision to declare war on Germany in 1917. (1995)

German naval policy

American economic interests

Woodrow Wilson's idealism

Allied propaganda

America's claim to world power

- 2. "The United States entered the First World War not to 'make the world safe for democracy' as President Wilson claimed, but to safeguard American economic interests." Assess the validity of this statement. (1989)
- 3. To what extent did the United States achieve the objectives that led it to enter the First World War? (2000)
- 4. In what ways did economic conditions and development in the arts and entertainment help create the reputation of the 1920s as the Roaring Twenties? (1999)
- 5. To what extent did the United States adopt an isolationist policy in the 1920s and 1930s? (1998)
- 6. Analyze the ways in which the Great Depression altered the American social fabric in the 1930s. (1996)
- 7. Why did socialism fail to become a major force in American politics between 1900 and 1940 despite widespread dissatisfaction with the social and economic order and significant support for radical movements during that period? (1988)
- 8. "Although American writers of the 1920s and 1930s criticized American society, the nature of their criticisms differed markedly in the two decades." Assess the validity of this statement with specific reference to writers in both decades. (1990)
- 9. Discuss and account for the rise of nativism in American society from 1900-1930. (2001)
- 10. Compare and contrast the programs and policies designed by reformers of the Progressive era with those designed by reformers of the New Deal period. Confine your answer to programs and policies that addressed the needs of those living in poverty. (2004)
- 11. Analyze the home-front experiences of TWO of the following groups during the Second World War. (2009)

African Americans

Japanese Americans

Jewish Americans

Mexican Americans

Unit VI- Postwar America: Cold War, Civil Rights, and Vietnam

- 1. Presidential elections between 1928 and 1948 revealed major shifts in political party loyalties. Analyze both the reasons for these changes and their consequences during this period. (2008)
- 2. Analyze the influence of TWO of the following on American-Soviet relations in the decade following the Second World War. (1996)

Yalta Conference

Communist revolution in China

Korean War

McCarthyism

- 3. Compare and contrast United States foreign policy after the First World War and after the Second World War. Consider the periods 1919-1928 and 1945-1950. (2002)
- 4. To what extent did the decade of the 1950s deserve its reputation as an age of political, cultural, and social conformity? (1994)
- 5. While the United States appeared to be dominated by consensus and conformity in the 1950s, some Americans reacted against the status quo. Analyze the critiques of United States society made by TWO of the following. (2006)

Youth

Civil Rights Activists

Intellectuals

- 6. How do you account for the appeal of McCarthyism in the United States in the era following the Second World War? (1997)
- 7. Analyze the extent to which TWO of the following transformed American society in the 1960s and 1970s. (2005)

The Civil Rights Movement

The antiwar movement

The women's movement

8. "1968 was a turning point for the United States." To what extent is this an accurate statement? In your answer, discuss TWO of the following:

National politics

Vietnam War

Civil Rights

- 9. In what ways did the Great Society resemble the New Deal in its origins, goals, and social and political legacy? Cite specific programs and policies in support of your arguments, (1992)
- 10. "Vice Presidents who have succeeded to the presidency on the death of the President have been less effective in their conduct of domestic AND foreign policy than the men they replaced."

Assess the validity of this statement for any TWO of the following pairs. (1989)

William McKinley and Theodore Roosevelt

Franklin D. Roosevelt and Harry S. Truman

John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson

- 11. "Foreign affairs rather than domestic issues shaped presidential politics in the election year 1968." Assess the validity of this statement with specific reference to foreign and domestic issues. (1990)
- 12. Although the 1960s are usually considered the decade of greatest achievement for Black civil rights, the 1940s and 1950s were periods of equally important gains. Assess the validity of this

statement. (1991)

- 13. How did the African American Civil Rights movement of the 1950s and the 1960s address the failures of the Reconstruction? (2002)
- 14. Compare and contrast United States society in the 1920s and the 1950s with respect to TWO of the following: (2003)

race relations role of women consumerism

- 15. African American leaders have responded to racial discrimination in the United States in a variety of ways. Compare and contrast the goals and strategies of African American leaders in the 1890s-1920s with the goals and strategies of African American leaders in the 1950s-1960s. (2011)
- 16. Analyze the successes and failures of the United States Cold War policy of containment as it developed in TWO of the following regions of the world during the period 1945 to 1975. (2004)

East and Southeast Asia

Europe

Latin America

Middle East

17. Analyze the effects of the Vietnam War on TWO of the following in the United States in the period from 1861 to 1975. (2010B)

The presidency

The population between 18 and 35 years old

Cold War diplomacy

Unit VII- Recent History—Nixon to Bush II

- 1. Assess the success of the United States policy of containment in Asia between 1945 and 1975. (1999)
- 2. Discuss, with respect to TWO of the following, the view that the 1960s represented a period of profound cultural change: (2000)

Education

Gender roles

Music

Race relations

- 3. Compare and contrast the women's rights movement of the 1840s-1860s with the women's rights movement of the 1960s-1980s. (2011B)
- 4. Describe the patterns of immigration in TWO of the periods listed below. Compare and contrast the responses of Americans to immigrants in these periods. (2005)

1820 to 1860

1880 to 1924

1965 to 2000

5. Explain the causes and consequences of TWO of the following population movements in the United States during the period 1945-1985. (2010)

Suburbanization

The growth of the Sun Belt

Immigration to the United States