

AP World History

Sample Multiple Choice Questions - Exercise Twenty-Five (Miscellaneous)

Use the following cartoon to answer questions 1-3:



_____ 1. What development during World War II does the cartoon represent?

- A) the alliance between Hitler and the Soviets
- B) the surprise Nazi invasion of the Soviet Union
- C) the successful Soviet defense of Stalingrad
- D) the rise of Soviet Communism during the war

_____ 2. Which statement best describes the context to understand the cartoon?

- A) Soviet forces defeated German forces in a counteroffensive at Stalingrad
- B) Soviet forces successfully held German forces to a stalemate at Stalingrad
- C) Soviet forces violated their nonaggression pact with Germany with their victory at Stalingrad
- D) Soviet forces were trapped at Stalingrad as the Germans faked a retreat, yet the Soviets still won the battle

_____ 3. The importance of the event depicted in the cartoon was that it was:

- A) a direct response to Germany's invasion of Poland
- B) the battle that caused Britain and France to enter the war
- C) the last Allied victory in Europe, ending the European part of the war
- D) an Allied victory that helped turn the tide of the war against Germany

Use the following passage to answer questions 4-6:

“Perception of danger, danger to our institutions, may come with a rush and a shock as it has to the people of the United States in the past few months. This perception of danger, danger in a world-wide area – it has come to us clearly and overwhelmingly – we perceive the peril in a world-wide arena, an arena that may become so narrowed that only the Americas will retain the ancient faiths. Some indeed still hold to the now somewhat obvious delusion that we of the United States can safely permit the United States to become a lone island, a lone island in a world dominated by the philosophy of force.”

-- Franklin D. Roosevelt, address delivered at Charlottesville, Virginia, June 10, 1940

____ 4. What position is best supported by Roosevelt’s words in this passage?

- A) appeasement would be an effective strategy against Hitler
- B) the United States should avoid war with Hitler at all costs
- C) the United States should join the fight against Hitler
- D) the United States alone could stop Hitler

____ 5. Based on the passage, Roosevelt would have most strongly supported:

- A) the Monroe Doctrine
- B) the Lend-Lease Act
- C) the Senate’s rejection of membership in the League of Nations
- D) Neville Chamberlain’s “Peace For Our Time” speech

____ 6. Which statement accurately provides the context needed to understand the passage?

- A) Hitler’s forces were overrunning Europe, and Britain asked the U.S. for help in spite of the U.S history of isolationism
- B) Hitler’s forces were overrunning the Soviet Union, which asked the U.S. for help in spite of the U.S. anti-Communist sentiments
- C) Japan’s forces were taking over Communist China, which asked the U.S. for help in spite of the U.S. anti-Communist sentiments
- D) Japan had attacked the U.S. naval base at Pearl Harbor, yet many in the United States still supported isolationism

Use the following passage to answer questions 7 & 8:

“The Holocaust was the systematic, bureaucratic, state-sponsored persecution and murder of six million Jews by the Nazi regime and its collaborators....The Nazis, who came to power in Germany in January 1933, believed that Germans were ‘racially superior’ and that the Jews, deemed ‘inferior,’ were an alien threat to the so-called German racial community...To concentrate and monitor the Jewish population as well as to facilitate later deportation of the Jews, the Germans and the collaborators created ghettos, transit camps, and forced-labor camps for Jews during the war years....Between 1941 and 1944, Nazi German authorities deported millions on Jews from Germany, from occupied territories, and from the countries of many of its Axis allies to ghettos and to killing centers, often called extermination camps, where they were murdered in specially developed gassing facilities.”

-- *The Holocaust Encyclopedia*, ushmm.org

____ 6. Which best helps explain the passage in the context of the historical period it describes?

- A) Germany forced more than seven million people other than Jews in labor camps or jobs to support the war
- B) World War II was the bloodiest war in history, causing tremendous suffering and death to both civilians and soldiers
- C) political conflicts before and during World War II led to various forms of genocide and ethnic violence
- D) during *Kristallnacht* in 1938, Jews throughout Germany and Austria were beaten and killed

____ 7. The policy of the Japanese that most closely paralleled the conditions described in the passage was:

- A) forcing conquered peoples into deadly coerced labor programs
- B) engaging in surprise military attacks, such as the one on Pearl Harbor
- C) attempting to liberate the people of Asia from Western imperialism
- D) invading Manchuria after an attack on a Japanese railway station there