Multiple Choice Social Studies Assessment Questions

Human Growth and Development

Chapter 130 Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Career and Technical Education

Subchapter E. Education and Training

Human Growth and Development (7) The student understands the importance of care and protection of children. The student is expected to:
   (C) predict the impact of changing demographics and cultural diversity on the health and welfare of children
   (D) analyze forms, causes, effects, prevention, and treatment of child abuse
   (F) discuss the responsibilities of citizens, legislation, and public policies affecting children

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United States History Studies Since 1877 and address TEKS 130.143.

(3) History. The student understands the political, economic, and social changes in the United States from 1877 to 1898. The student is expected to:
   (C) analyze social issues affecting women, minorities, children, immigrants, urbanization, the Social Gospel, and philanthropy of industrialist

(5) History. The student understands the effects of reform and third-party movements in the early 20th century. The student is expected to:
   (A) evaluate the impact of Progressive Era reforms, including initiative, referendum, recall, and the passage of the 16th, 17th, 18th, and 19th amendments
   (B) evaluate the impact of muckrakers and reform leaders such as Upton Sinclair, Susan B. Anthony, Ida B. Wells, and W. E. B. DuBois on American society
   (C) evaluate the impact of third parties, including the Populist and Progressive parties
Assessment Questions

1. The abolitionist movement, the women’s suffrage movement, and the 1960’s civil rights movement are all examples of reform efforts that:
   a. succeeded without causing major controversy
   b. developed significant popular support
   c. achieved their goals without government action
   d. failed to affect the nation as a whole

2. In the period from 1890 to 1920, which development was the result of the other three?
   a. labor union agitation in response to unemployment
   b. Progressive Party plea for compulsory education
   c. public outcry following numerous industrial accidents
   d. passage of child labor laws by individual states

3. During which period in United States history were the amendments concerning the income tax, direct election of Senators, Prohibition, and women’s suffrage enacted?
   a. Reconstruction
   b. The Gilded Age
   c. Progressive Era
   d. New Deal

4. In the early 20th century, muckrakers were able to influence American society mainly through their:
   a. frequent acts of civil disobedience
   b. activities as government officials
   c. publication of articles and books
   d. control over factories

5. Which event of the early 1900’s is evidence that Upton Sinclair’s novel The Jungle had an important impact on the United States?
   a. adoption of reforms in public education
   b. passage of legislation limiting immigration
   c. adoption of the 18th amendment establishing Prohibition
   d. passage of legislation requiring Federal inspection of meat

6. A valid generalization about reform movements throughout United States history is that:
   a. reform movements have failed to use the media effectively
   b. most successful reform movements affect relatively few people
   c. many reform movements have led to long-lasting changes in society
   d. most reform movements have had little impact on the economy

7. A major goal of reformers during the Progressive Era was to:
   a. end segregation in the South
   b. correct the abuses of big business
   c. limit immigration from Latin America
   d. enact high tariffs to help domestic industry grow
How the Other Half Lives, Jacob Riis (1890)
The Jungle, Upton Sinclair (1906)
The Grapes of Wrath, John Steinbeck (1939)
Unsafe at Any Speed, Ralph Nader (1965)

8. What has been the impact of these authors and their books on American society?
   a. Most Americans have developed a preference for escapist and romantic literature.
   b. Most American authors have adopted a conservative viewpoint
   c. American business has corrected poor conditions quickly.
   d. These works have had significant influence on social, political, and economic reforms.

9. A common characteristic of third political parties in the United States is that they:
   a. tend to focus on one person or one issue
   b. come into existence only during periods of corruption
   c. have dealt mainly with foreign policy issues
   d. have frequently forced Congress to decide Presidential elections

10. One idea that both Booker T. Washington and W. E. B. DuBois supported is that:
    a. African Americans should have increased civil rights
    b. vocational training was the best approach to education
    c. immigration was responsible for racial segregation
    d. Jim Crow laws were needed to help African Americans
Answer Key

1. B
2. D
3. C
4. C
5. D
6. C
7. B
8. D
9. A
10. A