US History World War I Exam

Section I: Multiple Choice

1. Woodrow Wilson’s ultimate goal at the Paris Peace Conference was to
   A. stop the spread of communism
   B. blame no one for starting the war
   C. force Germany to pay reparations for the war
   D. establish the League of Nations

2. The Zimmermann note (telegram) involved a proposed secret agreement between
   A. Britain and France
   B. Russia and Germany
   C. Germany and Mexico
   D. Mexico and France

3. President Wilson broke diplomatic relations with Germany when
   A. Germany announced that it would wage unrestricted submarine warfare in the Atlantic
   B. Germany rejected Wilson’s Fourteen Points for peace
   C. The Zimmermann note was intercepted and made public
   D. News was received that a revolutionary movement had overthrown the czarist regime in Russia

4. All of the following were effects of WWI on women except
   A. increased presence in the workforce
   B. ability to enlist in the military
   C. travel to Europe for military service
   D. serve in combat in Europe

5. The eventual outcome of the Russian Revolution was
   A. a communist regime under the leadership of Lenin
   B. a czarist autocracy under the leadership of Lenin
   C. Russia joining the Central Powers in the war
   D. Russia joining the Triple Entente

6. The most significant difference between the Treaty of Versailles and Wilson’s Fourteen Points was
   A. There was no clause ending unrestricted submarine warfare in the Treaty of Versailles
   B. The League of Nations was not included in the Treaty of Versailles
   C. Germany was severely punished and forced to pay reparations in the Treaty of Versailles
   D. The Ottoman Empire was allowed to keep its territory in the Treaty of Versailles
7. Which of the following was not an effect of WWI on African Americans?
   A. Large scale migration to the Northern urban centers
   B. Increase opportunities in the work force
   C. Equality for some on the battle field
   D. An end to segregation in the military

8. All of the following were goals of Wilson’s Fourteen Points except:
   A. Protection for sovereign nations
   B. Ending imperialism
   C. Creation of the League of Nations
   D. Punishing the Central Powers

9. Technological changes during WWI resulted mainly in
   A. more efficiency in factories
   B. increased efficiency and casualty rates
   C. improvements for soldiers in battle
   D. a longer war

10. An armistice can be described as
    A. when all parties in a war agree to stop fighting
    B. the official end of the war
    C. signing of a peace treaty
    D. the rapid build up of arms

11. All of the following were members of the Central Powers except:
    A. Germany
    B. Ottoman Empire
    C. Russia
    D. Austria-Hungary

12. All of the following are characteristics of trench warfare except
    A. Trenches were often rat infested
    B. Soldiers would have to sleep in trenches between gunfire
    C. Trench warfare often shortened the length of battle
    D. Trenches were meant to provide additional protection to troops

13. Russia’s withdrawal from WWI was mainly a result of
    A. their obvious defeat against Germany
    B. outbreak of civil war and revolution
    C. running out of resources
    D. massive drought and famine
14. During WWI, civil liberties in the US were
   A. protected by the Espionage Act
   B. limited, but no one was actually imprisoned for his or her convictions
   C. protected for everyone except German-Americans
   D. denied to many, especially those suspected of disloyalty

15. Wilson viewed the United States’ entry into WWI as an opportunity for the US to:
   A. reestablish the balance of power in European diplomacy
   B. rebuild its dangerous small military and naval forces
   C. establish a permanent military presence in Europe
   D. shape a new international order based on the ideals of democracy

16. All of the following are direct causes of World War I except:
   A. a rise in nationalism
   B. the system of alliances
   C. American imperialism in Europe
   D. economic rivalries

17. The major weakness of the League of Nations was that it
   A. had no military power
   B. did not include the Soviet Union
   C. was used by Adolf Hitler to gain power
   D. did not include the United States

18. All of the following provide examples of alliances in WWI except:
   A. Russia and Serbia
   B. Japan and Germany
   C. United States and Britain
   D. Austria-Hungary and the Ottoman Empire

   It was signed by the Big Four.
   It forced Germany to accept blame for the war.
   It lead to the creation of the League of Nations.

19. The statements above describe which treaty?
   A. Wilson’s Fourteen Points
   B. Treaty of Versailles
   C. Potsdam Treaty
   D. Treaty of Paris

20. All of the following are reasons for US neutrality at the beginning of the war except:
   A. European immigrants from countries on conflicting sides of the war
   B. Beliefs that entering the war would lead to attacks on US soil
   C. Woodrow Wilson’s desire to maintain world peace
   D. Isolationist sentiments in the US
Section II: Constructed Response

Read and think about the list below to answer the following questions.

- Imperialism
- Assassination of Franz Ferdinand
- Nationalism
- System of Alliances

A. Circle two terms from the list above. Explain these terms in full.

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B. Explain how the terms from Part A lead to the beginning of World War I.

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A. Describe the effects of war on the economy.

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B. Use WWI as an example for the ways in which large scale world war typically affects the US economy. Explain your response with as much historical detail as possible.

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