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General Test-Taking Style

Maximizing Your Mental Game:

The key to maintaining your engagement is to _____.

Four key ways to accomplish this:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Take _____ as often as needed, but everyone should take at least one (remember, the EOC test is untimed).

Take a few laps through the test:

First lap: _____.

Second lap: _____.

Use the _____ feature: do not feel like you have to take the test sequentially.

And, most importantly, remember our key term: **STATISTICAL WINS!**

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Reading Strategy

Reading excerpt: try to connect the _____ to the events of the time period. Some textual excerpts are obvious:

“We affirm that these ends for which this Government was instituted have been defeated, and the Government itself has been made destructive of them by the action of the non-slaveholding States. Those States have assumed the right of deciding upon the propriety of our domestic institutions; and have denied the rights of property established in fifteen of the States and recognized by the Constitution; they have denounced as sinful the institution of slavery; they have permitted open establishment among them of societies, whose avowed object is to disturb the peace and to eloign the property of the citizens of other States. They have encouraged and assisted thousands of our slaves to leave their homes; and those who remain, have been incited by emissaries, books and pictures to servile insurrection.”

Excerpt from *Declaration of the Immediate Causes Which Induce and Justify the Secession of South Carolina from the Federal Union*

Others, not so much...

“The late alteration of the federal Judiciary . . . and the recent change in our state constitution, by the establishment of universal suffrage . . . shall hath taken away all security for personal property and liberty, and our Republican constitution will sink into a mobocracy, the worst of all popular governments.”

Excerpt from Samuel Chase, *Instructions to a Baltimore Grand Jury*

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Your Turn: for the five quotes listed below, attempt to guess the topic, speaker, and year each quote was given.

1. "The only question left to be settled now is: Are women persons? And I hardly believe any of our opponents will have the hardihood to say they are not. Being persons, then, women are citizens; and no state has a right to make any law, or to enforce any old law, that shall abridge their privileges or immunities. Hence, every discrimination against women in the constitutions and laws of the several states is today null and void..."

Topic:

Speaker:

Year:

2. "The search is underway for those who were behind these evil acts. I have directed the full resources of our intelligence and law enforcement communities to find those responsible and to bring them to justice. We will make no distinction between the terrorists who committed these acts and those who harbor them."

Topic:

Speaker:

Year:

3. "It is in vain, sir, to extenuate the matter. Gentlemen may cry, Peace, Peace but there is no peace. The war is actually begun! The next gale that sweeps from the north will bring to our ears the clash of resounding arms! Our brethren are already in the field! Why stand we here idle? What is it that gentlemen wish? What would they have? Is life so dear, or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God!"

Topic:

Speaker:

Year:

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4. "What, to the American slave, is your 4th of July? I answer; a day that reveals to him, more than all other days in the year, the gross injustice and cruelty to which he is the constant victim. To him, your celebration is a sham; your boasted liberty, an unholy license; your national greatness, swelling vanity; your sound of rejoicing are empty and heartless; your denunciation of tyrants brass fronted impudence; your shout of liberty and equality, hollow mockery; your prayers and hymns, your sermons and thanks-givings, with all your religious parade and solemnity, are to him, mere bombast, fraud, deception, impiety, and hypocrisy -- a thin veil to cover up crimes which would disgrace a nation of savages. There is not a nation on the earth guilty of practices more shocking and bloody than are the people of the United States, at this very hour."

Topic:

Speaker:

Year:

5. "Men, this stuff that some sources sling around about America wanting out of this war, not wanting to fight, is a crock of bull. Americans love to fight, traditionally. All real Americans love the sting and clash of battle. You are here today for three reasons. First, because you are here to defend your homes and your loved ones. Second, you are here for your own self respect, because you would not want to be anywhere else. Third, you are here because you are real men and all real men like to fight. When you, here, every one of you, were kids, you all admired the champion marble player, the fastest runner, the toughest boxer, the big league ball players, and the All-American football players. Americans love a winner. Americans will not tolerate a loser. Americans despise cowards. Americans play to win all of the time. I wouldn't give a hoot for a man who lost and laughed. That's why Americans have never lost nor will ever lose a war; for the very idea of losing is hateful to an American."

Topic:

Speaker:

Year:

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_____ : BE A WORD NERD

1. Which statement best describes how the completion of the first transcontinental railroad lines affected the economy of the post-Reconstruction era in the United States?

A. It transformed human transportation by reducing the amount of time it took people to travel east.

B. It made commerce available on a vast scale by providing a faster and cheaper way to move goods from coast to coast.

C. It led to a growing confidence among Americans by inducing them to believe that they could take on even greater technological quests.

D. It changed the concept of reality for many Americans by allowing them the opportunity to see what other regions of the country looked like.

This chart describes different U.S. foreign policies toward Latin America during the early twentieth century.

President	Foreign Policy	Description
Theodore Roosevelt	Big Stick Diplomacy	used strong U.S. military to achieve diplomatic goals
William Howard Taft	Dollar Diplomacy	invested in foreign economies to increase U.S. influence
Woodrow Wilson	Moral Diplomacy	promoted human rights, national integrity, and opportunity

2. Based on the chart and your own knowledge, which statement best describes how the focus of Woodrow Wilson's foreign policy toward Latin America differed from those of his two predecessors?

A. Wilson supported the spread of self-governance and democracy.

B. Wilson increased armed intervention to restore order in the area.

C. Wilson encouraged American businesses to infuse money in the area.

D. Wilson proposed providing U.S. financial support to rebuild the war-torn region.

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_____ : use this to eliminate wrong answers.

3. How did the Korean War affect the Cold War between the United States and the Soviet Union?

A. The Korean War decreased Cold War tensions because troops were removed from the 38th parallel.

B. The Korean War increased Cold War tensions because it changed a postwar competition into a military confrontation that lasted for years.

C. The Korean War increased Cold War tensions because it led the United States and the Soviet Union from a policy of interventionism to isolationism.

D. The Korean War decreased Cold War tensions because it led the United States and the Soviet Union to agree that nuclear weapons would never be used.

4. Which statement describes an effect of the Watergate scandal?

A. Americans began to distrust the federal government.

B. Americans opposed limiting the power of the presidency.

C. Americans reelected Richard Nixon to a second term as president.

D. Americans became more supportive of Richard Nixon's administration

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5. The resolutions in this list were developed by an international organization.

Year	Resolution
1948	Universal Declaration of Human Rights
1966	International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
1968	Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
1984	Declaration on the Right of Peoples to Peace

Which international organization was responsible for the development of these resolutions?

- A. United Nations
- B. European Union
- C. League of Nations
- D. World Trade Organization

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Let's Apply These Lessons to Political Cartoons

In this 1898 political cartoon, Kaiser Wilhelm II is pictured looking at a sign.

Wilhelm, You're Too Late



Source: New York Public Library

6. This political cartoon represents a consequence of

- A. World War I.
- B. World War II.
- C. the Russo-Japanese War.
- D. the Spanish-American War.

7. At the time this political cartoon was published, the United States had

- A. just emerged as a new world power.
- B. just mediated a peace treaty between two countries.
- C. declared neutrality as its foreign policy around the world.
- D. entered into a tense conflict with another nation over communism.

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8. Who were the Bosses of the Senate referred to in the title of the cartoon?

- A. members of the Supreme Court
- B. voters
- C. wealthy businessmen
- D. Washington, D.C. politicians

9. The word trust written on the fronts of the men sitting in the upper gallery refers to

- A. Congress's reliance on business.
- B. a large business organization.
- C. religious faith.
- D. None of the above

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10. At the time this cartoon was published, the president was

- A. sympathetic to the concerns of wealthy businessmen.
- B. critical of the concerns of wealthy businessmen.
- C. a former Civil War general.
- D. None of the above

11. This cartoon suggests that

- A. businessmen enjoy watching Senate debates.
- B. businessmen earn more money than Senators.
- C. Senators are opposed to business interests.
- D. big business is controlling the Senate.



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Question Wording

“...most effectively...”

“...least likely...”

“...provides the best evidence...”

In reading a question, be sure to _____ it, just as you would translate anything written in a foreign language.

“Which statement best expresses a “Domino Theory” relationship between a nation falling to Communism and the likelihood of its neighbors succumbing to Communism?”

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1. In the excerpt, the author anticipates which of the following objections to criticizing the ethics of free markets?
2. The author most likely uses the examples in the excerpt to highlight the:
3. The authors of the text would most likely attribute the differences in the electoral college result and the total vote count to:
4. Which choice most closely captures the meaning of the author's use of the term "unremarkable" as used in the excerpt?
5. In the excerpt, Jefferson characterizes the questions posed by Hamilton in his Federalist #12 as:
6. What function does the discussion of import tariffs serve in Andrew Jackson's remarks on the Tariff of Abominations?
7. Andrew Jackson would most likely have responded to Henry Clay's discussion of the Second National Bank's charter renewal by claiming that such a renewal:
8. Data in the graph provide most direct support for which idea?
9. Anthony uses the phrase "an oligarchy of learning" mainly to emphasize what she sees as:
10. It can reasonably be inferred "the strong-minded" is a term used by Stanton generally intended to make which point?

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