Post-WWII/Cold War Test  ANSWER KEY!!!

Directions: Read each question carefully and choose the best answer for each. Mark your choice on the bubble sheet.

1. Which is the best description of the Marshall Plan of 1947?
   A. a plan to send military supplies to anti-communist forces in China
   B. a plan of economic aid to western European countries
   C. a plan to defeat the Soviet Union in the arms race
   D. a plan to remove the communist from U.S. government posts

2. How did the U.S. respond to the Soviet's blockade of West Berlin in 1947?
   A. The U.S. used tanks to smash through the blockade.
   B. The U.S. airlifted all the Americans, British and French out of Berlin.
   C. The U.S. flew planes over Berlin and dropped supplies.
   D. The U.S. demanded the destruction of the Berlin Wall.

3. The Soviet Union's development of the atomic bomb in 1949 contributed to the beginning of ________________.
   A. disarmament talks
   B. the Korean War
   C. the Manhattan Project
   D. the arms race

4. The Communist takeover of China was a major setback in America's policy of ____________.
   A. containment
   B. neutrality
   C. imperialism
   D. isolationism

5. Which group of countries were Warsaw Pact members?
   A. Mexico, Canada and the United States
   B. West Germany, France and England
   C. Ethiopia, Angola and the Sudan
   D. East Germany, Hungary and Poland

6. Which nation was NOT involved in the Korean War?
   A. China
   B. North Korea
   C. Japan
   D. The United States
7. Which of the following was established for the purpose of mutual defense and led by the United States?

A. Warsaw Pact
B. United Nations (UN)
C. League of Nations
D. North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)

8. What led to the start of the Vietnam War?

A. South Vietnam invaded North Vietnam
B. Soviet Union sent troops to North Vietnam
C. Civil war from Cambodia spread into Vietnam
D. United States sent troops to Vietnam

9. Which U.S. president pledged that the United States would help other countries, such as Greece and Turkey, fight against communist takeover?

A. Eisenhower
B. Kennedy
C. Truman
D. Roosevelt

10. Which U.S. president deliberated over his decision in regards to the Cuban Missile crisis?

A. Eisenhower
B. Kennedy
C. Truman
D. Roosevelt

11. Postwar economic prosperity in the United States led to an increase in the _________.

A. middle class
B. upper class
C. lower class
D. immigrant neighborhoods

12. What government action provided veterans with money for education, housing and job training?

A. The GI Bill
B. The Taft-Hartley Act
C. The Second Red Scare
D. The Federal Bureau of Investigation
13. What was the purpose of the House Un-American Activities Committee?

A. to hunt down communists in the United States  
B. to hunt down communists around the world  
C. to spy on communists in Canada  
D. to provide opportunities for military veterans

14. After World War II, the United States and the Soviet Union arose as ____________.

A. communist nations  
B. democratic nations  
C. superpowers  
D. alliances

15. What was the purpose of the American policy of “containment”?

A. to defeat communism  
B. to spread democracy  
C. to prevent the spread of communism  
D. to prevent the spread of democracy

16. The United States and the Soviet Union became involved in a competition to develop weapons of mass destruction. What was that called?

A. containment  
B. deterrent  
C. domino theory  
D. arms race
17. The political cartoon above is referring to what threat that existed due to the Cold War?

A. The arms race  
B. “Mutual Assured Destruction”  
C. The domino theory  
D. The United Nations

18. How long did the Cold War serve as the central purpose of foreign policies in the United States?

A. ten years  
B. twenty years  
C. thirty years  
D. forty years

19. Which was an IMMEDIATE response in the U.S. to the Tet Offensive?

A. Congress issued the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution  
B. John F. Kennedy was assassinated  
C. The media called for an increase in troops in Vietnam.  
D. Americans increased their protests to American involvement in the war.

20. How did the Vietnam War end?

A. Ho Chi Minh was removed from power.  
B. Communist forces captured Saigon.  
C. Vietnam was divided into two separate countries.  
D. Soviet Union took control of all of Vietnam.
21. McCarthyism was effective mainly because it ______________.

A. helped people understand the dangers of spreading communism  
B. caused the United States to tighten the nation’s security programs  
C. played on the fears of the American people  
D. supported the goals of the United Nations

22. What would be the best title for the graphic organizer above?

A. Cities in the Soviet Union  
B. American Cities  
C. Places of Cold War Conflict  
D. Democratic Nations

23. During the Cold War the Soviet Union began to take control over what part of the world?

A. Western Europe  
B. Eastern Europe  
C. South America  
D. Africa

24. During the Cold War, the United States thought that if one nation fell to communism, other nations nearby would also fall. What was that idea called?

A. containment  
B. capitalism  
C. “Mutually Assured Destruction”  
D. Domino Theory

25. The destruction of the Berlin Wall symbolized what?

A. the fall of Communism  
B. the fall of capitalism  
C. the end of the Vietnam War  
D. the end of the Cuban Missile Crisis
26. What was the largest cause of divisiveness on the American home front?

A. Korean War  
B. Cuban Missile Crisis  
C. Vietnam War  
D. Berlin Airlift

27. In the 1980s, Gorbachev, the leader of the Soviet Union made a great deal of changes. Which of the following did he **NOT** allow?

A. private ownership of businesses  
B. decrease in nuclear weapons  
C. private ownership of land  
D. free trade with the United States

28. What is the primary goal of the United Nations?

A. to prevent future global wars  
B. to stop the USSR from building weapons  
C. to prevent the spread of communism in Asia  
D. to develop democratic governments in Europe

29. Which of the following was an effect of the Cold War?

A. Arms race develops.  
B. The United States wins the Vietnam War.  
C. The United States put the first man in space.  
D. The Soviet Union continues to build missile bases in Cuba.

30. In the early 1950s, Senator Joseph McCarthy won national attention when he________.

A. was convicted as a Soviet spy  
B. volunteered to join the fight in North Korea  
C. ran for president against Harry S. Truman  
D. claimed that hundreds of government employees were communists

31. Which of the following **WAS NOT** a Cold War President of the United States?

A. Theodore Roosevelt  
B. Harry S. Truman  
C. Dwight D. Eisenhower  
D. John F. Kennedy
Matching Section (Numbers 30-33): Choose the correct answer definition from the right column and mark the corresponding bubble on your answer sheet. (Not all of the answers will be used.)

32. Marshall Plan  
   A. a commitment to help nations threatened by communism

33. Truman Doctrine  
   B. an alliance between the Soviet Union and Communist governments of Eastern Europe

34. Red Scare  
   C. a political and military border that isolated Soviet-controlled Eastern Europe after WWII

35. Warsaw Pact  
   D. a time of fear that led to massive manhunts to uncover communists

   E. an attempt to keep communism out of Western Europe by helping the region economically

32. A.
33. E.
34. D.
35. B.
Essay:

Directions: Respond to the following question on your answer sheet – please write in paragraph format.

What was the American policy of “containment” during the Cold War and what action did it involve? Why do you think the policy was a good decision or a bad decision?