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FOURTH GRADE-SOCIAL STUDIES (SS4_1)

1. James Oglethorpe lived in England in the 1600s and 1700s. He was elected to Parliament and wanted to address some of the problems facing his country. He thought that too many were in prison because they were debtors. Which of the following actions did Oglethorpe take?

- A. He asked the king for a colony where debtors could start a new life.
 - B. He wanted the government to find jobs for the debtors.
 - C. He asked the king to close the all of the prisons.
 - D. He wanted the government to get rid of their debts.
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2. Which of the following regions of the United States usually has the lowest levels of rainfall?

- A. Midwest
 - B. Northeast
 - C. Southeast
 - D. Southwest
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3. Beginning in 1607, the English settled in Virginia, Plymouth, and Massachusetts Bay. Which of the following is true of the leaders of these settlers?

- A. They had to agree to share the gold with the Pope.
 - B. They first had to buy the land from the Native Americans.
 - C. They had to get a charter from the King of England.
 - D. They first had to get permission from the King of Spain.
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4. Which resource would be the BEST to find tomorrow's weather forecast?

- A. atlas
 - B. textbook
 - C. dictionary
 - D. newspaper
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5. The Congress of the United States represents which branch of government?

- A. judicial
 - B. international
 - C. legislative
 - D. executive
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6. The Sioux, the Pawnees, and the Dakotas lived on the rolling lands west of the

Mississippi River. They hunted buffalo for food, clothing, and other items needed to live. Where did they live?

- A. the Pacific Northwest
 - B. the Southwest
 - C. the Great Plains
 - D. the Southeast
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7. By the early 1800s, the Native Americans of Georgia had lost most of their land to white settlers. When the settlers wanted the remaining land, they took the matter to the national government. What was the national government's solution to this problem?

- A. The Native Americans had land that had been taken from them returned.
 - B. The Native Americans were forced to move to land in the West.
 - C. The Native Americans lost one-half of their land in Georgia.
 - D. The Native Americans were allowed to keep their land in Georgia.
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8. The equator is an imaginary line

- A. that extends from pole to pole.
 - B. that connects North America and South America.
 - C. that is parallel to the prime meridian.
 - D. that divides the world into hemispheres.
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9. Southwestern Native Americans' way of living depended on the resources in their area. Which of the following activities BEST describe their way of life then?

- A. They grew beans and corn and made pottery from clay.
 - B. They followed and hunted buffalo for food, clothing, and shelter.
 - C. They hunted seal and fished for salmon.
 - D. They gathered berries and hunted small game.
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10. Who serves as the head of the executive branch of the United States government?

- A. the House
 - B. the Senate
 - C. the President
 - D. the Attorney General
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11. In 1814, Francis Scott Key wrote the words that would become our nation's national anthem. Why did Key write these words?

- A. Key was present when the British surrendered during the War of 1812.
 - B. Key was present when the British attacked Ft. McHenry in Baltimore.
 - C. Key was present when the British burned the White House during the War of 1812.
 - D. Key was present when the British were defeated in New Orleans.
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12. Starting in the 1600s, the English started a number of colonies in North America.

Which statement is true?

- A. The only European colonists in North America were the English.
 - B. The French and the Dutch also had colonies in North America.
 - C. The English colonists welcomed the Native Americans as equals.
 - D. The French and the Dutch colonists forced the English to leave.
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13. Some of the settlers who came to the English colonies in the 1700s wanted to keep many of the freedoms that they had in England. The right to vote was one of these freedoms. Which one of the following groups could NOT vote in the 1700s?

- A. merchants
 - B. plantation owners
 - C. women
 - D. farmers who owned land
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14. Which region of the United States has mild winters and hot, humid summers?

- A. Northeast
 - B. Southeast
 - C. Northwest
 - D. Southwest
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15. In the 1970s, gas prices in the United States went up. The federal government decided to pass a law to lower the amount of gas used. People were required to

- A. drive only small cars.
 - B. walk or ride a bus to school and work.
 - C. drive slower with lower speed limits.
 - D. purchase and use electric cars.
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16. After the French and Indian War, the Parliament of Great Britain passed new laws for the colonies. Some of the laws were passed because Great Britain

- A. was afraid the French would back the colonies.
 - B. was afraid many of the colonists would return to Britain.
 - C. needed the colonists to help pay for the war.
 - D. wanted the Native Americans to return to their lands.
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17. Which of the following took place after the Revolutionary War?

- A. Parliament passed the Intolerable Acts.
 - B. The Sons of Liberty threw tea into Boston harbor.
 - C. Great Britain won the French and Indian War.
 - D. The Bill of Rights was added to the Constitution.
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18. A student is doing a report on the Atlanta Braves baseball team. The student believes that even though the team has been winning, the number of people going to the games is going down. Which of the following would be the BEST to use to show that

attendance was going down?

- A. The Atlanta Braves Yearbook 2000
 - B. Major League Baseball Records 1900-1920
 - C. The Atlanta Braves Souvenir Book 2001
 - D. Major League Baseball Attendance Figures 1990-1999
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19. Which region of the United States does NOT have any coastal plains?

- A. Northeast
 - B. Midwest
 - C. Southeast
 - D. Northwest
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20. What name is given to the official song selected by a government to represent its country?

- A. chorus
 - B. fight song
 - C. patriotic hymn
 - D. national anthem
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21. People at the Constitutional Convention were worried that the national government would have too much power. They decided to split the powers between the executive, legislative, and judicial branches. What else was included in the Constitution to solve this problem?

- A. Each branch would have the power to check (control) the other two branches.
 - B. The state governments and the national government would have to agree with each other.
 - C. The President of the United States would be able to check (control) the other two branches of government.
 - D. The only way a decision could be made would be if at least two of the branches agreed with each other.
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22. A person who fought in the American Revolution could have said the following things:

- I was a British general.
- My troops fought battles in the southern colonies.
- I surrendered at Yorktown.

This person was:

- A. General Burgoyne
- B. General Benedict Arnold

- C. General Lord Cornwallis
- D. General William Howe

23. Citizens are expected to be involved in their community. Which of the following would be the BEST example of serving your community?

- A. picking up litter in the park
- B. riding a bike
- C. taking your dog for a walk
- D. going to a movie

24. In 1931, the Congress of the United States decided that "The Star-Spangled Banner" would become our national anthem. What is a national anthem?

- A. a song that represents a country
- B. a motto that represents a country
- C. a flag that represents a country
- D. an emblem that represents a country

25. In which region of the United States would you find the Grand Canyon?

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