

USA – New Deal knowledge test

Total marks: 124

1. In which month and year was the Wall Street Crash? (2)
 2. Explain what happened to people who had borrowed money from banks. (2)
 3. Explain what happens when there is a run on a bank. (2)
 4. How far did average wages fall? (1)
 5. How far did production fall? (1)
 6. Complete the sentence: The USA's international trade fell from \$___ billion to \$___ billion. (2)
 7. How many banks closed? (1)
 8. How many businesses went bankrupt? (1)
 9. What does foreclosure mean? (1)
 10. Explain what happened in the Dust Bowl. (2)
 11. What were Hoovervilles? (1)
 12. Give three examples of how some people in the cities tried to make some money. (3)
 13. Who were hoboes? (1)
 14. Why were Americans emotionally damaged by the Depression? (3)
 15. What were migrants who travelled from the mid-west to California called? (1)
 16. Who was elected president of the USA in 1928? (1)
 17. Explain his policy of 'rugged individualism'. (2)
 18. What was the Reconstruction Finance Company set up to do? (1)
 19. What was the name of the new tariff act passed in 1930? (1)
 20. What was the consequence of it? (1)
 21. Explain what happened when the Bonus Marchers went to the White House. (3)
 22. Explain four reasons why Hoover was unpopular. (4)
 23. What were the 'Fireside chats'? (1)
 24. Why were they so effective? (2)
- Complete the following sentences:
25. In Hoover we trusted, now we are _____. (1)
 26. The only thing we have to _____ is _____ itself. (1)
 27. _____ is just around the corner. (1)
 28. This is more than a political campaign. It is a call to _____. (1)
 29. Our greatest primary task is to put people to _____. (1)
 30. A _____ or a _____ could have been elected against him, no question about it. (2)
 31. Who was elected president in 1932? (1)
 32. He travelled over how many miles in his election campaign? (1)
 33. How many speeches did he make in total in the run up to election day? (1)
 34. What were the three Rs? (3)
 35. The first how many days saw most action from the new president? (1)
- What do the following initials stand for, and what did they do?
36. FERA. (2)
 37. AAA. (2)
 38. NRA. (2)
 39. TVA. (2)
 40. CCC. (2)
 41. PWA (2)
 42. EBA. (2)

43. HOLC. (2)
44. SEC. (2)
45. Why did many people criticise the work of the AAA? (1)
46. What was a criticism of FERA? (1)
47. What ages were the men who worked in the CCC? (2)
48. Name 4 kinds of large building projects completed through the PWA. (4)
49. How many Americans were still unemployed at the start of 1937? (1)
50. How many were unemployed in 1938? (1)
51. Explain why the following opposed the new deal:
52. The Supreme Court. (2)
53. Father Coughlin. (2)
54. Businessmen. (2)
55. Doctor Francis Townsend. (2)
56. Huey Long. (2)
57. The rich. (2)
58. Republicans. (2)
Explain why the New Deal was successful or unsuccessful for:
59. Working class men (2)
60. African Americans (2)
61. Women (2)
62. Native Americans (2)
63. The unemployed (2)
64. What was the Lend-Lease program? (2)
65. Over how much worth of materials was shipped to the rest of the world in Lend-Lease. (2)
66. Which event brought the USA into WW2 on 7th December 1941? (1)
67. Which act did congress pass in 1940, top give the president huge powers to build up the military? (1)
68. Explain how WW2 aided the US recovery. (4)
69. How did the war change things for African Americans? (3)
70. How did the war change things for women? (3)