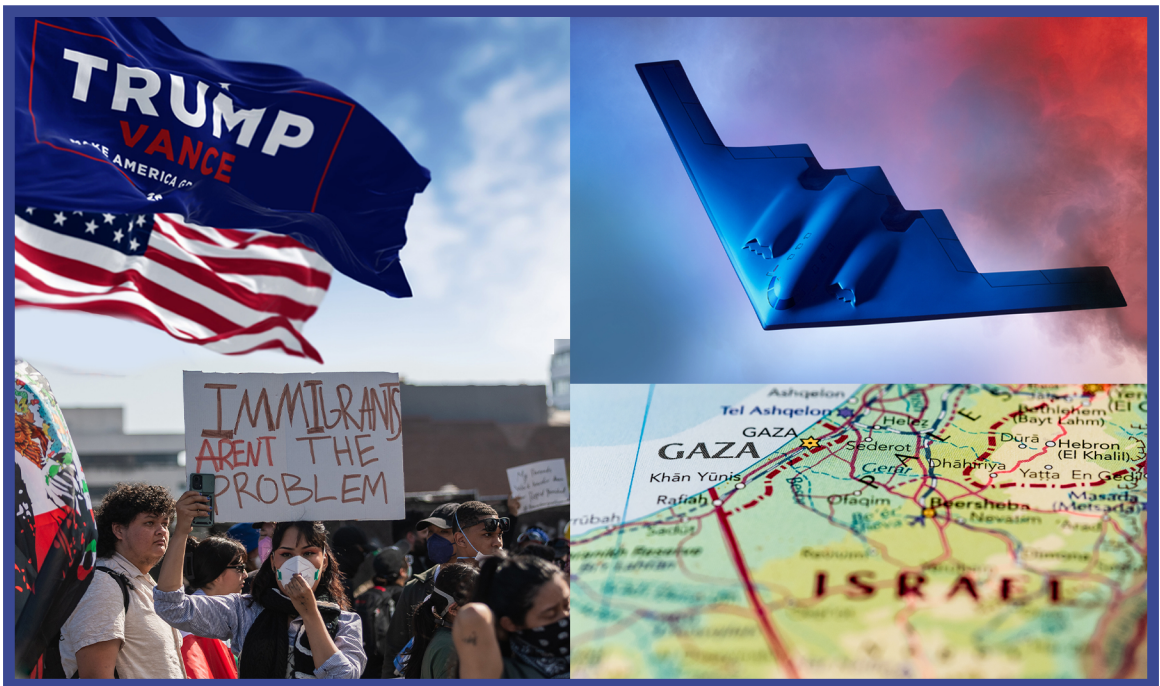


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Practice Packet 1 - Test A

1. Over 4,000 National Guard troops and 700 Marines were sent to Los Angeles, California, to stop riots. LA Mayor Karen Bass blamed the protests on _____.
 - A. Mexican cartels
 - B. poor communication between local officials and law enforcement
 - C. outside agitators inciting violence
 - D. immigration raids
2. In early September, at least 19 people were killed in _____ after demonstrations led by Generation Z erupted over a government ban on social media.
 - A. Guatemala
 - B. Chile
 - C. France
 - D. Nepal
3. Why did the Trump administration create an advisory body called DOGE?
 - A. to start new government programs
 - B. to help increase the national debt
 - C. to improve government efficiency and reduce spending
 - D. to help reduce inflation
4. Elon Musk criticized the _____, which he was not in agreement with. He then started a feud with President Trump, disrespecting him with insults on X.
 - A. Inflation Reduction Act
 - B. Clean Air Act
 - C. Affordable Care Act
 - D. One Big Beautiful Bill
5. What did Pope Francis die from?
 - A. Cancer
 - B. Heart Attack
 - C. Lung disease
 - D. Stroke
6. Which of the following countries reopened a 3,800-year-old Penico trading site in July for visitors between the communities near the Pacific Coast and those in the Andes and Amazon areas?
 - A. Argentina
 - B. Bolivia
 - C. Chile
 - D. Peru
7. Which of the following was NOT passed by lawmakers during the 2025 special session of the Texas Legislature?
 - A. They remapped congressional districts.
 - B. They passed a school voucher bill.
 - C. They passed a bill restricting which restrooms transgender people can use in government buildings and schools.
 - D. They made ivermectin available for COVID-19 treatment without a prescription.
8. In July, the U.S. recalled its diplomat to _____, and that country reciprocated by recalling its diplomat from the U.S.
 - A. Brazil
 - B. Colombia
 - C. Suriname
 - D. Uruguay
9. The Trump administration implemented _____ to reduce the U.S. trade deficit, fix trade policies against the U.S. and bring back manufacturing jobs.
 - A. DOGE
 - B. freezing federal hiring
 - C. shutting down DEI
 - D. tariffs
10. President Donald Trump said that the June conflict between Israel and Iran should be called the _____, in which the U.S. joined Israel's efforts to bring Iran's nuclear program to an end by dropping bombs on Iranian nuclear sites.
 - A. Israel-Iran battle of 2025
 - B. Six Day War
 - C. 12 Day War
 - D. Israel-Iran War

20. The State Department confirmed the U.S. plans to withdraw from UNESCO by the end of 2026 citing which of the following reasons?
 - A. Its anti-Israel bias.
 - B. Its globalism agenda in opposition to U.S. foreign policy.
 - C. Its advancement of divisive social and cultural causes at odds with U.S. foreign policy.
 - D. all of the above
21. Which entity has recently removed over 11,000 YouTube channels tied to state-run propaganda campaigns for China and Russia?
 - A. Amazon
 - B. Google
 - C. Instagram
 - D. LinkedIn
22. Which major city is doing away with its sanctuary city policies in response to a warning from Attorney General Pam Bondi?
 - A. Chicago, IL
 - B. Los Angeles, CA
 - C. Louisville, KY
 - D. New York City, NY
23. Thousands of people came together in July to mark 30 years since the Srebrenica massacre in _____.
 - A. Bosnia
 - B. Kenya
 - C. Rwanda
 - D. Sri Lanka
24. What change has Coca-Cola recently announced for its product line?
 - A. a new flavor drink similar to Dr. Pepper
 - B. a new salty Coke flavor
 - C. a totally revised bottle shape for it Coke drinks.
 - D. drinks with U.S. sugar cane
25. A special session of the Texas Legislature was called to revisit bills that didn't pass, including which of the following?
 - A. changes to the criminal justice system
 - B. regulations for the hemp products containing THC
 - C. water rights management
 - D. all of the above
26. Marta Elena Feito Cabrera resigned as _____ in Cuba after publicly announcing that there were no beggars in Cuba, only people pretending to be.
 - A. minister of culture
 - B. minister of justice
 - C. minister of labour and social security
 - D. minister of science, technology and environment
27. CBS cancelled "The Late Show" hosted by _____, causing speculation that the decision was for political reasons. The show was later reinstated.
 - A. John Oliver
 - B. Stephen Colbert
 - C. Jimmy Kimmel
 - D. Jon Stewart
28. In July 2025, a military air force training jet crashed into a school in _____, and 31 people died. The military stated that the jet experienced mechanical failure, and protesters have demanded accountability.
 - A. Singapore
 - B. Afghanistan
 - C. Bangladesh
 - D. South Korea
29. The Grand Hôtel Oloffson, located in _____, had been forced to close due to gang violence and was burned down by gangs in early July.
 - A. Havana
 - B. Port-au-Prince
 - C. San Juan
 - D. San Salvador

34. The Department of Justice considered sanctuary jurisdictions as those having undertaken "actions and policies that materially impede enforcement of federal immigration statutes and regulations" in the area. Which of the following is NOT considered a sanctuary jurisdiction?
- A. Indiana
 - B. Nevada
 - C. Oregon
 - D. Rhode Island
35. Karol Nawrocki, a conservative historian and supporter of President Donald Trump's MAGA movement, has been sworn in as president of ____ .
- A. Austria
 - B. Belarus
 - C. Poland
 - D. Romania
36. About 1,000 detention beds for immigrants facing deportation under a revived federal program will be added at the Miami Correctional Facility near Indianapolis. The area is scheduled to be called the " ____ ."
- A. Indiana Icebox
 - B. Illegal Immigrant Alley
 - C. Raceway Revisited
 - D. Speedway Slammer
37. Italy has made plans to build the world's largest suspension bridge between its mainland and ____ .
- A. Corsica
 - B. Greece
 - C. Sardinia
 - D. Sicily
38. Colombia and Peru are in dispute of an island that is currently administered by Peru, but Colombia claims it belongs to their country based on a hundred year old treaty. Peru doesn't accept the treaty because ____ .
- A. it has never been actually studied by experts to verify legitimacy
 - B. the signer of the treaty has not been verified as a Peruvian leader
 - C. the island had not risen above the waterline at the time of the treaty
 - D. both A and B
39. The administration has filed lawsuits against several cities that have city policies that are identified as interfering with immigration enforcement. Which of the following is NOT on the list?
- A. Hoboken, NJ
 - B. Paterson, NJ
 - C. Rochester, NY
 - D. All of the above have been sued.
40. Fort Bragg was originally named for a Confederate General Braxton Bragg, but the name was changed during the Biden administration. The original name has been reinstated, but is now commemorating Army Pfc. Roland L. Bragg who awarded a Silver Star and a Purple Heart for exceptional courage during a decisive battle in ____ .
- A. the Korean War
 - B. the Vietnam War
 - C. World War I
 - D. World War II

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39. A group of 20 state attorneys general filed a lawsuit against the Trump administration to oppose its demand that states provide personal data on individuals enrolled in _____. The lawsuit followed concerns that the information could be used to support mas

- A. Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)
- B. federal disaster relief programs
- C. federal housing assistance
- D. the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

40. President Donald Trump fired Erika McEntarfer, the head of the Bureau of Labor Statistics. What prompted his decision?

- A. a disagreement over unemployment benefit policies
- B. pressure from Congress to appoint someone more experienced
- C. a federal court ruling requiring leadership changes
- D. the release of a disappointing jobs report

ESSAY

Discuss the core provisions of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act that was signed into law on July 4, 2025. What do opponents argue are the flaws of the bill?