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Uncovering the Tectonic Shifts: 12th Grade Modern US History Quiz

Analyze the geopolitical and social forces that transformed the American identity from the Iranian Hostage Crisis to the digital disruption of the 21st century.

1. Which 1970s diplomatic event signified a departure from traditional containment policy, utilizing 'triangular diplomacy' to leverage tensions between the USSR and the PRC?

- A. The signing of the Camp David Accords
- B. Nixon's formal visit to China and the Shanghai Communique
- C. The implementation of the Carter Doctrine in the Persian Gulf
- D. The escalation of the 'Secret War' in Laos

2. The 1978 _____ represented a landmark in Middle Eastern diplomacy by facilitating a peace treaty between Egypt and Israel under U.S. mediation.

- A. Oslo Accords
- B. Camp David Accords
- C. Dayton Agreement
- D. Geneva Protocol

3. The 'Iran-Contra Affair' involved the illegal sale of arms to Iran to fund anti-communist rebels in Nicaragua, bypassing Congressional authority.

- A. True
- B. False

4. Which economic phenomenon characterized by the unusual combination of stagnant economic growth and high inflation plagued the American economy during the 1970s?

- A. Hyperinflation
- B. Deflationary Spiral
- C. Stagflation
- D. Keynesian Equilibrium

5. Passed in 1994, the _____ significantly reduced trade barriers between the United States, Canada, and Mexico, reflecting the era's push toward globalization.

- A. GATT Agreement
- B. NAFTA Agreement
- C. TPP Framework
- D. USMCA Treaty

6. In the landmark 1992 Los Angeles Riots, which event served as the immediate catalyst for the widespread civil unrest?

- A. The assassination of a local community leader

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- B. The passage of Proposition 187
- C. The acquittal of police officers in the Rodney King beating trial
- D. The closure of the city's largest manufacturing plant

7. The 'Bush Doctrine,' established after 9/11, emphasized the policy of 'preemptive strikes' against perceived threats to national security.

- A. True
- B. False

8. The 2010 Supreme Court case _____ radically altered campaign finance by ruling that corporate funding of independent political broadcasts cannot be limited under the First Amendment.

- A. United States v. Nixon
- B. Citizens United v. FEC
- C. Shelby County v. Holder
- D. Roe v. Wade

9. Which legislative act, passed in response to the 2008 Financial Crisis, aimed to reform the financial industry and protect consumers from predatory lending?

- A. The Glass-Steagall Act
- B. The Sarbanes-Oxley Act
- C. The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act
- D. The Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act

10. The 1995 Oklahoma City Bombing was an act of international terrorism carried out by a foreign state actor.

- A. True
- B. False