The New Frontier and the Great Society

Part 1: Main Ideas

Write the letter of the best answer. (4 points each)

____ 1. John F. Kennedy, the Democratic nominee for President in 1960, was a senator from
   b. California.
   c. Texas.
   d. Massachusetts.

____ 2. Kennedy appointed his brother, Robert, to serve as
   a. secretary of state.
   b. attorney general.
   c. secretary of defense.
   d. a justice of the Supreme Court.

____ 3. The hot line established in 1963 did all of the following except
   a. link the White House and the Kremlin.
   b. make communication in a crisis easier.
   c. ease Cold War tensions.
   d. bar nuclear testing.

____ 4. The Peace Corps, a program of volunteer assistance to developing nations, was
   a. proposed by Kennedy and failed.
   b. proposed by Johnson and failed.
   c. proposed by Kennedy and succeeded.
   d. proposed by Johnson and succeeded.

____ 5. After investigating the assassination of JFK, the Warren Commission concluded that
   a. Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone.
   c. there was evidence of a conspiracy.
   d. the CIA was involved.

____ 6. The Economic Opportunity Act did all of the following except
   a. offer foreign aid to Latin American countries.
   b. give underprivileged preschoolers a head start.
   c. encourage poor people to join in public-works programs.
   d. create a training program for youth.
7. Lyndon Baines Johnson, who became president when Kennedy was assassinated, was
   a. never elected president by the people.
   b. an experienced politician.
   c. mistrusted because he was a Catholic.
   d. opposed to the Great Society.

8. Medicare, a federal program established for Americans age 65 and over, was intended to provide
   a. housing.
   b. transportation.
   c. education.
   d. health insurance.

9. The Immigration Act of 1965
   a. stopped immigration from European countries.
   b. stopped immigration from non-European countries.
   c. ended quotas based on nationality.
   d. began quotas based on nationality.

10. Decisions of the Warren Court were
    a. of little importance to the average American.
    b. praised by liberals.
    c. praised by conservatives.
    d. an obstacle to change in election districts.

Part 2: Map Skills

Use the map to answer questions 11–15 on page 500. Write the letter of the best answer.
(4 points each)
11. How many Soviet missiles sites are shown?
   a. four  
   b. five  
   c. six  
   d. seven

12. How many U.S. air bases are shown?
   a. two  
   b. three  
   c. four  
   d. five

13. Which of the following locations in the United States is closest to Cuba?
   a. Miami  
   b. Cape Canaveral  
   c. Swan Island  
   d. Key West

14. Which statement about the U.S. blockade is true?
   a. The air patrol covered a larger area than the naval blockade.  
   b. The naval blockade covered a larger area than the air patrol.  
   c. The air patrol and naval blockade covered the same area.  
   d. There was no naval blockade.

15. Which U.S. air base is closest to the Soviet missiles?
   a. Puerto Rico  
   b. Miami  
   c. Key West  
   d. Guantanamo

Part 3: Interpreting Political Cartoons

Use the cartoon to answer questions 16–20 on page 501. Write the letter of the best answer.  
(4 points each)

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_____ 16. Who is the taller man in the cartoon?
   a. Lyndon Johnson
   b. Nikita Khrushchev
   c. John Kennedy
   d. Robert Kennedy

_____ 17. Who is the shorter man?
   a. Lyndon Johnson
   b. Nikita Khrushchev
   c. John Kennedy
   d. Robert Kennedy

_____ 18. What does each man have in his hands?
   a. a yard stick
   b. a tape measure
   c. a pencil
   d. masking tape

_____ 19. What is the expression on the face of each man?
   a. sad
   b. happy
   c. triumphant
   d. serious

_____ 20. Which event is least related to this cartoon?
   a. the Kennedy assassination
   b. the Berlin crisis
   c. the Cuban missile crisis
   d. the Cold War relationship of the United States and the Soviet Union

Part 4: Extended Response

Answer each of the following questions in a paragraph on the back of this paper or on a separate sheet. (10 points each)

21. Name two laws that were passed as part of the Great Society and explain the purpose of each law. **Think About:**
   - discrimination
   - “war on poverty”
   - health insurance
   - standards in the automobile industry

22. Explain how the Bay of Pigs invasion, the Cuban missile crisis, and the Berlin crisis each placed the United States in conflict with the Soviet Union. **Think About:**
   - Castro’s ties to the Soviet Union
   - placement of missiles in Cuba
   - reasons for the construction of the Berlin Wall