

U.S. STUDIES OLYMPIAD (80p)

POP CULTURE

2011

I PART:

1. *True or false (1p):*

The fifty stars on the flag of the USA represent the 50 states and the 13 stripes represent the first thirteen colonies (put a tick in the right box).

True:

False:

2. *True or false (1p):*

In 1782 the bald eagle was chosen as the emblem of the United States of America, because of its long life, great strength and majestic looks, and also because it was then believed to exist only on this continent.

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False:

3. What can you see in the picture? (1p)

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4. Why has the Liberty Bell, located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, become an iconic symbol of American Independence? (1p)

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5. This sentence has been called "one of the best-known sentences in the English language:

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are LIFE, LIBERTY and the PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS

Where is this sentence taken from? (1p)

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6. What is it called? (1p)

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

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7. What is it? (1p)

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8. True or false (1p):

The White House is located at 1400 Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, D.C.

True:

False:

9. Fill in the gaps (2p):

She was a gift from 1)..... She stands in 2).....Harbor.

She is a symbol of 3)..... She is 151 feet tall. In 1984, she was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site as a "masterpiece of the human spirit"

SHE IS 4)..... (name of the statue)

10. What is this building called and what is it used for? (2p)

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11. *True or false (1p):*

Barack Hussein Obama II is the 45th president of the United States.

True:

False:

12. His nickname was "Father of His Country" and he was the first president of the United States. Who was he? (1p)

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13. On April 14, 1865, during a performance of "Our American Cousin" at Ford's Theatre, the 16th president of the US was shot and killed by John Wilkes Booth. Who was the 16th president of the US? (1p)

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14. Who is the author of these famous cartoon characters? (1p)

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15. Give the first names of the Cullen family members. What is the name of the book and the movie saga? (4p)

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16. These 21 cars and 2 men are featured in movie series which focus on cars and car culture. Give the name of the last film. (1p)

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17. In this TV series a waitress, discovers a new world of creatures when she falls in love with Bill Compton, a vampire. In another series a high school girl is torn between two vampire brothers. Name those two series. (2p)

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18. In TV series “Renegade” Lorenzo Lamas rode on a chopper which was manufactured by a world famous American motorcycle company. Name the company. (1p)

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19. Give the collective name of the food which is served in food courts of the malls. (1p)

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20. What is America’s favourite pastime which has also played an important part in numerous American movies? (1p)

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21. What do these logos stand for? (1p)

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22. Name 4 different products in the picture. What is the name of the manufacturing company? (3p)

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23. Who is the man in the picture? (1p)

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24. This coffeehouse chain was founded in Seattle in 1971 and is the largest in the world. What is it called? (1p)

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25. Give the names of the actor and the actress who play Troy and Gabriella in High School Musical. (2p)

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26. He is considered to be the King of Pop. He has very unique signature movements and singing style. Who is he? (1p)

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II PART

(circle the right answer)

1. The population of the USA is approximately (1p)

- a) 312,367,000
- b) 512,367,000
- c) 112,367,000

2. The largest state of the USA by area is (1p)

- a) California
- b) Texas
- c) Alaska

3. The most populous city is (1p)

- a) Chicago
- b) New York City
- c) Los Angeles

4. The two main political parties are (1p)

- a) The Socialist and the Democratic parties
- b) The Democratic and the Republican parties
- c) The Liberal and the Democratic parties

5. The US president is elected every five years. (1p)

- a) True
- b) False

6. The most recent state to join the union was (1p)

- a) Hawaii
- b) Alaska
- c) Puerto Rico
- d) Canada

7. What is the official motto of the USA? (1p)

- a) United We Stand
- b) Unity, Justice, Progress
- c) In God We Trust
- d) By the People and for the People

8. The _____ was the ship that carried the Pilgrims to America in 1620. (1p)

- a) Pinta
- b) Mayflower
- c) Santa Maria

9. The U.S. constitution is (1p)

- a) The world's newest written constitution
- b) The world's longest constitution
- c) The world's second oldest constitution

10. It is a physical activity, sometimes a competitive sport, based on organized routines, usually ranging from one to three minutes, which contain the components of tumbling, dance, jumps, etc. to direct spectators of events to motivate sports teams or to participate in competitions. Name the activity. (1p)

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11. Name a soft drink which originally was formulated as a patent medicine in 1886. The concentrate of the drink is nowadays sold to licensed bottlers throughout the world. What is it? (1p)

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12. It was first discovered thousands of years ago by Native Americans in North America. It expands from the kernel and puffs up when heated. Nowadays it is the most popular "movie theater food". (1p)

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13. She is an Oscar-winning actress who has become popular by taking on the title role in the "Lara Croft" series of blockbuster movies. Off-screen, she has become prominently involved in international charity projects, especially those involving refugees. She often appears on many "most beautiful women" lists, and she has a personal life that is avidly covered by the tabloid press. Name the actress. (1p)

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14. This channel's on-air hosts are called VJs. Name the channel. (1p)

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15. It is an American cable television network which primarily airs animated programming. Original series started in 1994 with original programmings like Dexter's Laboratory, Johnny Bravo, Cow and Chicken, I Am Weasel, The Powerpuff Girls, Ed, Edd n Eddy and Courage the Cowardly Dog. Name the channel. (1p)

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16. What is American Idol? (1p)

17. Connect a superhero with his citizen name. Write the correct letter in the box.(5p)

- A) James “Logan” Howlett
- B) Bruce Wayne
- C) Peter Parker
- D) Matthew Michael “Matt” Murdock
- E) Clark Kent

Daredevil

Superman

Batman

Wolverine

Spiderman

18. What place is considered to be the film capital of the world and where is it situated? (2p)

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19. It is an American series of theatrical animated cartoon films created by W. Hanna and J. Barbera for MGM Studios, centering on a never-ending rivalry between two animals whose chases and battles often involved comic violence.

It has also been recognized as one of the most famous and longest-lived rivalries in American cinema. (1p)

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20. Born Marshall Bruce Mathers III (born October 17, 1972), he is better known by his stage name..... or his alter ego Slim Shady. He is an American rapper, record producer, songwriter and actor. (Give the stage name). (1p)

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21. What is the name of the hard-rock/heavy metal band that was created by Lars Ulrich and James Hetfield in 1981? That band held a concert- named 360° - in Estonia in April 2010. (1p)

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22. Circle the music styles that are African American origin (5p):

- a) blues
- b) R&B
- c) jazz
- d) gospel
- e) house
- f) techno
- g) funk
- h) hiphop
- i) soul
- j) gangsta rap

23. Which American band has the name of a spice? (1 p)

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24. These two female pop icons are both of Italian descent. They are well-recognized for their outré and ever-changing sense of style in music, in fashion, in performance and in music videos. At the moment one of them is 53 and the other 25 years old. (2p)

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25. Write the correct social network to match descriptions. (3p)

a) is a social networking service and website launched in February 2004. Users may create a personal profile, add other users as friends, and exchange messages, including automatic notifications when they update their profile.

b) is a video-sharing website, created by three former PayPal employees in February 2005, on which users can upload, share and view videos.

c) is an online social networking and microblogging service that enables its users to send and read text-based posts of up to 140 characters, informally known as "tweets".

26. What is the name of the sports which final is called "Super Bowl"? (1p)

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27. Ruth Handler watched her daughter Barbara play with paper dolls giving them adult roles. At the time, most children's toy dolls were representations of infants. She suggested the idea of an adult-bodied doll to the Mattel toy company. What is the name of the toy which turned 52 this spring? (1p)

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28. This clothing item was originally designed for cowboys but nowadays everybody wears it. They come in various fits, including skinny, tapered, straight, boot cut, Mommy-cut and flare. Name the item. (1p)

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29. Cartoon Special! Circle the correct answer (7p):

A) What is the name of *the Simpsons*' dog?

- Poochie
- Snowball
- Santa's Little Helper
- Scratchy

B) In what year Fry falls into a cryogenic pod in *Futurama*?

- 2014
- 2000
- 1998
- 1960

C) Who is *SpongeBob SquarePants*' neighbor?

- Squidward Tentacles
- Eugene Krabs
- Patric Star
- Sandy Cheeks

D) What is the name of the dad in *Family Guy*?

- Pete
- Bob
- Brandon
- Peter

E) Who is the personality of the pet fish in *American Dad*?

- English MI agent
- Eastern German Olympic ski jumper
- Mexican taco seller
- Japanese sumo wrestler

F) What is the color of *Johnny Bravo*'s hair?

- Black
- Blond
- Red
- Brunette

G) Stan, Kyle, Eric and Kenny from *South Park* attend to...what grade?

- 5th
- 2nd
- 4th
- they don't go to school

Your full names:

School (in Estonian):

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