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Chapter 6 Test

CALIFORNIA STANDARDS HSS 4.3, 4.4

MULTIPLE CHOICE (5 points each)

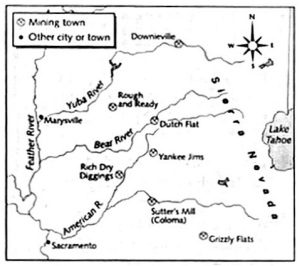
DIRECTIONS Select the letter of the best answer.

1. What is important about Coloma?
   - A It's the name of California's last Indian tribe.
   - (B) It's the place where gold was first discovered in California.
   - C It's a pass through the northern Sierra Nevada.
   - D It's the name of the first mining camp. HSS 4.3.1

2. At the start of the gold rush, what was the fastest way to reach California from the eastern United States?
   - A by ship around South America
   - B by wagon train across the United States
   - (C) by ship to the Isthmus of Panama, across it, and by ship up the Pacific Coast
   - D by riverboat up the Missouri River HSS 4.3, 4.3.2

3. How did a miner usually show where his or her claim was?
   - (A) by hammering wooden stakes into the ground around it
   - B by building a thick mud wall around it
   - C by sending a written description to Monterey
   - D by hiring a mapmaker to make a map of it HSS 4.3.3

Use the map to answer questions 4 and 5.



4. Where was Rich Dry Diggings in relation to Sutter's Mill?
   - A southwest of Sutter's Mill
   - (B) northwest of Sutter's Mill
   - C southeast of Sutter's Mill
   - D northeast of Sutter's Mill

   HSS 4.3.1, CS 4

5. Which mining town was located on the Bear River?
   - A Yankee Jims
   - B Downieville
   - C Grizzly Flats
   - (D) Dutch Flat

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Use the information in the box to answer question 6.

> Clothing, food, haircuts, and pots and pans often cost ten times more in California.

6. Which of these terms best describes the high prices during the gold rush?
   - A discrimination
   - B entrepreneur
   - (C) inflation
   - D vigilante HSS 4.3.3

7. How did many women in California become successful during the gold rush?
   - A They wrote articles for East Coast newspapers.
   - (B) They opened hotels, restaurants, and laundries.
   - C They struck it rich mining for gold.
   - D They designed tough pants made from denim.

   HSS 4.3.3, 4.3.4

8. What was the *Mirror of the Times*?
   - A a book written by a miner who failed to find gold
   - B the clipper ship that set a record for speed
   - C a San Francisco magazine about the gold rush
   - (D) the first California newspaper owned by African Americans

   HSS 4.3, CS 1

9. Which of these was a result of the Monterey Convention?
   - (A) a written constitution for California
   - B a decision to continue military rule in California
   - C a conflict over whether or not California should become a state
   - D the Fugitive Slave Act

   HSS 4.3, 4.3.5, 4.4

10. In which year did California become a state?
    - A 1847
    - B 1849
    - (C) 1850
    - D 1851 HSS 4.3, 4.3.5, 4.4, CS 1

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MATCHING (5 points each)

DIRECTIONS Match each person with the correct description. Write the correct letter on the blank line.

11. B owner of a shoe store who helped start the first African American-owned newspaper in California HSS 4.3, CS 1

12. E military governor of California who called for the Monterey Convention HSS 4.3, 4.3.5

13. D businessman who worked with tailor Jacob Davis to make denim pants for miners HSS 4.3

14. A first governor of the state of California HSS 4.3, 4.3.5, CS 1

15. C former slave who made a fortune buying land in Los Angeles and helped start a school for African American children HSS 4.3, 4.3.4

- A. Peter H. Burnett
- B. Mifflin Gibbs
- C. Biddy Mason
- D. Levi Strauss
- E. Bennett Riley

SHORT ANSWER (5 points each)

DIRECTIONS Answer each question in the space provided.

Use the information in the box to answer question 16.

> "A man may work in a claim for many months and be poorer in the end . . ."
>
> —Louise Clappe

16. Why might a miner who traveled to California seeking gold be "poorer in the end"? HSS 4.3, 4.3.3

Possible response: The miners had to pay for their passage to California, find and stake a claim, buy tools to work the claim, and pay high living costs. Even if they found gold, they might have to spend much of it in order to live.

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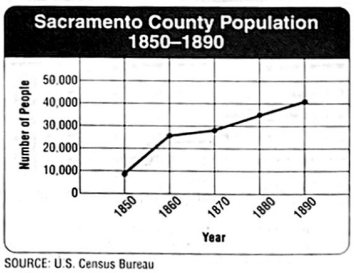
17. What were some effects of the gold rush on San Francisco? HSS 4.3.3, 4.4.2, HI 3

Possible responses: The population grew from about 800 to about 35,000; it became a busy port; some people stayed in San Francisco and opened a wide variety of businesses to serve the needs of the gold seekers.

Use the graph to answer question 18.



SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau

18. Between which two years on the graph did Sacramento County's population grow the most? Why do you think this was so? HSS 4.3.3, 4.4.2, CS 1, HI 1

Possible responses: between 1850 and 1860; because Sacramento County was in the center of gold country and many people settled there; because in 1854, the city of Sacramento became the state capital, which brought many people to the area

19. Why did most miners not have to pay taxes? How did that affect California? HSS 4.3.5, HI 3

Possible response: Most miners did not own land, so they paid no property taxes; this meant that California did not have enough tax money to pay its bills, and banks in other states would not lend money to the state.

20. What effect did the Land Act of 1851 have on the rancho owners in California? HSS 4.3.5, 4.4, HI 3

Possible response: They had to prove that their lands belonged to them. This was difficult because often they did not speak English and their diseños were often not correct. As a result, rancho owners had to hire lawyers, cases were tied up in the courts for years, and many rancho owners had to sell their lands to pay their bills.

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