The American Civil War

Choose one answer per question. Circle A, B, C, or D.

1. Which fort in Charleston Harbor was the site of the Civil War's opening engagement?
   A. Fort Sumter
   B. Fort Donelson
   C. Fort Wagner
   D. Fort Pulaski

2. Who served as U.S. president from the opening engagement at Fort Sumter through Lee's surrender at Appomattox?
   A. James Buchanan
   B. Andrew Johnson
   C. Abraham Lincoln
   D. Ulysses S. Grant

3. Who became the provisional president of the Confederacy in 1861?
   A. Robert E. Lee
   B. Jefferson Davis
   C. Alexander H. Stephens
   D. P. G. T. Beauregard

4. Which Confederate commander led the Army of Northern Virginia at Gettysburg?
   A. Joseph E. Johnston
   B. Stonewall Jackson
   C. Braxton Bragg
   D. Robert E. Lee

5. What event brought Lincoln to Gettysburg in November 1863 to deliver his famous address?
   A. A surrender meeting between Grant and Lee
   B. The dedication of a soldiers' cemetery
   C. The opening of a session of Congress
   D. A ceremony awarding the first Medals of Honor

6. A battlefield map labels the village of Sharpsburg, Maryland. Which battle should an archivist file it under?

A. Antietam
B. Shiloh
C. Chancellorsville
D. Cold Harbor

7. Which Union regiment of Black soldiers led the July 1863 assault on Fort Wagner?

A. 1st Minnesota Infantry
B. 20th Maine Infantry
C. 69th New York Infantry
D. 54th Massachusetts Infantry

8. Why was the clash between USS Monitor and CSS Virginia at Hampton Roads a naval milestone?

A. It ended the Union blockade of Southern ports
B. It was the first naval engagement ever fought at night
C. It was the first battle between ironclad warships
D. It was the first Civil War battle on the Mississippi

9. Which group was covered by Lincoln's final Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863?

A. Enslaved people in areas designated as in rebellion
B. All enslaved people in Union slave states
C. All residents of the Confederacy regardless of their legal status
D. Only people enslaved in the nation's capital

10. Why did the surrender of Vicksburg matter beyond the captured city?

A. It gave the Union its first route from the Atlantic to Chesapeake Bay
B. It brought the Confederate government in Richmond under Union control
C. It ended Confederate resistance throughout the Deep South
D. It helped the Union secure the Mississippi River and divide the Confederacy

11. What correction should a museum make to a label saying every Confederate army surrendered at Appomattox?

A. Both governments signed a treaty taking effect nationwide
B. Grant surrendered his army there, and Lee negotiated a peace treaty
C. Lee surrendered his army there, and other forces surrendered separately
D. Only a local garrison surrendered, while Lee's army departed intact

12. What did General Order No. 3 announce in Galveston on June 19, 1865?

A. The surrender of every Confederate army in Texas that day
B. The freedom of enslaved people in Texas
C. The ratification of the 13th Amendment by Texas
D. A federal requirement that free workers stay on former plantations

13. Which goal best matches Lincoln's closing appeal in his Second Inaugural Address?

A. Settle blame before offering aid to veterans or families
B. Exclude former Confederate states permanently
C. Keep wartime rule in place until the next election
D. Care for people harmed by the war and pursue a lasting peace

14. How did the 13th Amendment change the legal reach of emancipation after the Civil War?

A. It banned slavery nationwide, with an exception for punishment after conviction
B. It applied only to places still designated as in rebellion
C. It declared freedom in Texas while leaving the other states unchanged
D. It delegated the decision to each state's legislature

15. Which sequence is in chronological order?

A. Antietam → Gettysburg cemetery dedication → final Emancipation Proclamation → Lee's surrender
B. Final Emancipation Proclamation → Antietam → Lee's surrender → Gettysburg cemetery dedication
C. Antietam → final Emancipation Proclamation → Gettysburg cemetery dedication → Lee's surrender
D. Gettysburg cemetery dedication → final Emancipation Proclamation → Antietam → Lee's surrender