Fourth of July Trivia

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

1. The Declaration of Independence bears a date in which year?
   A. 1776
   B. 1781
   C. 1787
   D. 1791

2. Which city is home to Independence Hall, where Congress approved the Declaration?
   A. New York City
   B. Boston
   C. Philadelphia
   D. Baltimore

3. Which member of the drafting committee wrote the first draft of the Declaration?
   A. John Adams
   B. Thomas Jefferson
   C. Benjamin Franklin
   D. Roger Sherman

4. What do the thirteen stripes on the U.S. flag commemorate?
   A. The articles of the present U.S. Constitution
   B. The states added after the Revolution
   C. The members of the Declaration's drafting committee
   D. The original thirteen colonies

5. Which familiar Independence Day spectacle appeared in celebrations as early as 1777?
   A. A flag with fifty stars
   B. Fireworks
   C. An air show
   D. A rendition of Sousa's The Stars and Stripes Forever

6. Whose prominent first signature appears on the engrossed Declaration?
   A. John Hancock
   B. Thomas Jefferson
   C. Benjamin Franklin
   D. John Adams

7. Which John Philip Sousa composition did Congress designate the national march?
   A. Semper Fidelis
   B. The Washington Post
   C. The Liberty Bell
   D. The Stars and Stripes Forever

8. Who had the Declaration read aloud to assembled troops in New York on July 9, 1776?
   A. Thomas Paine
   B. John Hancock
   C. George Washington
   D. John Dunlap

9. Which motto from the first proposed design survived into the adopted Great Seal?
   A. E Pluribus Unum
   B. Annuit Coeptis
   C. Novus Ordo Seclorum
   D. In God We Trust

10. Under federal flag law, on what day is a new star added to the flag after a state's admission?
   A. The day the state is admitted
   B. The next Flag Day
   C. The next New Year's Day
   D. The next Fourth of July

11. Which was one of the specific grievances included in the Declaration against the British crown?
   A. Permitting western states to end slavery
   B. Prohibiting a federal income tax
   C. Imposing taxes without the colonies' consent
   D. Giving new states a vote in Congress

12. An exhibit needs a document showing Britain officially recognized U.S. independence. Which should it display?
   A. The 1776 Declaration of Independence
   B. The 1783 Treaty of Paris
   C. The 1777 Articles of Confederation
   D. The 1787 U.S. Constitution

13. Which museum label correctly distinguishes what happened on July 2 and July 4, 1776?

A. July 2: Delegates began signing the parchment. July 4: Congress appointed the drafting committee.
B. July 2: Congress adopted the Declaration's text. July 4: it first voted for independence.
C. July 2: Congress adopted the Articles of Confederation. July 4: it signed a peace treaty with Britain.
D. July 2: Congress voted for independence. July 4: it adopted the Declaration's text.

14. A July 1776 artifact shows Hancock's name in type and has no handwritten delegate signatures. Which description fits it?

A. An early printed broadside
B. The engrossed parchment that delegates signed
C. Jefferson's handwritten rough draft
D. The signed Treaty of Paris

15. Which principle best fits the Declaration's argument about when people may replace a government?

A. People derive their rights exclusively from their ruler
B. Any short-lived disagreement justifies dissolving a government
C. A sustained pattern of abuses can justify changing a government
D. A government may withdraw rights whenever it loses public consent