**Chapter 1: Introduction**

**Test Bank**

**Multiple Choice**

1. According to the text, which of the following illustrates the difference between legendary Texas and true Texas history?

a. the frontier image of Texas versus business innovation in the global marketplace

b. immigration under French rule versus immigration today

c. taxation in early Texas versus taxation today

d. the growth of theme parks in early Texas versus the growth of theme parks today

Ans: A

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TOP: TX Core Objective: CT

REF: Cognitive Domain: Analysis

Answer Location: Introduction

Difficulty Level: Easy

2. According to the text, a relationship exists between the land of Texas and the mentality of Texans. Which of the following is the authors’ example of Texans’ mentality being shaped by the state’s geographic size?

a. the well-organized political system in Texas

b. the sense that Texas is a place of limitless potential

c. Texans’ consistent loyalty to the American federal government

d. the rapid development of urban areas in Texas

Ans: B

KEY: Learning Objective: 1-1: Describe how the state’s geography and demographics shape its politics.

TOP: TX Core Objective: CT

REF: Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

Answer Location: Texas Geography

Difficulty Level: Easy

3. According to the text, which of the following contributed to the “birth of Texas traditions”?

a. post–Civil War immigrants from England

b. both Native American tribes and laborers from China

c. both the Spanish and the French

d. Theodore Roosevelt serving as *empresario*

Ans: C

KEY: Learning Objective: 1-2: Discuss the role of tradition and legend in Texas politics.

TOP: TX Core Objective: CT

REF: Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

Answer Location: History: The Birth of Texas Traditions

Difficulty Level: Easy

4. According to the text, which of the following served as motivation for Mexican independence from Spain?

a. Spain’s desire to expand political rights beyond what the Mexican government wanted

b. the desire of Sam Houston to have Texas annexed by the United States

c. the demand that those born in the New World be endowed with the same rights as those born in Europe

d. the desire of the Mexican government to expand slavery

Ans: C

KEY: Learning Objective: 1-2: Discuss the role of tradition and legend in Texas politics.

TOP: TX Core Objective: CT

REF: Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

Answer Location: Mexican Independence

Difficulty Level: Medium

5. Which of the following was a divisive issue during the Texas Revolution and subsequent Texas independence?

a. Texans needed to choose between statehood in the United States or being an independent republic.

b. Tejanos were faced with remaining under Mexican rule or risking their lives under the rule of Anglo settlers.

c. Anglos were united after independence was won.

d. Anglos did not want to fight against Mexican rule.

Ans: B

KEY: Learning Objective: 1-4: Explain the context of Texas’s increasingly diverse population.

TOP: TX Core Objective: CT

REF: Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: The Texas Revolution

Difficulty Level: Medium

6. Which of the following events followed closely the forming of the Republic of Texas?

a. As a statement against government power, Texans refused to ratify a constitution for the Republic of Texas.

b. The United States completed the process of annexing Texas.

c. The capital was established in Austin.

d. Sam Houston was elected as president.

Ans: D

KEY: Learning Objective: 1-2: Discuss the role of tradition and legend in Texas politics.

TOP: TX Core Objective: CT

REF: Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

Answer Location: The Republic of Texas

Difficulty Level: Easy

7. Texas’s statehood in the United States \_\_\_\_\_\_.

a. ended slavery in Texas

b. was strongly supported by John Quincy Adams

c. was easily passed by both the U.S. House and Senate

d. was made official in 1845

Ans: D

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TOP: TX Core Objective: CT

REF: Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: Texas Statehood

Difficulty Level: Medium

8. Texas’s secession from the United States \_\_\_\_\_\_.

a. ended slavery in Texas

b. was strongly supported by Sam Houston

c. was formally established in 1861

d. was opposed by a majority of voters

Ans: C

KEY: Learning Objective: 1-2: Discuss the role of tradition and legend in Texas politics.

TOP: TX Core Objective: CT

REF: Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

Answer Location: Texas in the Confederacy

Difficulty Level: Easy

9. Reconstruction in Texas met the demands of Radical Republicans in Congress \_\_\_\_\_\_.

a. immediately after the Emancipation Proclamation

b. by the passing of black codes

c. through the Texas Constitution of 1866

d. through the Texas Constitution of 1869

Ans: D

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TOP: TX Core Objective: CT

REF: Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: Reconstruction in Texas

Difficulty Level: Easy

10. Which one of the following was an influential “Redeemer” at the end of Reconstruction in Texas?

a. the Republican Party

b. Governor Edmund J. Davis

c. the Democrats

d. new Texans

Ans: C

KEY: Learning Objective: 1-2: Discuss the role of tradition and legend in Texas politics.

TOP: TX Core Objective: CT

REF: Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: The End of Reconstruction and Rise of the “Redeemers”

Difficulty Level: Medium

11. Which of the following was an area of change in Texas’s Reform period?

a. oil

b. slavery

c. the expansion of cotton

d. new citizens

Ans: A

KEY: Learning Objective: 1-3: Describe the political culture of Texas and its impact on Texas government.

TOP: TX Core Objective: CT | SR

REF: Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: The Era of Reform

Difficulty Level: Easy

12. Which of the following occurred in Texas during the Great Depression and the New Deal?

a. Texans voted for Franklin D. Roosevelt in each of his presidential elections.

b. The oil industry did little to spare the Texas economy from the effects of the Depression.

c. Many farmers’ property increased in value.

d. “Pappy” O’Daniel lost the gubernatorial election despite having the Golden Rule as his motto.

Ans: B

KEY: Learning Objective: 1-2: Discuss the role of tradition and legend in Texas politics.

TOP: TX Core Objective: CT

REF: Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: The Great Depression and the New Deal in Texas

Difficulty Level: Easy

13. In the section Transitions to the Twenty-First Century, the authors write, “Texas spent the rest of the twentieth century in transition.” Which of the following is noted in that section as a transition?

a. the creation of a public school system in Texas

b. the growth of women’s political rights and participation

c. growing support for the Democratic Party

d. the irrelevance of the Texas energy industry

Ans: B

KEY: Learning Objective: 1-1: Describe how the state’s geography and demographics shape its politics.

TOP: TX Core Objective: CT

REF: Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: Transitions to the Twenty-First Century

Difficulty Level: Easy

14. Which of the following political culture types is most rarely found in Texas?

a. moralistic

b. individualistic

c. traditionalistic

d. popularistic

Ans: A

KEY: Learning Objective: 1-3: Describe the political culture of Texas and its impact on Texas government.

TOP: TX Core Objective: CT

REF: Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: Texas Today

Difficulty Level: Easy

15. Texas history can be best understood as \_\_\_\_\_\_.

a. the glorious triumph of Anglo-American culture over more backward cultures

b. the tragic tale of the decay of attachment to the transcending value of individualism

c. the development of a strong culture by Americans that is now threatened by unwanted immigration to the state

d. a long string of transitions that often brought conflict between old ways and new ways

e. a chaotic and indescribable history of growth and decay

Ans: D

KEY: Learning Objective: 1-4: Explain the context of Texas’s increasingly diverse population.

TOP: TX Core Objective: CT

REF: Cognitive Domain: Analysis

Answer Location: Texas Today

Difficulty Level: Medium

16. The question of whether or not the United States should annex Texas was most heavily influenced and delayed by \_\_\_\_\_\_.

a. the desire of most Texans to remain independent

b. the decision to grant Texas the power to secede from the Union

c. the question of how many states Texas should become

d. concern about offending Mexico

e. the issue of slavery

Ans: E

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TOP: TX Core Objective: CT

REF: Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

Answer Location: The Republic of Texas

Difficulty Level: Easy

17. All of the following have been causes of major transitions in Texas politics EXCEPT \_\_\_\_\_\_.

a. the immigration into the state of large numbers of Germans in the latter half of the nineteenth century

b. the Great Depression

c. the rise to prominence of cowboys in Texas government in the latter half of the nineteenth century

d. the increasing importance of oil in the Texas economy at the beginning of the twentieth century

e. the influx of Anglos into Texas in the early nineteenth century

Ans: C

KEY: Learning Objective: 1-1: Describe how the state’s geography and demographics shape its politics.

TOP: TX Core Objective: CT

REF: Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: A Tradition of Change

Difficulty Level: Medium

18. The rise of the Grange and the “Redeemers” was important because \_\_\_\_\_\_.

a. it led to the writing of a constitution that is still in use in Texas today

b. it redeemed the state from the influence of Confederate sympathizers

c. it led to a reform movement that redeemed the state from wealthy business interests

d. the two groups led the fight for Texas statehood in the United States

e. the two groups helped bring about policies that created a modern industrial economy in Texas

Ans: A

KEY: Learning Objective: 1-4: Explain the context of Texas’s increasingly diverse population.

TOP: TX Core Objective: CT

REF: Cognitive Domain: Analysis

Answer Location: Reconstruction in Texas

Difficulty Level: Medium

19. The reform movement in Texas became occupied with the issue of prohibition of the consumption of alcohol because \_\_\_\_\_\_.

a. the movement was taken over through an insurgency led by prohibitionists

b. it was an issue that dominated national political contests

c. its leaders decided it was the issue they were most likely to win

d. Texas lacked the large corporations and big-city political machines that energized the reform movement in the North

e. they were following the lead of the National Reform Party

Ans: D

KEY: Learning Objective: 1-3: Describe the political culture of Texas and its impact on Texas government.

TOP: TX Core Objective: CT

REF: Cognitive Domain: Analysis

Answer Location: The Era of Reform

Difficulty Level: Medium

20. Texas reduced its reliance on most forms of taxation in the first part of the twentieth century because of \_\_\_\_\_\_.

a. the takeover of state government by fiscal conservatives

b. a large influx of money from the federal government

c. a large influx of funds from the rapidly growing oil industry

d. a large influx of funds from the rapidly growing timber industry

e. a large influx of funds from the rapidly growing cotton industry

Ans: C

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TOP: TX Core Objective: CT

REF: Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

Answer Location: The Era of Reform

Difficulty Level: Easy

21. Texas’s history of electing governors such as “Pa” Ferguson and “Pappy” O’Daniel demonstrates that \_\_\_\_\_\_.

a. Texas just loves quirky people regardless of their qualifications

b. the size of the state makes it difficult to create political organizations and gives an advantage to those who can stand out

c. Texas has a history of electing “colorful” governors

d. the people of Texas treat politics as entertainment more than do the people of other states

Ans: C

KEY: Learning Objective: 1-2: Discuss the role of tradition and legend in Texas politics.

TOP: TX Core Objective: CT

REF: Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: The Era of Reform

Difficulty Level: Medium

22. The weakening of the influence of Civil War allegiances in Texas has led to the growing power of the Republican Party because \_\_\_\_\_\_.

a. conservatives have been willing to abandon the Democratic Party.

b. economic issues have unified members of the Democratic Party.

c. African Americans have bolstered the ranks of the Republican Party.

d. Hispanics have bolstered the ranks of the Republican Party.

e. Republicans have won the allegiance of most big-city voters.

Ans: A

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TOP: TX Core Objective: CT

REF: Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: Transitions to the Twenty-First Century

Difficulty Level: Medium

23. Traditionalistic political culture is characterized by \_\_\_\_\_\_.

a. the belief that individuals should be left free of the intervention of community forces such as government

b. the belief that the intervention of community forces is sometimes necessary to advance the public good

c. the belief that government should be controlled by the lower classes in society

d. the belief that government is traditionally best when controlled by the educated classes

e. the belief that government has a limited role but should preserve the current social order

Ans: E

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TOP: TX Core Objective: CT

REF: Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: Texas Today

Difficulty Level: Medium

24. Today the identity of what it means to be a Texan \_\_\_\_\_\_.

a. is still based on the majority status of Anglos

b. continues to disregard Mexican heritage

c. is still dominated by South Texas culture

d. is complicated by changing demographics

Ans: D

KEY: Learning Objective: 1-4: Explain the context of Texas’s increasingly diverse population.

TOP: TX Core Objective: CT

REF: Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: Winners and Losers

Difficulty Level: Medium

25. Compared to national averages, Texas has \_\_\_\_\_\_.

a. a larger economy

b. a lower poverty rate

c. a higher average income

d. a higher percentage of non-Hispanic whites

Ans: A

KEY: Learning Objective: 1-4: Explain the context of Texas’s increasingly diverse population.

TOP: TX Core Objective: CT

REF: Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: Winners and Losers

Difficulty Level: Easy

26. The decision of the Texas State Board of Education concerning how to identify the heroes of the Alamo illustrates \_\_\_\_\_\_.

a. the oversensitivity of educators to the feelings of minority groups.

b. the difficulty of achieving historical accuracy of such events.

c. the tendency to undervalue the contributions of Hispanics to Texas history.

d. a fading interest by Texans in their own history.

e. a compromise between Anglos and Hispanics on how to characterize the battle.

Ans: C

KEY: Learning Objective: 1-2: Discuss the role of tradition and legend in Texas politics.

TOP: TX Core Objective: CT

REF: Cognitive Domain: Application

Answer Location: Winners and Losers

Difficulty Level: Medium

27. Texas struggles to meet its current challenges in part because its government is \_\_\_\_\_\_.

a. too centralized

b. outdated

c. the product of one-party politics

d. too expensive

e. too responsive to public pressure

Ans: B

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TOP: TX Core Objective: CT

REF: Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: Winners and Losers

Difficulty Level: Medium

28. Which Native American group lived in large, peaceful settlements in the panhandle?

a. Caddo

b. Cherokee

c. Blackfoot

d. Apache

Ans: D

KEY: Learning Objective: 1-2: Discuss the role of tradition and legend in Texas politics.

TOP: TX Core Objective: CT

REF: Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

Answer Location: History: The Birth of Texas Traditions

Difficulty Level: Easy

29. Texas was denied Mexican statehood because \_\_\_\_\_\_.

a. Anglos were not considered to be full members of Mexican society

b. Mexico’s constitution required a population of 80,000 persons and Texas had a population of only 30,000

c. Austin would not forfeit his American citizenship

d. Anglo settlers refused to pay taxes

Ans: B

KEY: Learning Objective: 1-4: Explain the context of Texas’s increasingly diverse population.

TOP: TX Core Objective: CT

REF: Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

Answer Location: The Texas Revolution

Difficulty Level: Medium

30. Which U.S. president campaigned for the annexation of Texas during the election of 1844?

a. Andrew Jackson

b. Abraham Lincoln

c. Henry Davenport

d. James K. Polk

Ans: D

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TOP: TX Core Objective: CT

REF: Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

Answer Location: Texas Statehood

Difficulty Level: Easy

31. Which of the following is NOT true of the period of Texas membership in the Confederate States of America?

a. Free-blacks were victimized.

b. Germans were targeted for antislavery beliefs.

c. Tejanos’ land was seized.

d. Women’s rights saw an unparalleled expansion.

Ans: D

KEY: Learning Objective: 1-2: Discuss the role of tradition and legend in Texas politics.

TOP: TX Core Objective: CT

REF: Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

Answer Location: Texas in the Confederacy

Difficulty Level: Medium

32. Black codes were an example of which type of political culture?

a. progressive

b. individualistic

c. moralistic

d. traditionalistic

Ans: D

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TOP: TX Core Objective: CT

REF: Cognitive Domain: Application

Answer Location: Texas Today

Difficulty Level: Medium

33. The 1866 constitution failed to secure Texas’s reentry to the United States in part because \_\_\_\_\_\_.

a. there were no provisions for taxation

b. the constitution maintained the right to secede

c. voting for the document was shrouded in corruption

d. the framers failed to ratify the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Amendments

Ans: D

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TOP: TX Core Objective: CT

REF: Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: Reconstruction in Texas

Difficulty Level: Medium

34. The influence of the frontier continues in Texas political culture today with \_\_\_\_\_\_.

a. a preference for little gun control

b. a rehabilitative justice system

c. a preference for big government

d. less harsh criminal sentences

Ans: A

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TOP: TX Core Objective: CT

REF: Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: Texas Today

Difficulty Level: Medium

35. In the past, Hispanics have been \_\_\_\_\_\_ in political conflict in Texas, and in the future, they are likely to be \_\_\_\_\_\_.

a. losers; losers

b. losers; winners

c. winners; losers

d. winners; winners

e. winners; neither winners nor losers

Ans: B

KEY: Learning Objective: 1-4: Explain the context of Texas’s increasingly diverse population.

TOP: TX Core Objective: CT

REF: Cognitive Domain: Analysis

Answer Location: Winners and Losers

Difficulty Level: Medium

36. The “Call of Hidalgo” was aimed at securing \_\_\_\_\_\_ in the New World.

a. lower taxation rates

b. local land ownership

c. the same rights as Europeans for those born

d. legal settlements for Anglos

Ans: C

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TOP: TX Core Objective: CT

REF: Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

Answer Location: Mexican Independence

Difficulty Level: Medium

37. With its seemingly endless frontier, Texas represents \_\_\_\_\_\_ to many.

a. disorganization and disunity

b. an administrative challenge

c. limitless potential

d. colonial history

Ans: C

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TOP: TX Core Objective: CT

REF: Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: Texas Geography

Difficulty Level: Easy

38. The population in Texas has \_\_\_\_\_\_ over its history.

a. declined

b. grown

c. remained about the same

Ans: B

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TOP: TX Core Objective: CT

REF: Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

Answer Location: A Tradition of Change

Difficulty Level: Easy

**True/False**

1. The Spanish were often described as “the Romans of Texas.”

Ans: F

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TOP: TX Core Objective: CT

REF: Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

Answer Location: History: The Birth of Texas Traditions

Difficulty Level: Medium

2. Individualistic political culture supports the expansion of welfare programs.

Ans: F

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TOP: TX Core Objective: CT

REF: Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

Answer Location: A Tradition of Change

Difficulty Level: Easy

3. Texas has the most moralistic political culture of all the U.S. states.

Ans: F

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TOP: TX Core Objective: CT

REF: Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

Answer Location: A Tradition of Change

Difficulty Level: Easy

4. Clean air regulations are an example of what would result from a moralistic political culture.

Ans: T

KEY: Learning Objective: 1-3: Describe the political culture of Texas and its impact on Texas government.

TOP: TX Core Objective: CT

REF: Cognitive Domain: Application

Answer Location: Texas Today

Difficulty Level: Medium

5. Anglo historians have always maintained an accurate accounting of the Tejano contributions to Texas history.

Ans: F

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TOP: TX Core Objective: CT

REF: Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: Conclusion

Difficulty Level: Easy

6. “Ma” Ferguson was the first female Texas governor.

Ans: T

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TOP: TX Core Objective: CT

REF: Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

Answer Location: The Great Depression and the New Deal in Texas

Difficulty Level: Easy

7. Texas state law allowed for African American marriages even before the end of the Civil War.

Ans: F

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TOP: TX Core Objective: CT

REF: Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

Answer Location: Reconstruction in Texas

Difficulty Level: Easy

8. The first elected president of the Republic of Texas was Mirabeau B. Lamar.

Ans: F

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TOP: TX Core Objective: CT

REF: Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

Answer Location: Texas Statehood

Difficulty Level: Easy

9. In 1961, Texas elected its first Republican to the Senate since Reconstruction.

Ans: T

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TOP: TX Core Objective: CT

REF: Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

Answer Location: Transitions to the Twenty-First Century

Difficulty Level: Easy

10. Recent demographic studies show an increase in immigration to Texas from Asia.

Ans: T

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TOP: TX Core Objective: CT

REF: Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

Answer Location: A Tradition of Change

Difficulty Level: Medium

**Short Answer**

1. Where does the myth come from that Texas has the right to secede from the United States?

Ans: A compromise to grant Texas admission to the United States allowed for the division of Texas into five states.

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TOP: TX Core Objective: CT

REF: Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: Texas Statehood

Difficulty Level: Medium

2. Who were the “Redeemers?”

Ans: the Democrats who came to power in Texas in 1875 and established the post-Reconstruction government

KEY: Learning Objective: 1-2: Discuss the role of tradition and legend in Texas politics.

TOP: TX Core Objective: CT

REF: Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

Answer Location: The End of Reconstruction and Rise of the “Redeemers”

Difficulty Level: Easy

3. Name the two major industries that expanded dramatically in the first part of the twentieth century.

Ans: oil and lumber

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TOP: TX Core Objective: CT

REF: Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

Answer Location: The Era of Reform

Difficulty Level: Easy

4. Why did the Texas government encourage immigration in the late nineteenth century?

Ans: to populate the western part of the state and drive off Native American tribes and to counteract the increase in former slaves becoming sharecroppers

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TOP: TX Core Objective: CT

REF: Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: The End of Reconstruction and Rise of the “Redeemers”

Difficulty Level: Easy

5. The Mexican-American War was ended by the Treaty of \_\_\_\_\_\_.

Ans: Guadalupe Hidalgo.

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TOP: TX Core Objective: CT

REF: Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

Answer Location: Texas Statehood

Difficulty Level: Easy

**Essay**

1. Define *individualistic political culture*.

Ans: Individualistic political culture is the idea, pragmatic in nature, that individuals are best left largely free from government’s intervention and that government should attempt only those things demanded by the people it is created to serve.

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REF: Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: Texas Today

Difficulty Level: Easy

2. What is meant by the statement that Texas is a “majority-minority” state?

Ans: The nation’s majority (Anglos) make up a minority of the population of the state.

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TOP: TX Core Objective: CT

REF: Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: A Tradition of Change

Difficulty Level: Medium

3. According to the authors, what three major issues are facing Texas early in the twenty-first century?

Ans: public school financing, air quality, and transportation

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TOP: TX Core Objective: CT

REF: Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: Conclusion

Difficulty Level: Medium

4. A major theme in Chapter 1 is that change has been an important factor in the history of Texas. The text identifies several events and trends that have led to significant change in Texas. Choose one of the following events and discuss its impact on Texas both historically and today: the immigration of Anglos into Texas, the rise of the Grange and the “Redeemers,” the rise of oil as an important industry, or the rise of the Republican Party. What was the event? What were its effects on Texas at the time? How does it continue to affect Texas today?

Ans: Answers may vary. Each of these events had significant effects on Texas then and now. The immigration of Anglos into Texas led, of course, to the Texas Revolution, statehood, and the Mexican-American War. The state of Texas today is defined by these events, and the Hispanic population reflects Texas’s Spanish heritage. The Grange and the “Redeemers” led to the creation of the post-Reconstruction government and the writing of the Texas Constitution. Their policies reduced the rights of former slaves, increased the power of agricultural interests, and left behind a constitution that complicates the ability of Texas to deal with its problems in the modern age. The rise of the Republican Party has turned Texas into a two-party state and given control of statewide government to a conservative party. This also influences national politics as the state Republican Party provides leaders in Congress and the executive branch of the national government.

KEY: Learning Objective: 1-3: Describe the political culture of Texas and its impact on Texas government.

TOP: TX Core Objective: CT | COMM | SR

REF: Cognitive Domain: Analysis

Answer Location: Reconstruction in Texas

Difficulty Level: Medium

5. One of the most significant forces for change that has shaped Texas is immigration, and no immigrant population has been more integral to the state than Hispanics. Discuss the importance of Hispanics for Texas. How have Hispanics been treated by the Anglo population in Texas?

Ans: Answers may vary. The Tejano population of Texas made significant contributions to winning the Texas Revolution. Although the Hispanic population declined for a while, it then grew rapidly throughout the twentieth century and today represents the largest single non-Anglo population group in Texas. This population has contributed to the economy and culture of Texas. However, Hispanics have often been treated badly. Not only were exclusionary laws such as the Jim Crow laws and white primaries applied to Hispanics, but Hispanics were also shut out of politics until recent times. In addition, the history books of Texas have ignored or distorted the role of Hispanics in Texas history.

KEY: Learning Objective: 1-1: Describe how the state’s geography and demographics shape its politics.

TOP: TX Core Objective: CT | COMM | SR

REF: Cognitive Domain: Analysis

Answer Location: A Tradition of Change

Difficulty Level: Medium

6. Nearly ten years passed between Texas’s fight for independence from Mexico and its annexation by the United States. What political changes occurred to facilitate Texas joining the Union?

Ans: Northern interests in the U.S. Congress, led by John Quincy Adams, resisted greatly the admission of another slave state into the Union. As Texas made assertions of owning larger territory than its widely accepted borders and made attempts at alliances with European powers, sentiment in Washington changed, and a centerpiece of James K. Polk’s successful presidential campaign in 1844 was the annexation of Texas.

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TOP: TX Core Objective: CT | COMM | SR

REF: Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

Answer Location: Texas Statehood

Difficulty Level: Medium

7. Describe the ways that geographic size has both helped and inhibited politics in Texas.

Ans: Answers may vary. It prevented the development of corrupt party machines; it also inhibited the development of beneficial groups.

KEY: Learning Objective: 1-1: Describe how the state’s geography and demographics shape its politics.

TOP: TX Core Objective: CT | COMM | SR

REF: Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: Texas Geography

Difficulty Level: Easy

8. List the major ethnic groups that have laid the foundation of Texas culture. Describe their contributions.

Ans: Answers may vary, based on book content and any additional instructor resources.

KEY: Learning Objective: 1-1: Describe how the state’s geography and demographics shape its politics.

TOP: TX Core Objective: CT | COMM

REF: Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: History: The Birth of Texas Traditions

Difficulty Level: Medium

9. Detail the importance of the Adams-Onís Treaty of 1819. Was the treaty a success or a failure, or both?

Ans: Answers may vary.

KEY: Learning Objective: 1-2: Discuss the role of tradition and legend in Texas politics.

TOP: TX Core Objective: CT

REF: Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: Mexican Independence

Difficulty Level: Medium

10. Explain the complexity of the position of Tejanos in Texas right before the Texas Revolution. What reasons did they have to support and oppose the revolution?

Ans: Answers will vary.

KEY: Learning Objective: 1-4: Explain the context of Texas’s increasingly diverse population.

TOP: TX Core Objective: CT | COMM | SR

REF: Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: The Texas Revolution

Difficulty Level: Easy

11. What were some of the concessions made by the Mexican government to Anglo settlers before the Texas Revolution?

Ans: the right to trial by jury and the official use of the English language

KEY: Learning Objective: 1-4: Explain the context of Texas’s increasingly diverse population.

TOP: TX Core Objective: CT

REF: Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: The Texas Revolution

Difficulty Level: Medium

12. Describe in an essay the role of political culture in shaping Texas today.

Ans: Answers may vary.

KEY: Learning Objective: 1-3: Describe the political culture of Texas and its impact on Texas government.

TOP: TX Core Objective: CT

REF: Cognitive Domain: Analysis

Answer Location: Texas Today

Difficulty Level: Medium

13. Which type of political culture might explain the Texas government’s reaction to *Brown v. Board of* *Education* and why?

Ans: Answers may vary. Traditionalistic; reasons may vary

KEY: Learning Objective: 1-3: Describe the political culture of Texas and its impact on Texas government.

TOP: TX Core Objective: CT | SR

REF: Cognitive Domain: Analysis

Answer Location: Texas Today

Difficulty Level: Easy

14. What is presidential republicanism, and why was it found in Texas?

Ans: Answers may vary. Presidential republicanism refers to voting Republican for president and conservative Democrat for other offices. It is a reaction to the legacy of the Civil War.

KEY: Learning Objective: 1-3: Describe the political culture of Texas and its impact on Texas government.

TOP: TX Core Objective: CT

REF: Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: Texas Today

Difficulty Level: Hard