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Test Paper for <u>British & American Culture</u> _____										
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Section I	20
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Answer each of the following multiple-choice questions. Enter your answers in the table below. Each question is worth one point.

1. Which is the largest city in Scotland?

- a) Cardiff
- b) Edinburgh
- c) Glasgow
- d) Manchester

2. William the Conqueror's victory at the Battle of Hastings (1066) marked the beginning of:

- a) Roman occupation
- b) The Civil War
- c) The Anglo-Saxon rule
- d) The Norman conquest

3. The first known settlers of Britain were:

- a) The Jutes
- b) The Celts
- c) The Saxons

d) The Iberians

4. The ultimate authority for law-making in the UK resides with:

- a) The Queen
- b) The courts
- c) OFCOM
- d) Parliament

5. An outstanding feature of the british economic recovery in the 1980s was its _____

- a) Length
- b) Rate
- c) Ineffectiveness
- d) Timing

6. In Britain, early education is:

- a) Expensive
- b) Free
- c) Inexistent
- d) The responsibility of grandparents

7. Which literary form was most prominent during the Elizabethan period?

- a) Novels
- b) Essays
- c) Prose
- d) Poetry

8. Quality newspapers are also known as:

- a) Tabloids
- b) Longsheets
- c) Magazines
- d) Broadsheets

9. Which United States lake is the largest freshwater lake in the world?

- a) Lake Superior
- b) Lake Michigan
- c) Lake Huron
- d) Lake Ontario

10. Which of these products is California famous for?

- a) Wines
- b) Crawfish bowls
- c) Beans
- d) Cheesecakes

11. The President is the head of which branch of government?

- a) Legislative branch
- b) Judicial branch
- c) Congressional Branch
- d) Executive branch

12. Which of the following is not a protestant denomination?

- a) Baptist
- b) Methodist
- c) Catholic
- d) Presbyterian

13. Which of these British holidays celebrates the failure of the Gunpowder Plot of 1605?

- a) Boxing Day
- b) Guy Fawkes Day
- c) Halloween
- d) Christmas

14. The supreme court decision in Loving v. Virginia overturned laws regarding ____?

- a) Interracial marriage
- b) Divorce
- c) Homosexuality
- d) Slavery

15. There are about an equal number of _____ restaurants in the USA?

- a) Italian and British
- b) Italian and Chinese
- c) British and Canadian
- d) British and Chinese

16. Which of the following became the new standard for consumer video in the late

1990s?

- a) DVD
- b) VHS
- c) CD
- d) LP

17. Which of these is NOT a federal holiday in the United States?

- a) The Birthday of Martin Luther King Jr.
- b) Thanksgiving
- c) Labor Day
- d) Easter

18. Charleston became a major player in American theatre after building a theatre in _____.

- a) 1610
- b) 1736
- c) 1792
- d) 1804

19. The highest mountain in Britain, Ben Nevis, located in which country?

- a) England
- b) Wales
- c) Scotland
- d) N. Ireland

20. Britain became a net exporter of ____ in the 1980s.

- a) Coal
- b) Gas
- c) Steel
- d) Oil

Section II	40
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Choose five (5) of the following short-answer questions. (Each answer is worth 8

points)

1. Explain the differences between grammar schools, state schools, and public schools in the UK.
2. What is the role of OFCOM in regard to British media?
3. Compare and contrast crown courts and magistrates' courts in the UK.
4. Describe the factors influencing the climate in the UK.
5. Briefly describe the history of censorship within the American film industry.
6. Briefly explore the difference between levels of religious belief in the UK and the United States.
7. Explain the ancestral origins of the people within the four countries of the United Kingdom.
8. Discuss the different types of relationships and living arrangements in America outside traditional marriage.
9. Give a brief description of the role of the Supreme Court of the United States.
10. Describe the social factors that influenced English romantic literature.

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Choose two (2) of the following long-answer essays to discuss. Each answer should be 150-200 words long. (Each answer is worth 20 points)

1. Discuss the advantages of the geography and location of the United States.
2. Discuss the evolution of American cinema since the beginning of the sound era.
3. Describe the origins and traditions surrounding three American public holidays.
4. Describe the three stages of Britain's post WWII economy from 1945-1990.
5. Describe how American food changes by region or national origin.
6. Explain the system of parliamentary monarchy in the UK.