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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. Signed in 1787, this document is the “supreme law” of the United States of America:
  - a) The Ten Commandments
  - b) The Constitution
  - c) The Declaration of Independence
  - d) The Magna Carta
  
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. Nicknamed the “Master of suspense” in Hollywood, he directed movies such as *Rear Window*, *Psycho*, *Vertigo*, and *North by Northwest*:
  - a) Steven Spielberg
  - b) Frank Capra

- c) Alfred Hitchcock
- d) Wes Anderson

4. Which of these policies was Margaret Thatcher in favor of?

- a) Privatization
- b) Nationalization
- c) Joining the Euro Zone
- d) Keynesianism

5. What is the largest Protestant denomination in the United States?

- a) The Catholic Church
- b) The Nation of Islam
- c) The Mormon Church
- d) The Southern Baptist Convention

6. In Britain, early education is:

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

7. The “Straits of Dover” is the name given to the narrowest part of:

- a) The English Channel
- b) The Irish Sea
- c) The North Sea
- d) The Thames River

8. Who was elected President of the United States in 1860 and led the country during the Civil War?

- a) George Washington
- b) Franklin D. Roosevelt
- c) Abraham Lincoln
- d) John F. Kennedy

9. Who is the Supreme Governor of the Church of England?

- a) The Prime Minister
- b) The Monarch
- c) The Pope

d) The Leader of the House of Lords

10. Which of these products is California famous for?

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

11. Which of these elements is NOT part of Britain's legal system?

- a) Statutory Law/Acts of Parliament
- b) Napoleonic Law
- c) Equity Law
- d) Common Law

12. Broadway is particularly known for:

- a) TV series
- b) Tragic plays
- c) Musicals
- d) Soap Operas

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. Which of these American states is located along the Gulf of Mexico?

- a) Oregon
- b) Alaska
- c) Michigan
- d) Florida

15. Where is the Smithsonian Institution (museum) located?

- a) Washington D.C
- b) Boston
- c) Los Angeles
- d) London

16. What is the name of the independent regulator and competition authority for the communication industries in the United Kingdom?

- a) The Free Press Foundation
- b) Ofcom
- c) PBS
- d) Fox News

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. Which of these is NOT one of the elements of the British Parliament?

- a) The Crown
- b) The Supreme Court
- c) The House of Lords
- d) The House of Commons

19. Which of these plays was written by Shakespeare?

- a) *McBeth*
- b) *A streetcar named desire*
- c) *Oedipus Rex*
- d) *The Wild Duck*

20. Who is the author of *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* (1885)?

- a) Mark Twain
- b) J.K. Rowling
- c) Victor Hugo
- d) F. Scott Fitzgerald

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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 are the different steps of the establishment of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland?
3. Compare and contrast tabloid and quality newspapers in the UK.
4. Describe the origins and traditions of Thanksgiving.
5. What are the main geographical features of the United States?
6. Briefly introduce American Modernist literature.
7. Explain what “the British disease” refers to and how it was partially “cured”.
8. Discuss the role of Great Britain during WWII.
9. Give a brief description of the role of the Supreme Court of the United States.
10. Describe the typical American backyard cookout.

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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 significance of the different invasions of the British Isles.
2. Discuss the evolution of American cinema since the beginning of the sound era.
3. How has the institution of marriage changed in America since the 17<sup>th</sup> century?
4. How does the UK strike a balance between freedom of the press and communications regulations?
5. Describe the religious landscape of the United States.
6. Explain the system of parliamentary monarchy in the UK.