A Citizenship Quiz in Honor of St Patrick’s Day and Irish-American Heritage Month

01. Fifty-six men signed the Declaration of Independence, including Charles Carroll, who was barred by British law from holding public office because he was Catholic. After Independence, he represented Maryland in the state and US Senate. What are two rights in the Declaration of Independence? (9) (pick 2)
   a. Life  
   b. Liberty  
   c. Poetry  
   d. Property

02. In 1780, General George Washington granted the Continental Army a holiday on St Patrick’s Day "as an act of solidarity with the Irish in their fight for independence." Why did the colonists fight the British? (61)
   a. because they didn’t have self-esteem  
   b. because they didn’t have self-government  
   c. because they didn’t have self-help  
   d. because they didn’t have self-reliance

03. From 1820 to 1860, almost 2 million Irish immigrants came to America to escape "The Great Hunger." What is one reason colonists came to America? (58)
   a. civil rights  
   b. economic opportunity  
   c. free food and land  
   d. religious orthodoxy

04. The "Know-Nothings" (1850s) was a group of native-born Americans which tried to stop Irish immigration. They thought that the Irish were “alien” and would not support US democracy because of the Catholic religion. They became too violent and failed. In the 1950s, what movement tried to end racial discrimination? (84)
   a. the America First movement  
   b. the civil rights movement  
   c. the civil war movement  
   d. the self-reliance movement

05. During the first part of the American Civil War (1861-1863), Irish Americans volunteered in high numbers for the Union Army. Later, the Irish resisted strict new draft laws which forced poor immigrants to serve in the Army as substitutes for rich native-born men. When must all men register for the Selective Service? (67)
   a. between eighteen (16) and twenty-six (21)  
   b. between eighteen (18) and twenty-six (21)  
   c. between eighteen (18) and twenty-six (26)  
   d. between eighteen (21) and twenty-six (26)

06. "Mother Jones" (Mary Harris Jones, 1837–1930) was born in Ireland and immigrated to the United States. She became a powerful union organizer who fought for workers’ rights and against child labor. What are two ways that Americans can participate in their democracy? (55) (pick 2)
   a. fight against other people  
   b. give an elected official your opinion on an issue  
   c. publicly support or oppose an issue or policy  
   d. serve on a steering committee

07. At least 22 presidents of the United States have some Irish ancestral origins, most notably John F Kennedy, and including our current president. What is the name of the President of the US now? (28)
   a. Bush  
   b. Clinton  
   c. Obama  
   d. Reagan

08. Our current vice president is very, very proud of his Irish Catholic heritage. What is the name of the Vice President of the United States now? (29)
   a. Agnew  
   b. Biden  
   c. Cheney  
   d. Quayle

09. Anthony Kennedy, too, is very proud of his Irish Catholic heritage and currently serves as an Associate Justice of the US Supreme Court. What does the judicial branch do? (37)
   a. checks balances  
   b. explains laws  
   c. makes laws  
   d. reviews books

10. The Congressional Friends of Ireland was founded by Irish-American politicians Senator Kennedy, Senator Moynihan, and House Speaker Tip O’Neill to support peace in Northern Ireland. Under our Constitution, some powers belong to the federal government. What is one power of the federal government? (41)
   a. to create the police  
   b. to declare peace  
   c. to give driver licenses  
   d. to make treaties

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