Presidents’ Day Quiz 2011 Part D: Recent US History

1. The United States fought five major wars during the 1900s. Name one war fought by the United States in the 1900s. (72) (5 are correct)
   a) Civil War  
   b) Korean War  
   c) Mexican-American War  
   d) (Persian) Gulf War  
   e) Revolutionary War  
   f) Spanish-American War  
   g) Vietnam War  
   h) War of 1812

2. Susan B. Anthony fought for women’s rights, but died in 1906 before women won the right to vote. In 1920, President Wilson signed the 19th Amendment, which says _____ citizen can vote. (48, 77)
   a) Any  
   b) Some  
   c) Many  
   d) Other

3. World War I began in Europe and quickly spread. Who was President during World War I? (78, 79)
   a) A. Lincoln  
   b) F. Roosevelt  
   c) T. Roosevelt  
   d) W. Wilson

4. In 1929, the NY Stock Market crashed, which caused terrible economic problems in the US and Europe. Who was President during the Great Depression and World War II? (78, 80)
   a) F. Roosevelt  
   b) J. Kennedy  
   c) L. Johnson  
   d) W. Wilson

5. In 1952, President-elect Dwight D. Eisenhower went to Korea to learn what might end the Korean War. Before he was President, Eisenhower was a general. What war was he in? (78, 82)
   a) Civil War  
   b) Korean War  
   c) War of 1812  
   d) World War II

6. The Cold War began with the Berlin Blockade (Truman, 1948) and ended with the Fall of the Berlin Wall (Reagan, 1989). During the Cold War, what was the main concern of the United States? (83)
   a) Communism  
   b) Fascism  
   c) Terrorism  
   d) Capitalism

7. Presidents Kennedy, Johnson, and Nixon sent American troops to the _____. (78)
   a) Korean War  
   b) World War I  
   c) World War  
   d) Vietnam War

8. During the 1950s and 1960s, the _____ movement wanted to end racial discrimination. Martin Luther King Jr. and many others worked for equality and fought for _____, which led to President Lyndon B. Johnson signing the _____ Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965. (84, 85)
   a) Feminist  
   b) Peace  
   c) Civil Rights  
   d) Prohibition

9. President Richard Nixon signed the Twenty-sixth Amendment, which says US citizens _____ years old and older can vote. (48, 54)
   a) 18  
   b) 21  
   c) 26  
   d) 65

10. In 1990, Iraq invaded Kuwait. President George H.W. Bush sent US troops to liberate Kuwait and protect Saudi Arabia in the _____. (78)
    a) Korean War  
    b) Civil War  
    c) World War II  
    d) Persian Gulf War

11. What major event happened on September 11, 2001, in the United States (86) compelled President George W. Bush to send US troops to Iraq and Afghanistan?
    a) Capitalists attacked China.  
    b) Communists attacked Afghanistan.  
    c) Fascists attacked India.  
    d) Terrorists attacked the United States.