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***The American
Home Front
STAAR U.S. History EOC***

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Directions: Choose the best answer for each question.

- 1 In the 1990s, Lieutenant Vernon J. Baker received the Congressional Medal of Honor for his heroism and courage while fighting against Germany in April 1945. The delay in recognition was likely due to —
- A his entrapment behind enemy lines and occupation in a prisoner of war camp
 - B intense racism and prejudice in the U.S. armed forces
 - C President Roosevelt's untimely death and the consequential misplacement of military documents
 - D mass burials of unnamed soldiers who went unidentified until President Clinton visited Omaha Beach
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In the course of the last four months it has been made probable—through the work of Joliot in France as well as Fermi and Szilard in America—that it may become possible to set up a nuclear chain reaction in a large mass of uranium, by which vast amounts of power and large quantities of new radium like elements would be generated. Now it appears almost certain that this could be achieved in the immediate future.

This new phenomenon would also lead to the construction of bombs, and it is conceivable—though much less certain—that extremely powerful bombs of a new type may thus be constructed

- 2 The above excerpt is evidence that a secretive military project to develop the atomic bomb was started —
- F at the urging of Jewish refugee Albert Einstein
 - G before World War II began, at the urging of Robert Oppenheimer
 - H in New York, by members of an elite group of military intelligence
 - J by Polish mathematicians living in the communist Soviet Union
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- 3 Which of the following was NOT an effect of World War II?
- A The prolonged period of increased unemployment and poverty ended in the United States.
 - B Racism was recognized as a problem in the United States military.
 - C The role and authority of the federal government expanded beyond the scrutinized policies of the New Deal.
 - D The Soviet Union became a leader in the development of military technology.

4 In 1940, President Roosevelt was elected to an unprecedented third term based on his promise that the —

- F** United States would defeat fascism in Europe and Asia
 - G** Great Depression would end with his implementation of the Third New Deal
 - H** United States would not send American boys to fight in foreign wars
 - J** United States would not engage in trade relations with warring nations
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5 Advances in science and technology were made possible during World War II because —

- A** the federal government subsidized the development of new industries as well as the transformation of processes and products within existing industries
 - B** the U.S. offered work visas to scientists, engineers, and mathematicians formerly employed by the German government
 - C** the selective service was specific to college graduates and draftees were sent to research bases for one year prior to military service
 - D** prisoners of war and residents of internment camps within the United States were used for medical experiments and scientific research
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6 Which of the following events of World War I did NOT lead to the passing of the Neutrality Acts in 1935, 1936, and 1937?

- F** U.S. bankers loaned money to the Allied powers.
 - G** Congress refused to join the League of Nations.
 - H** U.S. industrialists developed munitions for Allied powers.
 - J** U.S. citizens traveled on British ships carrying arms to warring nations.
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7 During World War II, rationing laws and progressive taxation —

- A** led to an increase in crime and prison occupation
- B** were implemented in the southern states
- C** kept many Americans from supporting the war effort
- D** made the gap between the wealthy and poor less evident