**Contemporary Issues Quiz**

1. **Which concept is illustrated by these situations?**

* **A British bank makes a loan to a South American nation**
* **A United States corporation purchases large amounts of land in Guatemala**
* **A Japanese investment firm becomes the major shareholder in a Bolivian silver line**

1. Nationalization
2. Isolationism
3. Interdependence / Globalization
4. Protectionism
5. **Which statement about the European Union (EU) is most accurate?**
   1. The European Union dissolved because of disagreements among its members
   2. The goal of the European Union is to improve the economic prosperity of Europe
   3. Some nations are now being forced to become members of the European Union
   4. The European Union has recently expanded to include North African nations
6. **The main purpose of the European Union (EU) and the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) is to**
   1. Reduce the spread of nuclear weapons
   2. Address the problem of international political corruption
   3. Increase educational opportunities for under-developed nations
   4. Stimulate economic growth for participating countries
7. **The term “Green Revolution” is used to describe the**
   1. Tensions between developing and developed nations
   2. Heavy reliance on manual labor in agriculture
   3. Protests against environmental destruction caused by industry
   4. Development of new types of grains and new methods of growing them
8. **The continued importance of the Middle East to the global economy is based on its**
   1. Research facilities
   2. Exports of manufactured goods
   3. Semiarid climate
   4. Quantity of oil reserves
9. **A major goal of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) in world affairs is to**
   1. Encourage development of alternative energy sources
   2. Promote international free trade
   3. Provide funds for the World Bank
   4. Regulate oil prices
10. **Which environmental issue most concerns Central Africa, the Amazon River Basin, and the Malay Peninsula?**
    1. Nuclear contamination
    2. Desertification
    3. Overpopulation
    4. Deforestation
11. **A negative impact of the use of modern technology is that**
    1. Levels of air and water pollution often increase
    2. Economic opportunities are frequently limited
    3. Contacts with other cultures decrease
    4. International trade is limited
12. **Deforestation, acid rain, and the greenhouse effect are major world problems that indicate a need for**
    1. Cooperation between nations to reduce pollution and environmental destruction
    2. The development of mass transit systems in developing nations
    3. An increase in the worldwide production of oil
    4. A reduction in crop production in some areas of the world
13. **Which issue continues to raise concern from the world community regarding the nations of India, Iraq, Pakistan, and North Korea?**
    1. Overpopulation
    2. Ethnic cleansing
    3. Desertification
    4. Nuclear proliferation