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# The Cuban Missile Crisis - Answer Key

Read each question and circle the correct answer.

1. During the Cold War, the US was a { } country, while the Soviet Union was { }.

- ☒ A. capitalist / communist
- B. socialist / totalitarian
- C. democratic / anarchist
- D. corporatist / libertarian

2. In the 1960s, tensions between the US and the Soviet Union skyrocketed after which of these?

- A. the publication of the Pentagon Papers
- B. the American moon landing
- ☒ C. the Bay of Pigs invasion
- D. the overthrow of the Shah of Iran

3. Which of the following best describes the Bay of Pigs invasion?

- A. A meeting between heads of state to discuss the postwar structure of Europe
- ☒ B. A failed attempt by the US to overthrow the socialist Cuban government
- C. A military coup that replaced the Argentinian president with a military junta
- D. A US-backed campaign to install right-wing governments throughout Latin America

4. Missiles launched from Cuba could strike as far north as { }.

- ☒ A. Ohio
- B. Texas
- C. Florida
- D. Oklahoma

5. President John F. Kennedy spoke to the nation about the crisis in a famous { }.

- A. newspaper column
- B. TV interview
- ☒ C. radio broadcast
- D. telephone call

6. Which of the following best describes the naval quarantine ordered by Kennedy?

- A. A mandated period of isolation for naval personnel exposed to disease
- ☒ C. A ring of ships installed around Cuba to prevent the shipment of missiles
- B. A removal of all naval vessels from the Straits of Florida
- D. A forced separation of naval personnel from other US military forces

7. During the five days of negotiations, US forces were placed at {}.

- ☒ A. DEFCON 2
- C. WATCHCON 4
- B. CYBERCON 1
- D. INFOCON 3

8. During negotiations to end the Cuban Missile Crisis, the Soviet Union agreed to do which of the following?

- A. Surrender in the Cold War
- C. Install more missile launch sites in Cuba
- ☒ B. Remove their missiles from Cuba
- D. Stop building nuclear weapons

9. In a separate deal, the US agreed to remove their own missiles from which country?

- A. Yugoslavia
- ☒ C. Turkey
- B. Greece
- D. Albania

10. Following the Cuban Missile Crisis, the US and the Soviet Union {}.

- A. installed a hotline between the White House and the Kremlin
- C. signed a treaty banning nuclear tests
- ☒ D. All of the above
- B. continued to grow their nuclear arsenals