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The Great Depression - Answer Key

Read each question and circle the correct answer.

1. What happened on Black Tuesday in October 1929?

- A. Factories shut down and cut millions of positions.
- ☒ C. The New York Stock Exchange crashed, and the market lost billions in one day.
- B. Companies sold millions of shares, and the stock market crashed.
- D. Americans paid back the money that they had borrowed to buy stocks.

2. The { } caused food shortages in the southwestern Great Plains.

- ☒ A. Dust Bowl
- C. Drought Bowl
- B. Hungerville
- D. Depression Drought

3. Which of the following are programs that were part of the New Deal?

- A. The Tennessee Valley Authority and the Pension Act
- C. The Works Progress Administration and the Social Security Act
- B. The Social Security Act and the Employment Administration
- ☒ D. The Public Works Administration and Works Progress Administration

4. The Great Depression was { }.

- ☒ A. a period of intense economic hardship that lasted from 1929 to 1941
- C. a direct result of World War II
- B. a period of intense economic hardship that lasted from 1910 to 1920
- D. a direct result of World War I

5. By 1932, { } of Americans were unemployed.

- A. 60%
- C. 45%
- B. 20%
- ☒ D. 25%

