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Voting Rights Act & Selma March

Read each question and circle the correct answer.

1. Poll taxes, literacy tests and grandfather clauses were _____.

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| A. fair voting practices that marchers in Selma wanted the government to guarantee | C. used by northern states to register thousands of voters |
| B. used to prevent African Americans from voting | D. not used until after the Voting Rights Act was passed |

2. In Selma, Alabama, _____ prevented African Americans from voting.

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| A. unfair voting practices | C. the sheriff and a deputized posse of citizens |
| B. hate groups including the Ku Klux Klan | D. all of the above |

3. Which of the following describes the correct order of events?

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| A. 1. African Americans are denied the right to vote.
2. African Americans organize marches for voting rights in Alabama.
3. The Voting Rights Act is signed. | C. 1. African Americans are denied the right to vote.
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| B. 1. The Voting Rights Act is signed.
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3. African Americans are denied the right to vote. |

4. The marchers planned to go from Selma to _____.

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| A. Jackson, Mississippi | C. Montgomery, Alabama |
| B. Atlanta, Georgia | D. Raleigh, North Carolina |

5. What happened to the first march?

- A. The sheriff allowed the marchers to cross the bridge and leave Selma.
- B. The march was canceled because of a storm.
- C. The sheriff and his posse beat the marchers and stopped them from leaving Selma.
- D. The sheriff tried to stop the marchers but didn't arrive in time to do so.

6. True or false: The nation didn't learn about the events of Bloody Sunday until 1968 because it wasn't televised.

- A. True
- B. False

7. The Voting Rights Act _____.

- A. protected African Americans' right to vote through federal law
- B. made it legal for African Americans to vote for the first time
- C. made it legal for African Americans to march peacefully
- D. was deemed unconstitutional and repealed in 1966

8. Who signed the Voting Rights Act?

- A. President John F. Kennedy
- B. President Dwight D. Eisenhower
- C. President Richard M. Nixon
- D. President Lyndon B. Johnson

9. What is one thing the Voting Rights Act did?

- A. required more grandfather clauses
- B. banned literacy tests
- C. banned absentee voting
- D. automatically registered all adults to vote

10. What happened as a result of the Voting Rights Act?

- A. the number of registered black voters increased by hundreds of thousands
- B. election day was changed to a Wednesday
- C. a large number of white people moved to the South
- D. the number of white voters decreased by hundreds of thousands

