American Revolution Quiz

1. How did the colonial militias differ from the modern U.S. Army?
   a. Colonial militiamen trained for months; modern soldiers are hardly trained at all
   b. Colonial militias used swords and bayonets; the modern Army uses guns
   c. The colonial militias were volunteer forces; the modern Army consists of paid, professional soldiers
   d. The colonial militias had no ranks; the modern Army does

2. Place the following events in sequence: A) Battle of Yorktown; B) Battle of Bunker Hill; C) Battle of Lexington
   a. C, B, A
   b. B, A, C
   c. B, C, A
   d. C, A, B

3. How did the colonial militia know the British were coming to Lexington?
   a. Paul Revere, Samuel Prescott, and William Dawes warned them on their midnight ride
   b. Spies in the British army warned them
   c. The British troop movements were obvious, and easy to observe
   d. They didn't know, and they were taken by surprise

4. What word provides the best description of the time the Continental Army spent at Valley Forge?
   a. Uneventful
   b. Refreshing
   c. Restful
   d. Grueling

5. How did Ben Franklin help the American war effort?
   a. By writing the Declaration of Independence
   b. By serving as President of the Continental Congress
   c. By serving as a general in the Continental Army
   d. By convincing the French government to aid the colonists

6. What did George Washington have in common with Lord Cornwallis?
   a. They were both elected by their fellow citizens
   b. They were both in charge of their respective armies
   c. They both won key victories over the British Army
   d. They both received titles from the King of England

7. In the phrase, "Thomas Paine exhorted the colonists to support independence," what does "exhorted" mean?
   a. Politely asked
   b. Strongly urged
   c. Discouraged
   d. Expected

8. If you were a soldier at Valley Forge, what would be the biggest risk to your well-being?
   a. Heat stroke
   b. Attacks by British soldiers
   c. Frostbite
   d. Drowning

9. Which of the following is an opinion about the American Revolution?
   a. Fighting on their home soil was an advantage for the Continental Army
   b. Washington's men showed far more courage than the British
   c. The last major battle of the war took place in Virginia
   d. Washington's men respected him

10. What is the significance of the Battle of Saratoga?
    a. It was where the first shots of the war were fired
    b. It was the last major battle in the American Revolution
    c. It was a major British victory
    d. It's considered the turning point of the war