Directions: Read the following questions carefully and choose the best answer from the choices given.

1. In line 5, the pronoun “they” refers to
   a. “one people” (line 1)
   b. “political bands” (line 2)
   c. “Laws of Nature” (line 4)
   d. “opinions of mankind” (line 5)

2. The overall tone of lines 1-6 is
   a. angry and resigned
   b. controlled and respectful
   c. conciliatory and humble
   d. hopeful and condemnatory

3. In line 6, the phrase “impel them” suggests that the colonists are
   a. acting rashly and impulsively
   b. being forced to revolt
   c. fearful of the British ruler
   d. determined to gain their independence

4. In line 7, the phrase “self-evident” most nearly means
   a. mysterious
   b. vague
   c. apparent
   d. unnoticeable

5. Lines 7-15 appeal most strongly to the audience's sense of
   a. ethics
   b. history
   c. emotion
   d. logic

6. The phrase “light and transient” in line 14 most nearly means
   a. “trivial and transparent”
   b. “emotional and passing”
   c. “luminous and ephemeral”
   d. “insignificant and temporary”

7. The sentence that begins in lines 16 and ends in line 19 (“But when … future security”) most nearly means that
   a. continued transgressions on the part of a ruler forces his subjects to rebel and form their own government
   b. citizens do not have the power to decide what form their government will take
   c. absolute Despotism should not be tolerated by any group of people
   d. the American colonists have considered their decision carefully and rationally

8. The sentence that begins in line 19 (“Such has been) is marked by which of the following stylistic devices?
   a. oxymoron
   b. parallelism
   c. figurative language
   d. hyperbole

9. The tone of the sentence that begins in line 20 (“The history of…) is best described as
   a. accusatory and resigned
   b. benevolent and rational
   c. restrained and logical
   d. condemnatory and indignant
10. In line 20, the term “usurpations” most nearly means the
   a. unlawful seizure of power
   b. harmful use of power
   c. neglect of power
   d. benevolent use of power

11. The purpose of the introduction (lines 1-23) is to
   a. convince the audience that King George is an unfit and tyrannical ruler
   b. describe the rational underpinnings of the colonists’ decision
   c. present any potential objections to the contents of the declaration
   d. explore the colonists’ choices and determine the best course of action

12. Which of the following is NOT proof the author offers that the British has unfairly usurped the colonists’ power?
   a. “He has refused his assent…” (line 24).
   b. “He has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws…” (line 25)
   c. “He has refused to pass other Laws..” (line 28)
   d. “He has called together legislative bodies…” (line 31)

13. The primary purpose of lines 24-73 is to
   a. describe in detail a series of coincidences
   b. provide proof for an earlier claim
   c. appeal to the audience’s sense of compassion
   d. list possible reasons for the King’s actions

14. Which of the following phrases in context does NOT serve to portray King George as tyrannical and repressive?
   a. “plundered our seas” (line 64)
   b. “the works of death, desolation” (lines 66-67)
   c. “Cruelty & Perfidy” (line 67)
   d. “the merciless Indian Savages” (line 72)

15. The body (lines 24-84) achieves its coherency primarily through
   a. description
   b. parallelism
   c. contrast
   d. comparison

16. The primary purpose of the text as a whole is to
   a. convince the audience to support the colonists
   b. explore the choices open to the colonists
   c. meditate upon the consequences of rebellion
   d. determine the correct course of action

17. The overall tone of the text is best described as
   a. passionate and restrained
   b. indignant and angry
   c. bitter and resigned
   d. rational and resolute

18. The primary audience for the text is
   a. American colonists
   b. other world leaders
   c. British citizens
   d. King George

19. The primary audience for the text is most likely
   a. educated and patriotic
   b. foolhardy and loyal
   c. independent and self-serving
   d. logical and knowledgeable

20. The author of the text would mostly likely prefer a government that is
   a. local and limited
   b. strong and centralized
   c. temporary and fluid
   d. weak and passive
Directions: Read and consider the following excerpt from the Declaration of Independence.

'We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.

Prompt: Think about America today. From your personal experience and observations, discuss how it meets the promise of this excerpt, and how it does not. Do all American citizens have the equal right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness? Respond in essay form, double-spaced, on your own paper.