Multiple choice questions. Mark letter choice. Answer key: Bottom back page.

1 - The first NY state prison was?
   (a)Clinton (b)Sing Sing (c)Auburn (d)Newgate

2 – Auburn Prison construction began?
   (a)1817    (b)1819    (c)1816    (d)1818

3 – State got Auburn prison site by eminent domain.
   (a)False            (b)True

4 – Auburn Prison builder and 1st warden was?
   (a)Elam Lynds     (b)Wm Britten     (c)John Cray

5 – Which early Auburn wing became model for most prisons in America? South wing or North wing?
   (a)South wing     (b)North wing

6 – That wing’s cell dimensions were?
   (a)7’ x 7’ x 3 ½’  (b) 6’ x 6’ x 3’ (c)8’ x 8’ x 4’

7 – Keepers usually gave commands by?
   (a)loud voice   (b)hand signals  (c)cane raps

8 – Inmate uniforms were striped to?
   (a)humiliate them   (b)spot escapees  (c)both

9 – Inmates at meals (a) all faced one way (b) faced others
   (c)could chose to face one way or face others.

10 – Auburn inmates in 1845 started building Sing Sing.
    (a) True            (b)False

11 – Prison ceased Shower Bath punishment because of?
    (a)paddle preferrence   (b)inmate death (c)water shortage
12 – “Copper John” atop Auburn Prison weighs?
(a)800 lbs    (b)700 lbs    (c)600 lbs    (d)500 lbs

13 – In 1890 Prison began selling inmate-made goods to
(a)highest bidder (b)1st come 1st serve    (c)only government

14 – When was last execution by hanging in Auburn before
1890 when the prison held the world’s 1st electric execution?
(a)1884    (b)1885    (c)1886    (d)1887

15 – NY adopted electric executions as (a)more humane
than hangings (b)to preserve capital punishment (c)both

16 – Edison and Westinghouse rivalry was also a factor.
(a)False            (b)True

17 – How many were executed in Auburn electric chair?
(a)35    (b)55    (c)75    (d)95

18 – Another NY prison besides Auburn with electric chair?
(a)only Sing Sing    (b)Only Clinton    (c)both    (d)neither

19 – Leon Czolgosz died in Auburn chair for killing
(a)pregnant girl as in American Tragedy    (b)U.S. President

20 – Auburn sent Elmira its 1st inmates who found (a)same
stress on “hard labor” (b)more education emphasis

21 – Elmira Reformatory influence credited with easing
Auburn (a)silence rule    (b)punishments    (c)both

22 – By early 1900s Auburn prison even (a)started inmate
school (b)ended “lockstep” (c)ended zebra stripes (d) all 3

23 – Inmate “self-government” league set up at Auburn by
(a)Elam Lynds    (b)John Cray    (c)Thomas Mott Osborne

24 – Auburn Prison “Plan” featured (a)solitary cells
(b)group work (c)hard labor (d)strict silence (e)all that

25 – Prison’s Bloodiest Day – 8 inmates & principal keeper
killed, 9 persons wounded & 3 inmates later executed –
was a riot on July 28    (a)1921    (b)1929    (c)1933

26 – Women prison operated at Auburn Prison from 1894
(a)to 1923    (b)to 1933    (c)to 1943    (d)to 1953

27 – An inmate school erected on women prison site began
operating Jan. 22    (a)1951    (b)1961    (c)1971    (d)1981

28 – Reflecting changed purpose the prison was renamed
 correctional facility in (a)1950    (b)1960    (c)1970    (d)1980

29 – Strike by uniform and civilian staffers lasted 16 days in
(a)1959    (b)1969    (c)1979    (d)1989

30 – Medal of Honor recipient for role in Civil War capture
of Confederate train but who suffered in POW camp and
eventually died in Auburn Asylum for Criminally Insane was
(a)Robert Buffum    (b)Chester Gillette    (c)James Farmer


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