Short Quiz / Exit Slip: The Gilded Age Part 1

Part A: Multiple Choice: Instructions: Choose the option that answers the question or completes the sentence.

1. Mark Twain called the era during United States history from the 1870s to the 1890s the _______________ Age.
   a. Corrupt
   b. Gilded
   c. Antebellum
   d. Colonial

2. Which option below functioned as the second in the chain of command in the political machines?
   a. The Ward Bosses
   b. The Local Prescient Workers
   c. The Big Business Leaders
   d. The Contractors

3. Which option below correctly defines the term “kickback”?
   a. When a mayor serves as the “city boss”
   b. When a leader is provided unlawful, financial gain from a city project
   c. When a leader is only reelected because a significant number of immigrants voted for him or her
   d. When a mayor helps out his or her citizens through supporting improvement in housing, increased safety measures in factories, and providing other services

4. Which option below correctly defines the term “graft”?
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   b. The use of political power for personal gain.
   c. The notion that mayors should be allowed to hire qualified workers.
   d. The attempt of politicians to when various districts in a region to gain reelection.

5. Which leader is typically remembered as a mayor who did not use his office for selfish gain?
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   b. Benedict Arnold
   c. Roscoe Conkling
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Part B: Short Answer: Instructions: Answer the question below.

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   The political machines had a power structure of three segments. The top of the political machine consisted of the actually elected leader, the City Mayor. Next, the ward bosses attempted to get large regions to vote for the mayor. Last, local precinct workers attempted to get smaller districts to vote for the mayor. The goal of the political machines was to get their candidate in office and keep the candidate reelected.