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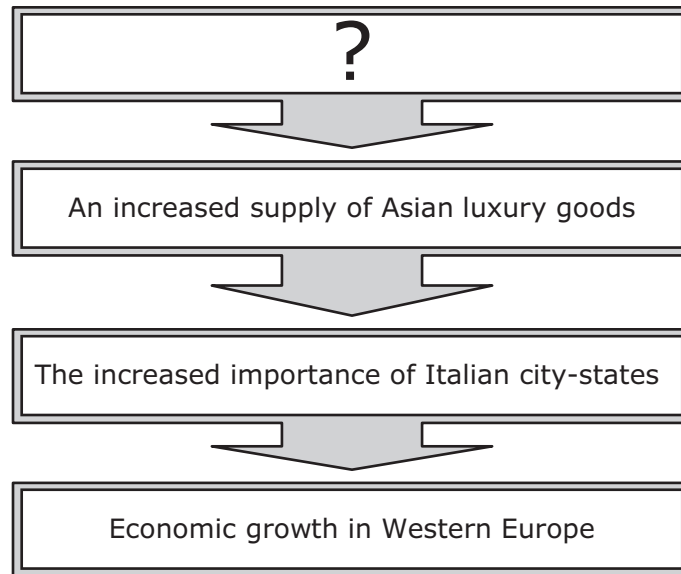
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DIRECTIONS

Read each question carefully. Determine the best answer to the question from the four answer choices provided. Then fill in the answer on your answer document.

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Which of the following began this chain of events?

- A** The opening of trade routes during the Crusades
- B** A population decline caused by the Black Death
- C** The discovery of new foods in the New World
- D** A religious conflict caused by the Protestant Reformation

- 2** During the 1920s, U.S. bankers loaned money to European nations to rebuild infrastructure destroyed during World War I, repay war debts, and purchase U.S. goods. Business leaders in the United States also invested heavily in European industry.

What caused U.S. bankers to demand the repayment of loans and U.S. investors to suddenly withdraw their money from Europe?

- F** The invasion of Poland by Nazi Germany
 - G** A severe drought that caused U.S. food shortages
 - H** The collapse of the U.S. economy after the stock-market crash
 - J** A rapid decline in global agricultural prices caused by crop surpluses
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- 3** How did the Napoleonic Wars affect European colonies in Latin America?

- A** Spanish colonists formed a coalition of forces to join the fighting in Europe.
 - B** The Spanish Empire became too weak to maintain its Latin American colonies.
 - C** French governors were sent to take control of colonial administrations.
 - D** Colonial laws were rewritten to exclude the ideas of French revolutionaries.
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- 4** A direct result of the discovery of penicillin was —

- F** an increased need to vaccinate against airborne diseases
- G** the development of new methods for treating heart disease and cancer
- H** the introduction of new procedures for maintaining sterile environments in medical facilities
- J** the use of antibiotics to fight a wide range of infections

Advances in the Neolithic Age

- The domestication of plants and animals
- The use of stone tools
- _____ ?

Which advance best completes the list?

- A** The use of the chariot
- B** The invention of the waterwheel
- C** The rise of permanent settlements
- D** The development of sanitation systems

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- 6** One factor contributing to the decline of both the Roman Empire and the Han dynasty of China was —
- F** the conversion of the population to a monotheistic religion
 - G** social unrest created by an emerging middle class
 - H** political decisions that contributed to internal conflicts
 - J** the development of a political bureaucracy

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- 7** Which practice was a defining characteristic of feudalism in medieval Europe?
- A** Universities granted degrees to qualified students.
 - B** Lords granted land to vassals in return for military service.
 - C** Guilds supervised the work done by craftsmen.
 - D** Troubadours performed concerts in town halls in return for food and lodging.

In case of the forced retreat of Red Army units, all rolling stock must be evacuated, to the enemy must not be left a single engine, a single railway car, not a single pound of grain or gallon of fuel. . . .

All valuable property, including non-ferrous metals, grain, and fuel, which cannot be withdrawn must, without fail, be destroyed. . . .

In occupied regions conditions must be made unbearable for the enemy and all his accomplices. They must be hounded and annihilated at every step, and all their measures frustrated.

—Joseph Stalin, radio address from Moscow, July 3, 1941

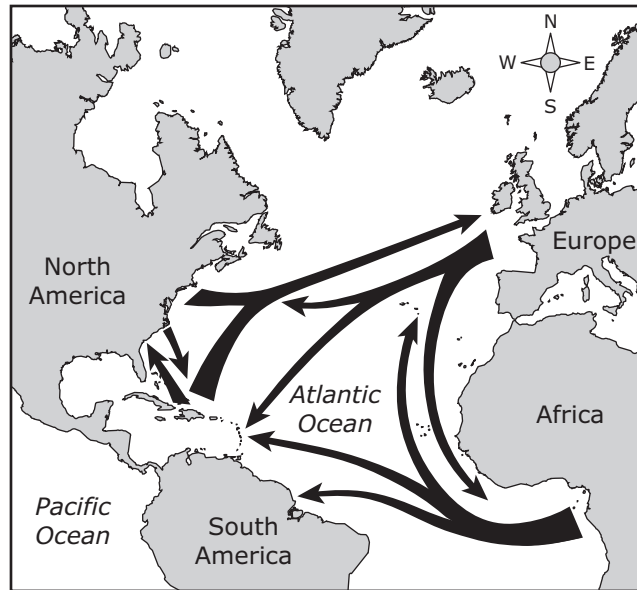
Joseph Stalin issued these orders in response to —

- F** the invasion of the Soviet Union by Germany
- G** an agreement between Germany and the Soviet Union to divide Eastern Europe
- H** the invasion of North Africa by the Allies
- J** a decision by the Allies to launch a second front in Europe

9 Which of these best describes Aristotle?

- A** He defended belief in the gods of the state religion.
- B** He suggested that reality is a reflection of the realm of ideal forms.
- C** He developed rules of logic that applied to science and literature.
- D** He wrote about a society ruled by philosopher-kings.

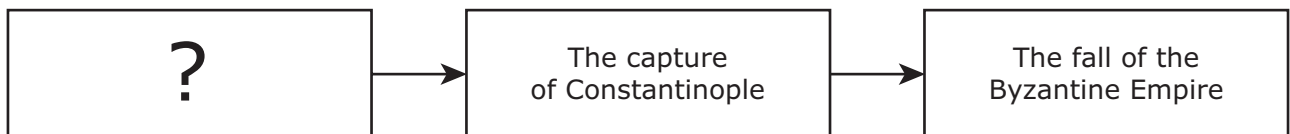
Triangular Trade, Fifteenth to Nineteenth Centuries



This map shows a pattern of commerce that expanded the slave trade and —

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| F depleted supplies of natural resources in South America | H encouraged manufacturing industries in West Africa |
| G weakened western Europe's dominance over its colonies | J increased agricultural production in North America |

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Which of the following best completes the diagram?

- A** The creation of the Safavid Empire in Persia
- B** The expansion of the Mongol Empire into Russia
- C** The formation of the Mughal Empire in India
- D** The expansion of the Ottoman Empire into eastern Europe

12 Which result of World War II led most directly to the beginning of the Cold War?

- F** The trials of Nazi leaders for war crimes at Nuremberg
 - G** The creation of Soviet-controlled regimes in Eastern Europe
 - H** The formation of the United Nations to promote global development
 - J** The creation of the Jewish state of Israel
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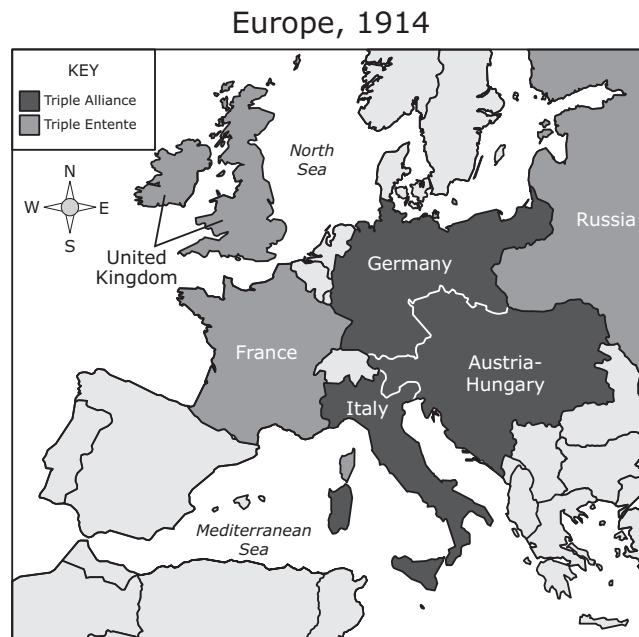
- A nation's wealth is measured by the amount of gold it possesses.
 - A nation should have a favorable balance of trade.
 - Colonies exist for the benefit of the mother country.

The ideas listed above were an underlying cause of —

- A** European overseas expansion
 - B** European religious wars
 - C** the legalization of slavery in Europe
 - D** the introduction of banking in Europe
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14 In the early Middle Ages, the Catholic Church contributed to cultural unity in western Europe by —

- F** challenging the legitimacy of the Carolingian Empire
- G** using missionaries to convert Germanic tribes
- H** maintaining trade routes commonly used by Italian merchants
- J** sending armies to recapture cities under Byzantine rule



The European alliances shown on this map were made in an attempt to —

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| A maintain the balance of power on the continent | C slow the advance of militarism across the continent |
| B reduce the impact of political unrest in neighboring states | D promote the formation of democratic governments |

16 Which group was most successful in achieving national democratic reforms?

- F** The revolutionaries who overthrew the shah of Iran
- G** The demonstrators who marched against the junta in Myanmar
- H** The activists who supported Nelson Mandela in South Africa
- J** The students who demonstrated in Tiananmen Square

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. . . .

—*U.S. Declaration of Independence, 1776*

The greatest influence on these political ideas came from the —

- A** Justinian Code
- B** writings of John Locke
- C** philosophy of Machiavelli
- D** theories of Jean-Jacques Rousseau

18 Which of these correctly describes the Delhi Sultanate?

- F** It banned the practice of Hinduism in South Asia.
- G** It established a Muslim ruling class in India.
- H** It promoted the segregation of Mahayana Buddhists in Tibet.
- J** It prevented the spread of Christianity to East Asia.

19 Adam Smith describes his theory of the “invisible hand” of market forces in *The Wealth of Nations*. According to him, which situation best allows the invisible hand to function?

- A** A government adopts laissez-faire policies that allow businesses to operate freely.
- B** A ruler collectivizes industries to gain control of a country’s production.
- C** A nation subsidizes corporations to promote industrialization.
- D** A national leader seizes the means of production from private owners.

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| 1. Buddhism
2. Christianity
3. Hinduism
4. Islam
5. Judaism |
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Which of the religions listed above originated in the Middle East?

- F** 1, 2, 3
- G** 1, 3, 5
- H** 2, 3, 4
- J** 2, 4, 5

21 Which revolutionary slogan best expresses a goal of the Bolsheviks during the Russian Revolution?

- A** "Liberty, equality, fraternity"
- B** "Peace, land, bread"
- C** "Effective suffrage, no reelection"
- D** "Order followed by progress"

22 Aztec society was strongly influenced by the —

- F** written language and folklore of the Incas
- G** architectural styles and construction methods of the Pueblos
- H** weaving and fishing techniques of the Yaquis
- J** mythology and religious practices of the Toltecs

Internally, arouse the masses of the people. That is, unite the working class, the peasantry, the urban petty bourgeoisie and the national bourgeoisie, form a domestic united front under the leadership of the working class, and advance from this to the establishment of a state which is a people's democratic dictatorship under the leadership of the working class and based on the alliance of workers and peasants.

—Mao Zedong, speech given on June 30, 1949

The "people's democratic dictatorship" was a critical element of Mao Zedong's —

- A** creation of labor unions for China's industrial workers
- B** preservation of China's strict class structure
- C** movement to promote nationalism among Chinese peasants
- D** transformation of China into a communist state

The Party said that Oceania had never been in alliance with Eurasia. He, Winston Smith, knew that Oceania had been in alliance with Eurasia as short a time as four years ago. But where did that knowledge exist? Only in his own consciousness, which in any case must soon be annihilated. And if all others accepted the lie which the Party imposed—if all records told the same tale—then the lie passed into history and became truth. "Who controls the past," ran the Party slogan, "controls the future: who controls the present controls the past."

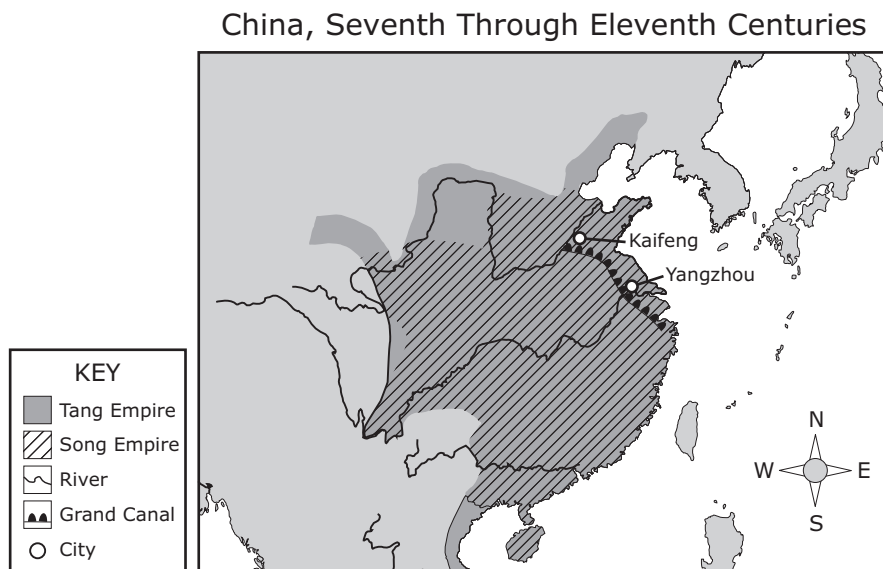
—George Orwell, *Nineteen Eighty-Four*, 1949

This excerpt serves as —

- F** a warning against the practices of totalitarian regimes
- G** a political commentary about conscription
- H** a justification for the formation of limited monarchies
- J** a defense of universal suffrage

- 25** Which of the following contributed most to the growth of socialist ideology in Europe?
- A** The formation of employee organizations to improve working conditions
 - B** The increased participation of women in reform movements
 - C** The migration of laborers from rural to urban areas
 - D** The emergence of industrial laborers as a separate economic class

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The canal shown on the map was important during the Tang and Song dynasties primarily because it provided —

- F** flood control during monsoon season
- G** water to urban centers in arid regions
- H** a transportation route for military forces
- J** a means of shipping rice from farms to urban centers

If any one bring an accusation against a man, and the accused go to the river and leap into the river, if he sink in the river his accuser shall take possession of his house. But if the river prove that the accused is not guilty, and he escape unhurt, then he who had brought the accusation shall be put to death, while he who leaped into the river shall take possession of the house that had belonged to his accuser.

—*Hammurabi's Code*

Which medieval European practice is most similar to the legal remedy given in the excerpt above?

- A** Judicial duel
- B** Royal decree
- C** Trial by jury
- D** Trial by ordeal

28 Which of the following is considered one of Genghis Khan's greatest achievements?

- F** He enabled Muslim rulers to gain control of valuable trans-Saharan caravan routes.
- G** He encouraged the expansion of Buddhism across Asia and introduced it to Europe.
- H** He united the nomadic tribes of northeast Asia to eventually form a vast empire.
- J** He popularized the warrior culture originally developed by the Japanese samurai.

I have always regarded colonialism as the policy by which a foreign power binds territories to herself by political ties with the primary object of promoting her own economic advantage.

—Ghana: The Autobiography of Kwame Nkrumah, 1957

This excerpt implies that Kwame Nkrumah supported the —

- A** participation of Africans in the British military
- B** migration of Africans to industrialized nations
- C** use of foreign aid to improve conditions in developing African countries
- D** spread of independence movements throughout Africa

30 The plays of William Shakespeare reflect the history of England in that several of them were written primarily about —

- F** the lives of English monarchs
- G** the struggles of English peasants
- H** English naval battles
- J** the English conquest of foreign lands

31 Which of the following was a major consequence of the Industrial Revolution in Great Britain?

- A** Trade agreements were broken as the country became more self-reliant.
- B** Harsh working conditions in factories caused a decrease in population.
- C** Many people moved from rural areas to cities in search of work.
- D** Trade schools increased economic opportunities for women.

- 32** Japan was negatively affected by the global depression of the 1930s because —
- F** reparation payments required by the Treaty of Versailles became too costly
 - G** the demand for its exported agricultural products declined
 - H** the reduction in foreign trade limited its access to raw materials
 - J** occupation forces in China became too expensive to maintain
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- 33** Which statement best describes the importance of the invention of the telescope?
- A** Similar technology helped cartographers create accurate maps.
 - B** It led to the invention of eyeglasses.
 - C** Similar technology allowed scientists to understand the human circulatory system.
 - D** It allowed observation that supported the heliocentric theory.
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- 34** The revolutionary movement led by Simón Bolívar was influenced by —
- F** Adam Smith's free-market principles
 - G** ideas about government promoted during the Enlightenment
 - H** Karl Marx's criticism of industrial society
 - J** religious ideas introduced during the Great Awakening

- 35** Which of the following characterized Joseph Stalin's leadership of the Soviet Union?
- A** Centralized royal authority, a hereditary transfer of power, and cooperation between church and state
 - B** Free elections, tolerance of opposition groups, and the encouragement of religious diversity
 - C** Censorship, government control of industry, and religious persecution
 - D** The theory of divine right, rule by elites, and laws guided by religious doctrines

Sculpture from the Court of Benin, Sixteenth Century



© The Metropolitan Museum of Art/Art Resource, NY

It can be inferred that the culture in which this sculpture was created —

- F** applied strict guidelines to government propaganda
- G** was influenced by the ancient Greeks
- H** had advanced knowledge of metallurgy
- J** used statues in religious festivals

Fueled by large infusions of Western credit, Poland's economic growth rate was one of the world's highest during the first half of the 1970s. But much of the borrowed capital was misspent, and the centrally planned economy was unable to use the new resources effectively. The growing debt burden became insupportable in the late 1970s, and economic growth had become negative by 1979. . . .

In July 1980, with the Polish foreign debt at more than \$20 billion, the government made another attempt to increase meat prices. A chain reaction of strikes virtually paralyzed the Baltic coast by the end of August. . . .

—*U.S. Department of State "Background Note: Poland,"*
<http://www.state.gov> (accessed November 8, 2010)

What was the primary result of these events?

- A** Poland became the first Eastern Bloc country to join the European Union.
- B** The Soviet government began the policy of perestroika.
- C** Poland demanded to be included in the Comintern.
- D** The Solidarity labor movement began.

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- 38** Karl Marx warned that post-Industrial Revolution society would be marked by —
- F** conflict between political and religious institutions over access to citizens' wealth
 - G** a backlash against modernity resulting in a reversion to feudal customs
 - H** more politicians serving the common good
 - J** conflict between the owners of the means of production and the working class

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- Compass
- Porcelain
- Gunpowder

What is the best title for this list?

- A** Muslim Discoveries
- B** Chinese Inventions
- C** Ancient Greek Tools
- D** Renaissance Innovations

40 In ancient Sparta, which activity was a defining feature of citizenship for men?

- F** Financial contribution to public-works projects
- G** Attendance at religious ceremonies
- H** Participation in public assemblies
- J** Membership in the military

41 The Gupta Empire was most notably characterized by its role in the —

- A** construction of Harappan cities
- B** introduction of Islamic rule
- C** spread of Buddhism
- D** flourishing of Hindu culture

The International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda was established for the prosecution of persons responsible for genocide and other serious violations of international humanitarian law committed in the territory of Rwanda. . . .

—United Nations, information page about the
International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda,
<http://www.unictr.org> (accessed October 12, 2010)

This tribunal was established in response to a conflict caused by —

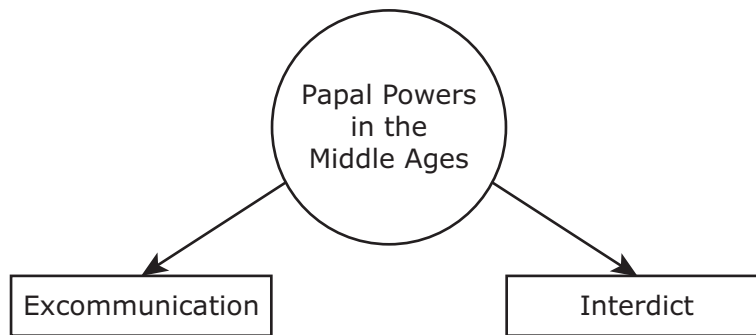
- F** the government seizure of private property
- G** the persecution of migrant laborers
- H** increased tensions between ethnic groups
- J** challenges to the results of a national election

43 Which factor contributed to Europe’s Commercial Revolution in the sixteenth century?

- A** The application of mercantilist principles to regulate trade with colonies
- B** The nationalization of agriculture through the seizure of aristocratic lands
- C** The formation of financial institutions controlled by the church
- D** The transition from feudal production to modern industrial techniques

- 44** Which factor most influenced the growth of Japanese imperialism during the early twentieth century?
- F** The desire to recover territories lost in previous wars
 - G** The need for new territory to address the problems of population growth
 - H** The desire to have cultural influence in new regions
 - J** The need for resources to support ongoing industrialization
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Which of these best explains how the powers listed in the diagram supported the authority of the Catholic Church in western Europe?

- A** The powers were exercised against kings and nobles who failed to adhere to church customs and mandates.
- B** The powers were used to force local populations to pay taxes supporting parishes and monasteries.
- C** The powers allowed the nobility to appoint bishops and abbots.
- D** The powers allowed dioceses to collect funds that paid for the construction of cathedrals and schools.

- 46** What was one factor that led the German government to dramatically increase the supply of the nation's currency in the early 1920s, an action that led to hyperinflation?
- F** New European nations had to borrow money to maintain economic stability.
 - G** Britain demanded that Germany help rebuild the British navy.
 - H** Pacific colonies required increased military protection.
 - J** France insisted that Germany pay war reparations.
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- 47** The opening of which canal significantly reduced the time and money required to ship goods between the East Coast and the West Coast of the United States?
- A** Erie Canal
 - B** Panama Canal
 - C** Suez Canal
 - D** Grand Canal
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- 48** On which principle was the Chinese philosophy of Legalism based?
- F** Rulers derive their power from the people.
 - G** Divine laws can be observed in the natural world.
 - H** People need rules to force them to behave morally.
 - J** Authority can be used compassionately in society.

We give and grant to the barons the following security:

The barons shall elect twenty-five of their number to keep, and cause to be observed with all their might, the peace and liberties granted and confirmed to them by this charter.

—*Magna Carta*, 1215

Which principle of government is reflected in the excerpt above?

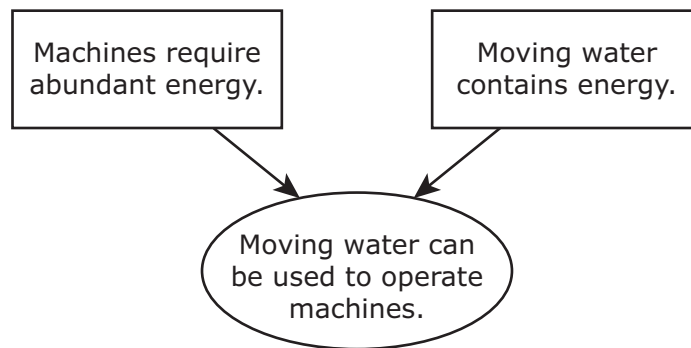
- A** Federalism
- B** Separation of church and state
- C** Popular sovereignty
- D** Representative government

50 Adolf Hitler rose to power in the 1930s partly because of —

- F** political instability caused by independence movements
- G** nationalist pride resulting from imperialist expansion
- H** extreme hardship brought about by economic decline
- J** political coups supported by foreign allies

51 The importance of obligation to family in ancient Chinese culture is most associated with —

- A** Taoism
- B** Confucianism
- C** Legalism
- D** Buddhism



The principles behind which innovation are shown in this diagram?

- F** The use of new power sources to facilitate mass production
- G** The use of new fossil-fuel resources to increase industrial power
- H** The mechanization of farm labor to increase crop yields
- J** The navigation of rivers to increase the volume of commerce

53 One specific goal of the United Nations is to —

- A** promote economic growth through the adoption of a single global currency
- B** encourage the development of democratic principles throughout the world
- C** establish control over natural resources in developing countries
- D** protect the right of leaders to maintain power over their people

54 Martin Luther's posting of his Ninety-five Theses in 1517 led to —

- F** a decline in the expansion of overseas colonies
- G** the beginning of the Crusades in the Middle East
- H** a decline in the authority of the Catholic Church
- J** the emergence of absolute monarchies

Although Soviet economic performance has improved in recent years from the low levels of 1979–82, Gorbachev still faces an economy that cannot simultaneously maintain rapid growth in defense spending, satisfy demand for greater quantity and variety of consumer goods and services, invest the amounts required for economic modernization and expansion, and continue to support client-state economies. Gorbachev, in our view, has a clear understanding of these limitations; he is obviously extremely impatient that they be addressed now.

—*U.S. foreign-intelligence document, 1985*

This intelligence report proved to be an accurate assessment of the —

- A** situation that would contribute to the collapse of communism in Eastern Europe
- B** military strategy that eventually led to aggression between the Soviet Union and the United States
- C** policies that severely limited individual rights and liberties in Eastern Europe
- D** refusal to negotiate arms-reduction treaties that would result in Gorbachev's resignation as president of the Soviet Union

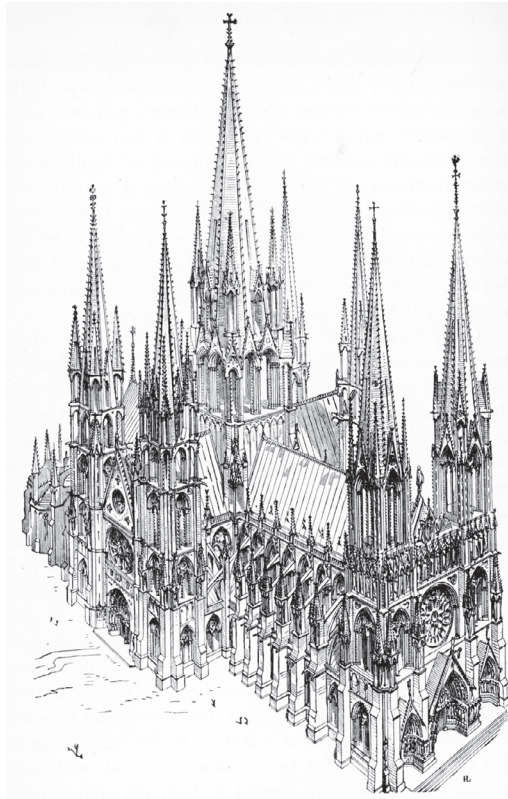
56 Which factor created favorable conditions for the Industrial Revolution in Great Britain?

- F** A low rural population in central England
- G** The presence of large oil reserves in the North Sea
- H** Large deposits of iron and coal in England
- J** An abundance of grain and livestock in southern Scotland

57 One factor essential to the development of early civilizations was —

- A** the ability to produce surplus food
- B** the taking of an annual census
- C** the use of a standard medium of exchange
- D** the emergence of a distinct caste system

Scheme of a Cathedral



Source: Macmillan Company

Which features of this building are correctly identified with an architectural style?

- F** Spires and flying buttresses: Gothic
- G** Rounded vaults and arches: Renaissance
- H** Balance and symmetry: Neoclassical
- J** Thick walls and sturdy design: Romanesque

- 59** The twentieth-century conflict in Northern Ireland was the result of political and religious differences between —
- A** Catholics and Muslims
 - B** Jews and Protestants
 - C** Protestants and Catholics
 - D** Muslims and Jews
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Although we may never know the exact magnitudes of the depopulation, it is estimated that upwards of 80–95 percent of the Native American population was decimated within the first 100–150 years following 1492.

—*Nathan Nunn and Nancy Qian, Journal of Economic Perspectives, Spring 2010*

The main reason for the loss of lives described in the excerpt is that American Indians —

- F** were shipped to Europe as slaves
 - G** experienced a series of famines
 - H** exhausted their supplies of natural resources
 - J** were not immune to European diseases
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- 61** The Indo-Aryans shifted from a life sustained by nomadic herding to a life based on farming. This transition resulted in —
- A** the division of land between Hindus and Muslims based on religious practices
 - B** the specialization of labor and the development of the caste system
 - C** the appointment of satraps who collected taxes on behalf of the king
 - D** the integration of Confucian ideals into a Legalist form of government

62 Which grievance was shared by both French and American revolutionaries?

- F** The inequality of women
 - G** Widespread starvation because of food shortages
 - H** Frequent public executions of citizens
 - J** Unfair taxation practices
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63 The Berlin Conference affected European imperialism in Africa by —

- A** establishing partnerships with local kingdoms to promote trade
 - B** defending the rights of African citizens to participate in colonial governments
 - C** supporting the establishment of colonial spheres of influence
 - D** developing guidelines to regulate joint-stock trading companies
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64 Which box lists events of the Cold War in chronological order?

F

- Berlin airlift
- Soviet invasion of Afghanistan
- Vietnam War
- Korean War

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- Korean War
- Berlin airlift
- Soviet invasion of Afghanistan
- Vietnam War

G

- Soviet invasion of Afghanistan
- Vietnam War
- Berlin airlift
- Korean War

J

- Berlin airlift
- Korean War
- Vietnam War
- Soviet invasion of Afghanistan



Which event could be added to the time line to show the continued advance of democratic ideals?

- A** American Revolution
- B** Congress of Vienna
- C** Russian Revolution
- D** Berlin Conference

66 How did the Black Death affect medieval Europe?

- F** It prompted advances in medicine that extended the average life span.
- G** It caused economic and social instability by drastically reducing the workforce.
- H** It caused persecution of religious and ethnic minorities to decrease.
- J** It allowed church officials to expand their authority.

- 67** A primary reason European languages are spoken in Africa today is that —
- A** African and European alliances were formed during World War I
 - B** European territories in Africa were redistributed at the Congress of Vienna
 - C** British forces won the Boer War against the Dutch and Afrikaners
 - D** European explorers and merchants established colonies throughout the continent

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Buddhism came to China from India this way, along the northern branch of the route. The first influences came as the passes over the Karakorum were first explored. . . .

Christianity also made an early appearance. . . . Merchants brought the faith along the _____, and the first Nestorian church was consecrated at Changan in 638 A.D.

—*Oliver Wild, University of California–Irvine, 1992*

Which trade route correctly completes the excerpt?

- F** Royal Road
- G** Amber Road
- H** Silk Road
- J** Burma Road



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