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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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Someone asked me if I wanted to make a New Year's wish, and I said yes—and it was that I'd like to see every young person in the world join the "Just Say No" . . . club. Well, just the fact that Congress has proclaimed "Just Say No Week" and in light of all the activities taking place, it seems that my wish is well on its way to coming true. I'm so proud of all the young people, the parents, the citizens in cities and towns across the Nation, the Government, and everyone else who's helping to create what I believe is the final solution to this problem. . . .

—First Lady Nancy Reagan, May 20, 1986

Which problem is Nancy Reagan hoping to solve with this campaign?

- A Drug and alcohol abuse among children
- B The effects of video-game violence on children
- C Diets high in sugar and salt among children
- D The effects of explicit lyrics in music on children



Source: Library of Congress, Prints and Photographs Division

Which caption best replaces the question mark in this photograph?

- F** Abolish the Poll Tax and the Literacy Test
- G** Demand the Direct Election of Senators
- H** Come in and Learn Why Women Ought to Vote
- J** Lower the Voting Age for Women to Eighteen

3 Which event prompted the United States to enter World War II?

- A** The German annexation of Austria
- B** The Soviet occupation of Germany
- C** The landing of Allied soldiers on Normandy Beach
- D** The Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor

4 Which benefit resulted from the introduction of the Bessemer steel process?

- F Mechanical reapers to replace horse-drawn reapers
 - G Stronger and cheaper material for railroads and bridges
 - H Transistors for radios
 - J Electric lightbulb
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5 The Civil Rights Act of 1957 established a Civil Rights Division within the U.S. Department of Justice. What was the main purpose of this division?

- A To enforce laws prohibiting discrimination
- B To integrate public schools
- C To enforce privacy protections
- D To integrate the armed forces

Shenandoah National Park



Which guarantee in the Bill of Rights could affect the establishment of parks such as this one?

- F** "The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects . . . shall not be violated. . . ."
- G** "Nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation."
- H** "No Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause . . . describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized."
- J** "In Suits at common law, where the value in controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right of trial by jury shall be preserved. . . ."

7 What was a major influence on the popularity of the flapper during the 1920s?

- A** A decline in the number of women working in urban factories
- B** A shift away from the traditional roles of women
- C** An increase in the use of credit and installment plans
- D** A decrease in crime associated with prohibition

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At the height of the Cold War rivalry between the United States and the Soviet Union, HUAC's influence soared and contributed to a climate of domestic fear stoked by its sensational and often unsubstantiated investigations.

—*"The Permanent Standing House Committee on Un-American Activities," U.S. House of Representatives Historical Highlights, <http://history.house.gov> (accessed September 14, 2016)*

The committee mentioned in this statement was investigating suspected members of the —

- F** Communist Party
 - G** Civilian Conservation Corps
 - H** Navajo Code Talkers
 - J** Flying Tigers
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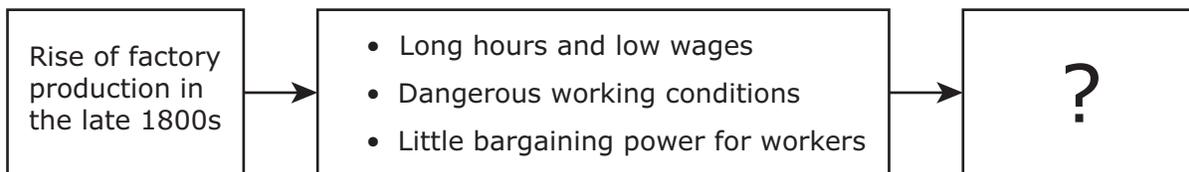
But when we come to the possible sequence of events, the loss of Indochina, of Burma, of Thailand, of the Peninsula, and Indonesia following, now you begin to talk about areas that not only multiply the disadvantages that you would suffer, . . . but now you are talking really about millions and millions and millions of people.

—*President Dwight D. Eisenhower, news conference, April 7, 1954*

In this excerpt, President Eisenhower is expressing concern about —

- A** a trade imbalance with Asia
- B** the spread of communism in Asia
- C** the educational opportunities available in Asia
- D** an environmental disaster in Asia

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Which result completes this diagram?

- F Ratification of a suffrage amendment
 - G Building of the transcontinental railroad
 - H Passage of prohibition legislation
 - J Expansion of labor unions
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11 Which government positions were held by Hillary Clinton?

- A
 - Supreme Court Justice
 - President of the United States
- B
 - First Lady of the United States
 - Secretary of State
- C
 - Speaker of the House of Representatives
 - U.S. Senator from New York
- D
 - U.S. Attorney General
 - Governor of Arkansas

12 During Reconstruction the Thirteenth, Fourteenth, and Fifteenth Amendments were ratified. Which issue did these amendments address?

- F Rights for women
- G Readmission of states to the Union
- H Rights for former slaves
- J Presidential impeachment proceedings

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Source: Library of Congress, Prints and Photographs Division

What was the main purpose of this World War II poster?

- A To persuade citizens to enlist in the armed forces
- B To inform citizens about the wartime dangers facing the nation
- C To encourage citizens to volunteer to help support the war
- D To notify citizens of mandatory programs for national security

What was the effect of television on the development and outcome of the war? The conventional wisdom has generally been that for better or for worse it was an anti-war influence. It brought the "horror of war" night after night into people's living rooms and eventually inspired revulsion and exhaustion. The argument has often been made that any war reported in an unrestricted way by television would eventually lose public support.

—Daniel Hallin, *The Museum of Broadcast Communications*

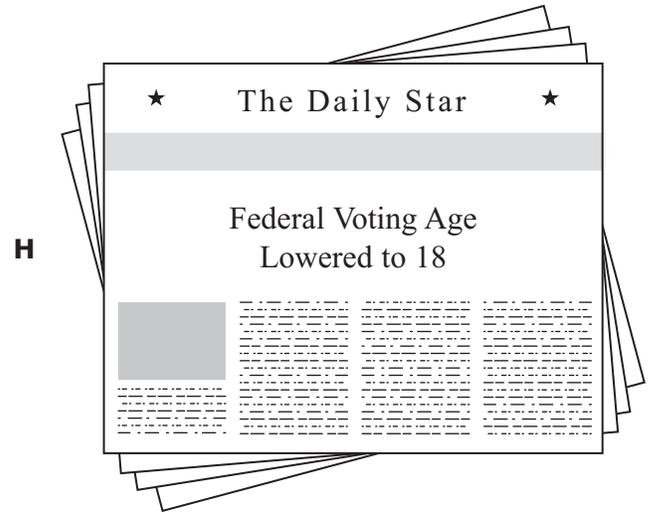
Which article would most likely quote this excerpt?

- F** "Embedding Journalists in Combat during the Korean War"
 - G** "The Role of the Office of War Information during World War II"
 - H** "Improvements in Media Production during the Persian Gulf War"
 - J** "The Role of the Media during the Vietnam War"
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15 Which situation is an example of a person using technology initially designed for the military?

- A** A teenager pumps gasoline into a new car.
- B** A man uses a credit card to pay for new purchases.
- C** A pediatrician vaccinates patients against polio.
- D** A woman uses a Global Positioning System to navigate around town.

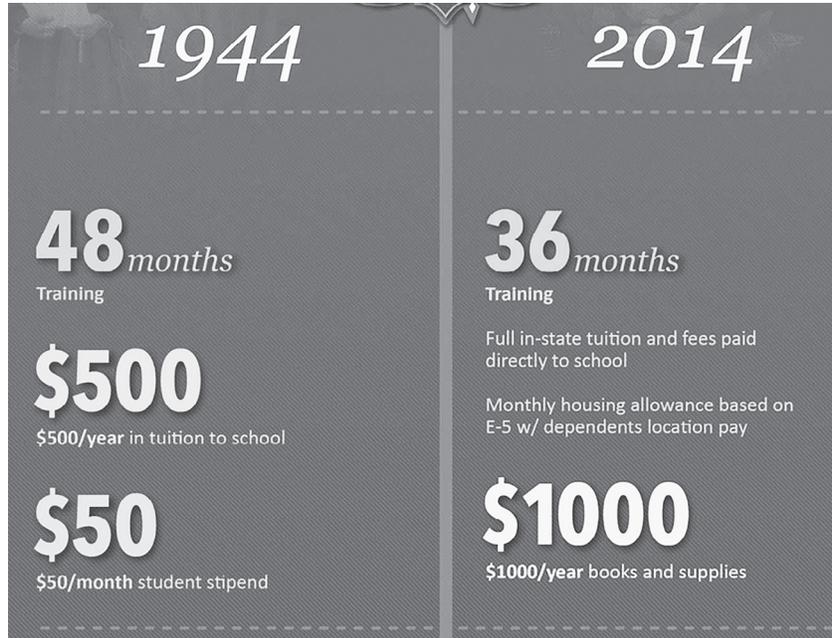
16 Which headline can be most directly attributed to the efforts of the Civil Rights movement?



17 Which phrase best defines the Holocaust?

- A The U.S. plan to relocate Japanese Americans to internment camps
- B The Allied plan to liberate concentration camps in Eastern Europe
- C The Nazi campaign to use genocide to eliminate European Jews
- D The Japanese military strategy to destroy U.S. aircraft carriers

The ____?, Then and Now



Which option completes this title?

- F Social Security Act
- G Twenty-Sixth Amendment
- H GI Bill
- J Americans with Disabilities Act

19 Why did the United States intervene in Korea during the mid-twentieth century?

- A The United States wanted to promote trade in Southeast Asia.
- B The United States responded to a surprise attack against a U.S. naval base.
- C The United States assumed responsibility for defeating international terrorist groups.
- D The United States led the international community in response to an act of aggression.

The nation participates in the making of its laws by the choice of its legislators, and in the execution of them by the choice of the agents of the executive government; it may almost be said to govern itself. . . .

—Alexis de Tocqueville, *Democracy in America*, 1835

Which constitutional provision did the most to advance the aspect of democracy Tocqueville describes?

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"The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated. . . ."

G

"Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction."

H

"The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex."

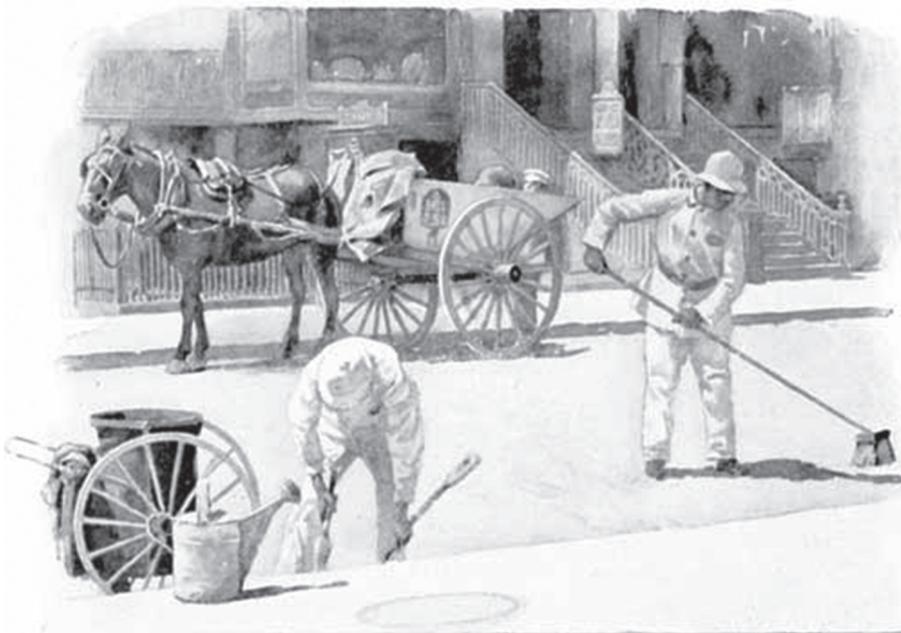
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"Whenever there is a vacancy in the office of the Vice President, the President shall nominate a Vice President who shall take office upon confirmation by a majority vote of both Houses of Congress."

21 What was the primary goal of the 2009 Affordable Care Act?

- A** To eliminate state medical programs
- B** To expand access to health insurance
- C** To nationalize medical care for the elderly
- D** To ease restrictions on healthcare providers

22 In 1895 the Department of Street Cleaning in New York City created a permanent group of sanitation workers known as the White Wings. This image shows the White Wings at work in 1896.



Source: *Externals of Modern New York*, A. S. Barnes and Co., 1896

Which issue contributed most to the need for this permanent sanitation group?

- F** Increased urban population
- G** The passage of labor laws
- H** Decreased regulation of urban rail systems
- J** The establishment of immigration quotas

- 23** What was one significant impact of the opening of the Panama Canal?
- A** It helped reduce the spread of communism and socialism in Latin American countries.
 - B** It resulted in the signing of the North American Free Trade Agreement.
 - C** It increased trade by reducing travel times between the Pacific and the Atlantic Oceans.
 - D** It created tension between the United States and Latin American countries over immigration policy.
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What does the motto shown on this seal mean?

- F** "Liberty, Fraternity, Equality"
- G** "Justice for All"
- H** "America First"
- J** "Out of Many, One"

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Which option completes this diagram?

- A President Richard Nixon’s involvement in Watergate
- B The proposed ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment
- C President Jimmy Carter’s negotiation of the Camp David Accords
- D The introduction of the Marshall Plan as official foreign policy

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My party’s in power in the city, and it’s goin’ to undertake a lot of public improvements. Well, I’m tipped off, say, that they’re going to lay out a new park at a certain place. I see my opportunity and I take it. I go to that place and I buy up all the land I can in the neighborhood. Then the board of this or that makes its plan public, and there is a rush to get my land, which nobody cared particular for before. Ain’t it perfectly honest to charge a good price and make a profit on my investment and foresight? Of course, it is. Well, that’s honest graft.

—George Washington Plunkitt, *Plunkitt of Tammany Hall*, 1905

Which action is best described by this excerpt?

- F Elected leaders helped immigrants to assimilate to life in the United States.
- G Political machines justified corruption while providing benefits to communities.
- H Progressive leaders protested eminent domain laws in the United States.
- J Muckrakers tried to uncover government scandals in urban communities.

The contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin.

—Executive Order 11246 as amended, September 24, 1965

What was the main purpose of this executive order?

- A** To expand protections in hiring decisions
- B** To guarantee a minimum wage for employees
- C** To provide corporate tax cuts to companies
- D** To provide on-the-job training for new workers

- 28** Why did the U.S. Senate refuse to ratify the Treaty of Versailles after World War I?
- F** The Senate would not support America's participation in the League of Nations.
 - G** The Senate believed the treaty did not punish Germany enough.
 - H** The Senate thought the treaty did not have the power to prevent secret alliances.
 - J** The Senate could not agree on military disarmament levels.
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Thousands of African Americans moved to the Great Plains during the late nineteenth century. Many of them moved to Kansas in what was called the Great Exodus, and the participants were called exodusters.

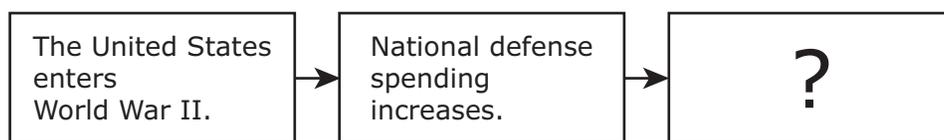
What was the primary reason the exodusters left the South?

- A** To escape drought conditions
- B** To reunite with family members
- C** To find employment in U.S. wartime industries
- D** To escape oppression and discrimination

- 30** Which statement best describes how investment in the stock market during the mid-to-late 1920s contributed to the Great Depression?
- F** People were unable to repay the loans used to purchase stocks.
 - G** Government taxes on stock transactions made it difficult to repay investors.
 - H** Financial institutions were not required to report earnings to stock investors.
 - J** Foreign countries were not required to immediately pay stockholder earnings.

- 31** How have computer technology entrepreneurs such as Steve Jobs and Jeff Bezos most directly affected the twenty-first-century economy?
- A** More people are able to shop for goods online.
 - B** Restaurant owners are able to open fast-food franchises overseas.
 - C** More people are able to get hired after graduating from high school.
 - D** Bankers are able to offer customized loans for potential home buyers.
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Which sentence completes this cause-and-effect diagram?

- F** The government reduces its use of propaganda.
- G** The level of industrial production increases.
- H** The government reduces its use of rationing programs.
- J** The unemployment rate increases.

His 128th Birthday—"Gee,
but this is an awful stretch!", 1904



Source: Library of Congress, Prints and Photographs Division

What message about imperialism did this political cartoon convey?

- A** The closer an acquired territory was, the more self-government it should be allowed to exercise.
- B** Imperialism was not likely to improve access to overseas markets.
- C** It was not worth angering European powers to annex new territories.
- D** The farther imperialist expansion extended, the harder it would be for the United States to maintain control.

- 34** What was the purpose of the Pure Food and Drugs Act of 1906?
- F** To protect consumers by regulating the food and drug industry
 - G** To lower the cost of essential foods and drugs for consumers
 - H** To prevent shortages by regulating the supply of food and drugs
 - J** To reduce production costs for food and drug manufacturers
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Over the course of the 20th century, the composition of the labor force shifted from industries dominated by primary production occupations, such as farmers and foresters, to those dominated by professional, technical, and service workers.

—Donald M. Fisk, "American Labor in the 20th Century," Fall 2001

How have these shifts affected the physical environment?

- A** Water shortages occurred as more people moved to rural areas.
- B** Air pollution levels increased as the government decreased regulations.
- C** Cropland eroded as farmers used outdated agricultural techniques.
- D** Cities grew in size as previously used farmland was absorbed into urban areas.

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- Built sod houses
- Used steel plows
- Developed dry farming techniques

What is the best title for this list?

- F** How Sharecroppers Lived in the Deep South
- G** Ways Migrant Workers Lived in the Southwest
- H** How Miners Took Advantage of Gold Rush Opportunities
- J** Ways Settlers Adapted to Conditions on the Great Plains

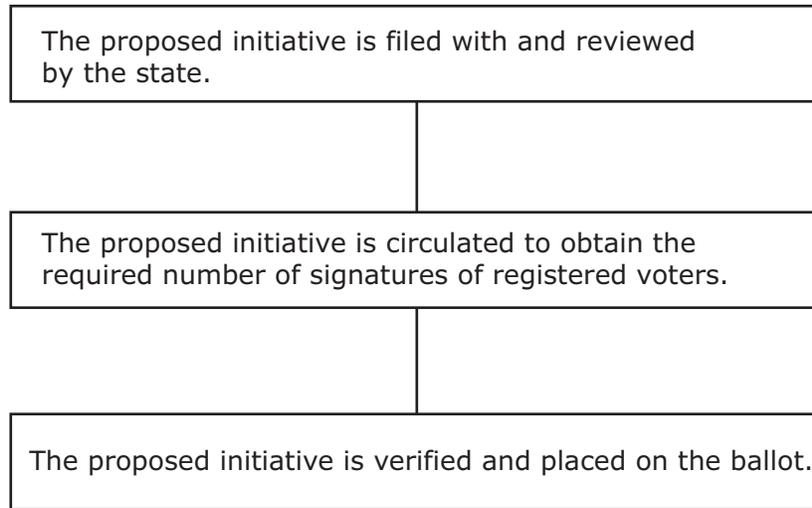
37 Why did the United States fight in the Persian Gulf War?

- A** Iraq needed help resisting a communist revolution.
- B** Iraq supplied weapons to al-Qaeda terrorists.
- C** Iraq invaded and occupied Kuwait.
- D** Iraq financed the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.

38 Which factor prompted the Americanization movement of the early twentieth century?

- F** The increasing numbers of immigrants from Eastern and Southern Europe
- G** The strengthening of Jim Crow laws in the southern United States
- H** The rising tensions between the United States and the Soviet Union
- J** The growing concern about environmental issues in the western United States

Steps in the Ballot Initiative Process



What is one way the Progressive Era reform outlined in this diagram has affected U.S. politics?

- A** More women have been elected to Congress.
- B** Citizens have a more direct influence on lawmaking.
- C** Corrupt officials can be removed from office.
- D** Primary elections are prohibited in several states.

40 Which New Deal program still in existence today provides an income for retired people?

- F** Social Security Administration
- G** Securities and Exchange Commission
- H** Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation
- J** Farm Credit Administration

- 41** The Gulf of Tonkin Resolution increased the power of the executive branch by —
- A** allowing the president to use military force without a declaration of war by Congress
 - B** authorizing the president to choose the Senate Majority Leader
 - C** allowing the president to introduce bills to Congress
 - D** expanding the president’s right to executive privilege
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The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.

—*Tenth Amendment*

Which phrase best describes the goal of this amendment?

- F** To restrict civil liberties
- G** To limit due process rights
- H** To restrain the power of judicial activists
- J** To limit the power of the federal government

43 What was one immediate result of Henry Ford's manufacturing methods?

- A** Cars became affordable for more people.
 - B** Cars required little fuel to operate efficiently.
 - C** Cars replaced railroads as the fastest way to ship goods.
 - D** Cars could be customized.
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44 President Franklin D. Roosevelt proposed an increase in the number of Supreme Court justices because the Court ruled against —

- F** the gold standard
- G** some New Deal programs
- H** internment camps
- J** some rationing programs

- 45** Which phrase describes a major goal of the Federal Reserve Act of 1913?
- A** To provide stability for the national economy by creating a central banking system
 - B** To raise money for wartime needs by selling government bonds
 - C** To give incentives for U.S. entrepreneurs by offering low-interest loans
 - D** To encourage competition in U.S. industry by breaking up corporate trusts

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Historical Park in San Diego, California



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What is the significance of this 1978 mural?

- F** It is representative of artistic expressions of the Beat Generation.
- G** It was commissioned by the federal government through the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA).
- H** It is an example of cultural pride among Mexican Americans.
- J** It was painted by artists employed under the Works Progress Administration (WPA).

47 Which action did the U.S. government take in 1924 to expand the rights of American Indians?

- A** Granting citizenship to American Indians
 - B** Establishing private schools for American Indian children
 - C** Providing retirement benefits to American Indians
 - D** Guaranteeing jobs for American Indians in urban areas
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48 What was the most significant result of the 1957 launch of *Sputnik*?

- F** U.S. military troops were deployed to Korea.
- G** The United States ended its involvement in the Vietnam War.
- H** A space race between the United States and the Soviet Union began.
- J** The U.S. government implemented the Marshall Plan.

But it taxes our credulity to say that mere chance resulted in their [*sic*] being no members of this class among the over six thousand jurors called in the past 25 years. The result bespeaks discrimination, . . . [Hernandez's] only claim is the right to be indicted and tried by juries from which all members of his class are not systematically excluded—juries selected from among all qualified persons regardless of national origin or descent. To this much, he is entitled by the Constitution.

—Chief Justice Earl Warren, *Hernandez v. Texas*, May 3, 1954

How did this Supreme Court decision affect judicial interpretations of the Constitution?

- A By expanding equal protection rights
- B By eliminating due process protections
- C By limiting free expression
- D By expanding the right of religious freedom

50 How did the completion of the Transcontinental Railroad contribute to the settlement of the West?

- F By providing people with access to essential goods
- G By raising money to build factories along the routes
- H By giving funds to local leaders to build schools
- J By establishing military forts along the routes

51 How did Betty Friedan’s book *The Feminine Mystique* affect the lives of everyday Americans?

- A** By inspiring women in the 1960s to question their traditional social roles
 - B** By focusing attention on a widespread environmental problem
 - C** By advocating for passage of consumer safety laws during the 1970s
 - D** By bringing attention to racial discrimination in government hiring practices
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For decades, the United States and ____?____ have maintained strong bilateral relations based on a number of factors, including robust domestic U.S. support for ____?____ and its security; shared strategic goals in the Middle East; a mutual commitment to democratic values; and historical ties dating from U.S. support for the creation of ____?____ in 1948. U.S. foreign aid has been a major component in cementing and reinforcing these ties.

The name of which Middle Eastern country correctly completes the excerpt?

- F** Egypt
- G** Israel
- H** Kuwait
- J** Saudi Arabia

53 Why would a company invest in a time-study analysis?

- A** To diversify the workforce
- B** To improve efficiency
- C** To reduce the amount of goods in storage
- D** To improve relations with inventory suppliers

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Which action was an immediate consequence of the event described in this headline?

- F** Austria-Hungary declared war on Serbia.
- G** Great Britain intercepted the Zimmermann telegram.
- H** The United States refused to join the League of Nations.
- J** The Russian monarchy was overthrown.

Selected Interest Groups

- Japanese American Citizens League (JACL)
- League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC)
- National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)
- National Congress of American Indians (NCAI)
- National Urban League
- Rainbow PUSH Coalition

How have these groups helped shape U.S. culture?

- A** By fighting against child labor
- B** By supporting strict immigration quotas
- C** By focusing on expanding civil rights for minorities
- D** By lobbying against equal pay for equal work



Source: Library of Congress, Prints and Photographs Division

Which era is most associated with the type of event shown in this photograph?

- F** The Roaring Twenties
- G** The Cold War
- H** The Great Depression
- J** The Industrial Revolution

57 Which phrase best explains the popularity of American music in China?

- A** The diffusion of U.S. culture
- B** The result of U.S. free trade agreements
- C** The communist control of government in China
- D** The success of antitrust legislation in China

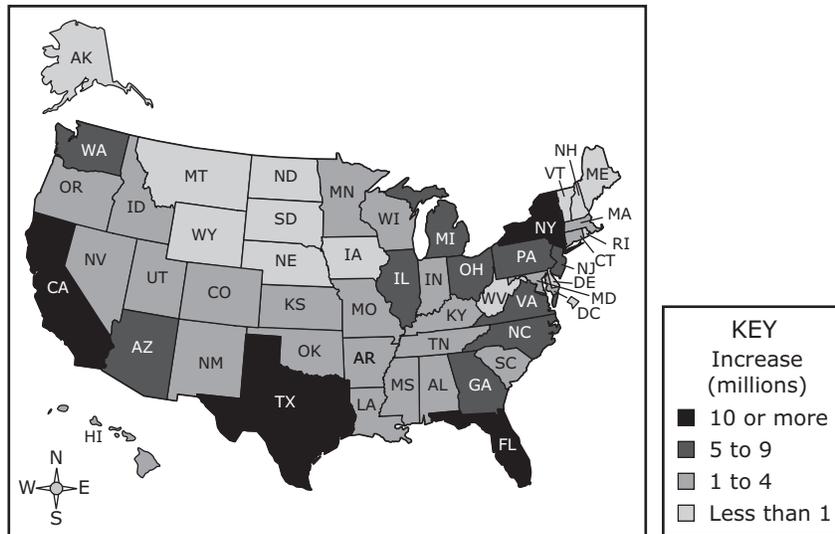
The Federal Children’s Bureau, in the summer of 1932, undertook a survey of the situation in the Southwest, with especial reference to boys and young men who by the thousands (estimated 200,000 for the United States) were found “riding the rods” of the railroads. . . . In October 1932 a group of individuals, members of national agencies deeply concerned with this problem, together with a number of persons actively engaged in the study of the subject, organized themselves under the auspices of the National Social Work Council as a discussion group to explore the size and content of the problem . . . and, if possible, to work out some practical plan for its relief.

—Dr. Ellen C. Potter, *“The Problem of the Transient,”* 1934

Which situation contributed to the problem described in this excerpt?

- F** Migration caused by racial discrimination during World War I
- G** Homelessness caused by unemployment during the Great Depression
- H** Strict bank regulations made by the federal government during the New Deal
- J** Rate increases imposed by the railroad industry during the Gilded Age

Increase in Total Population by State,
1900–2000 (millions)



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Which factor best explains the population change in California, Texas, and Florida during this time period?

- A** An increase in the number of coal-mining jobs
- B** Fewer environmental protection laws
- C** A lack of a sales tax on consumer goods
- D** An increase in the number of economic opportunities

Let us unite in committing the resources of this Nation to a major new endeavor, an endeavor that in this Bicentennial Era we can appropriately call "Project Independence."

Let us set as our national goal, in the spirit of Apollo, with the determination of the Manhattan Project, that by the end of this decade we will have developed the potential to meet our own energy needs without depending on any foreign energy sources.

—President Richard Nixon, address to the nation,
November 7, 1973

Which situation caused President Nixon to introduce this project?

- F** The fall of Saigon
- G** The OPEC oil embargo
- H** The Iraqi invasion of oil fields in Kuwait
- J** The illegal sale of weapons to Iran

Republican Political Plan for the 1994 Election

- Drafted by Republicans led by Representative Newt Gingrich of Georgia
- Specified legislation to be passed once the House of Representatives was controlled by Republicans
- Promised conservative economic and political reforms

What did congressional Republicans call this political plan?

- A** The New Frontier
- B** The Great Society
- C** The Return to Normalcy
- D** The Contract with America

Now, therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me as President of the United States, and Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy, I hereby authorize and direct the Secretary of War, and the Military Commanders whom he may from time to time designate, whenever he or any designated Commander deems such action necessary or desirable, to prescribe military areas in such places and of such extent as he or the appropriate Military Commander may determine, from which any or all persons may be excluded. . . .

—President Franklin D. Roosevelt, *Executive Order 9066*, February 19, 1942

Which constitutional right was most directly violated by this executive order?

- F** Freedom of speech
- G** Right to equal protection
- H** Right to bear arms
- J** Freedom of religion

- Europeans seek industrial jobs in the United States.
- World War I begins.
- Nativism resurges in the United States.

What was one way the U.S. government responded to this combination of events?

- A** Made labor unions illegal
- B** Passed immigration restrictions
- C** Implemented a military draft
- D** Established a federal income tax

- 64** Which statement best explains one effect of the New Deal?
- F** The federal government took control of public education and universities.
 - G** Corporations had to obtain permission from state governments before hiring workers.
 - H** Labor unions had to provide justification to state governments before conducting strikes.
 - J** People relied more on the federal government for assistance.
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- 65** Which example best defines a historical era?
- A** A collection of art by a world-renowned artist
 - B** A period of time characterized by certain political, social, or economic events
 - C** A genre of music specific to a region of a country
 - D** A piece of landmark legislation passed during a congressional session

Range of Soviet Missiles, October 26, 1962



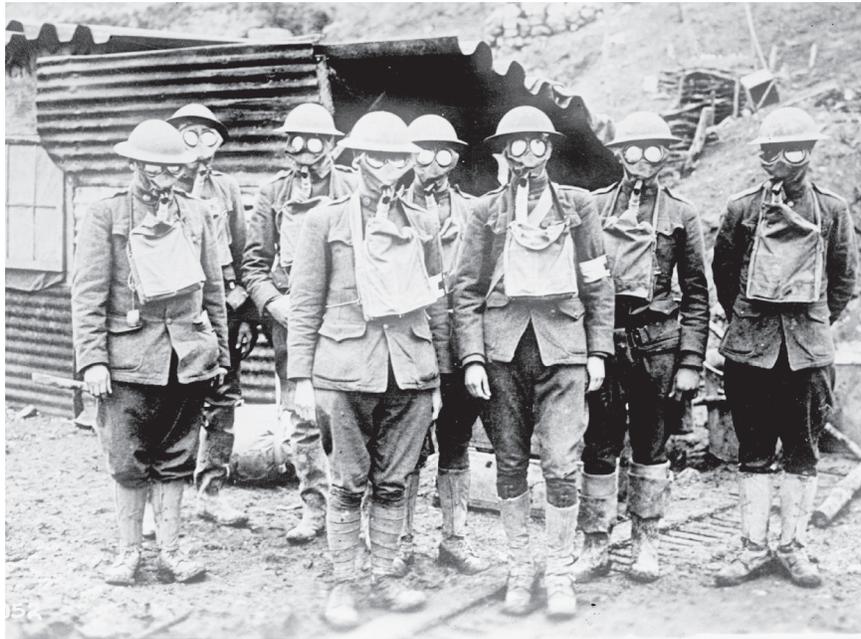
Source: NARA

Which Soviet action led to the threat illustrated on this map?

- F** The signing of an arms limitations treaty
- G** Blockading foreign supply ships from entering the Caribbean
- H** Closing the border between East and West Berlin
- J** The placement of nuclear weapons installations in Cuba

67 Which method for achieving civil rights is most associated with Martin Luther King, Jr.?

- A** Using peaceful protests and acts of civil disobedience
- B** Obtaining signatures to petition for a referendum
- C** Pursuing litigation through the court system
- D** Recalling officials in special elections



Source: Library of Congress,
Prints and Photographs Division

What was the primary reason for these masks during World War I?

- F** To hide the identities of soldiers from approaching enemies
- G** To protect soldiers from spreading contagious diseases
- H** To help soldiers use night vision technology to find the enemy
- J** To protect soldiers from the effects of poison gas

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