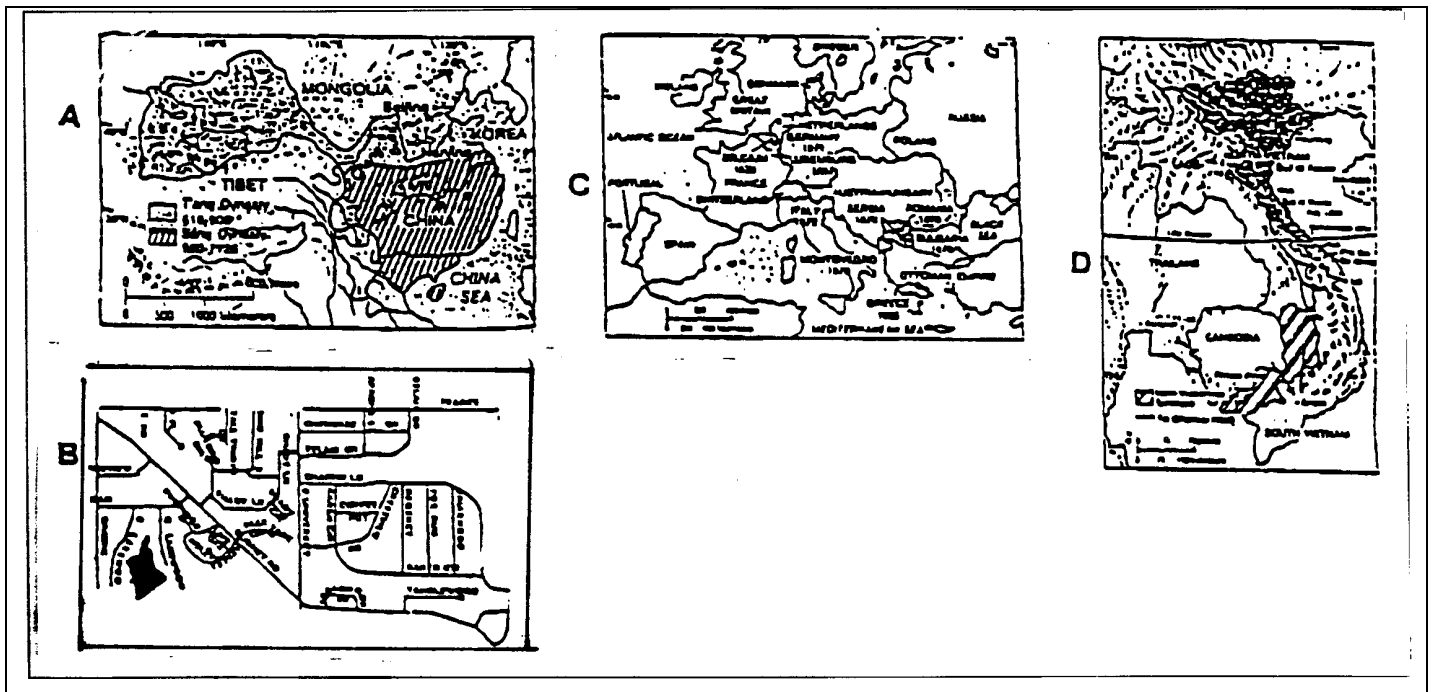


# SAMPLE TEST QUESTIONS: Part A

## Grade 4

G-1A-E1

1. Which map gives the reader directions within a city?



- A. Map A
- B.\* Map B
- C. Map C
- D. Map D

**G-1A-E1**

2. On a map, "latitude" is usually represented by
- A.\* horizontal lines.
  - B. vertical lines.
  - C. a map key.
  - D. a compass rose.

**G-1A-E1**

3. The relationship between real distances on the earth and distances on a map is provided by
- A. a compass rose.
  - B. a map symbol.
  - C.\* a map scale.
  - D. horizontal and vertical lines.

**G-1A-E1**

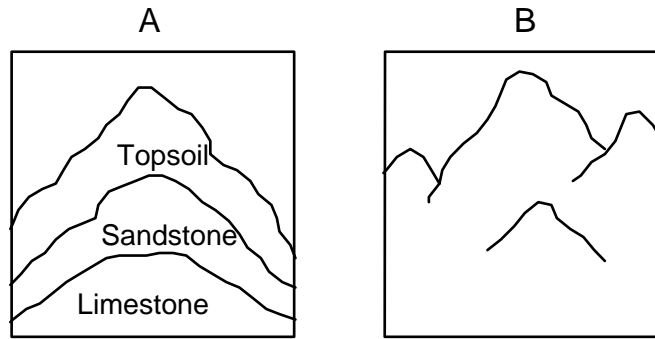
4. A map feature that shows directions on a map is called
- A.\* a compass rose.
  - B. a legend.
  - C. a distance scale.
  - D. a map symbol.

**G-1A-E1**

5. You would use the compass rose on a map to determine
- A. the real distance between two places shown on the map.
  - B.\* which direction you would be traveling from one place to another.
  - C. whether a place shown on a map is above or below the equator.
  - D. the longitude of a given place on the map.

G-1A-E1

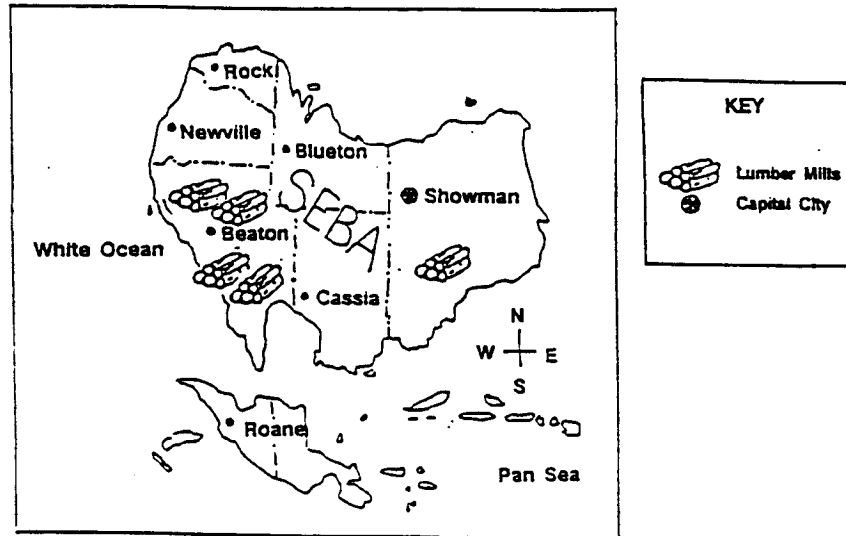
6. Which diagram shows a cross-section of a mountain?



- A.\* Diagram A
- B. Diagram B
- C. Both Diagram A and Diagram B
- D. Neither Diagram A nor Diagram B

G-1A-E2

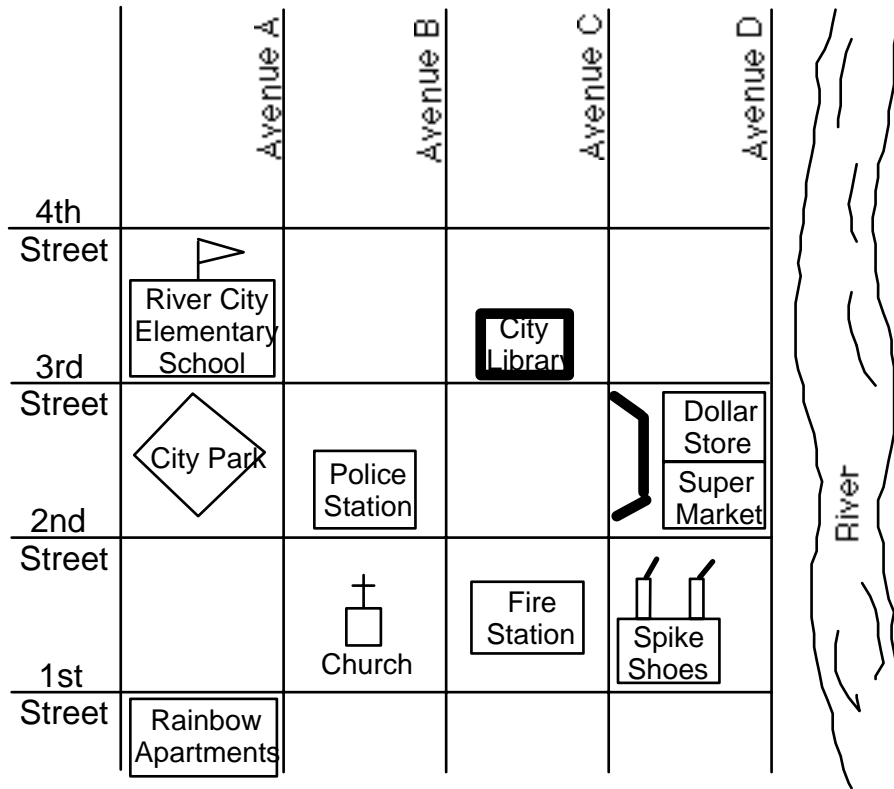
7. Use the map below to answer the questions that follow.



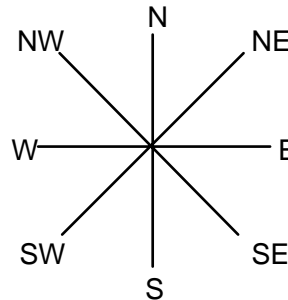
- A. Most lumber mills are located near which city?
- A. Cassia
  - B. Showman
  - C.\* Beaton
  - D. Rock
- B. Which city is northeast of Cassia?
- A. Blueton
  - B.\* Showman
  - C. Beaton
  - D. Roane
- C. What is the capital city of the country of Seba?
- A. Rock
  - B. Neville
  - C. Blueton
  - D.\* Showman

G-1A-E2

8. Use the map of River City to answer the questions that follow.



**River City**



- A. If you lived in the Rainbow Apartments, what direction would you walk to go to River City Elementary School?
- A. East
  - B.\* North
  - C. South
  - D. West
- B. What would be the **best** way to describe the location of the Spike Shoes factory?
- A.\* Corner of 1st Street and Avenue C
  - B. Corner of 1st Street and Avenue B
  - C. Corner of 2nd Street and Avenue B
  - D. Corner of 2nd Street and Avenue A

**G-1A-E1**

9. The United States is located on which continent?
- A.\* North America
  - B. South America
  - C. Europe
  - D. Asia

**G-1B-E1**

10. Of the following continents, which one is the coldest?
- A. North America
  - B. Europe
  - C.\* Antarctica
  - D. Asia

**G-1B-E1**

11. Which area is probably the coldest?
- A. a desert in Africa
  - B. a forest near the Tropic of Cancer
  - C. a city in Mexico
  - D.\* a city in Alaska

**G-1B-E4**

12. A feature of the earth's surface, such as mountains or plains, is called
- A. geography.
  - B. a region.
  - C.\* a land form.
  - D. altitude.

**G-1B-E4**

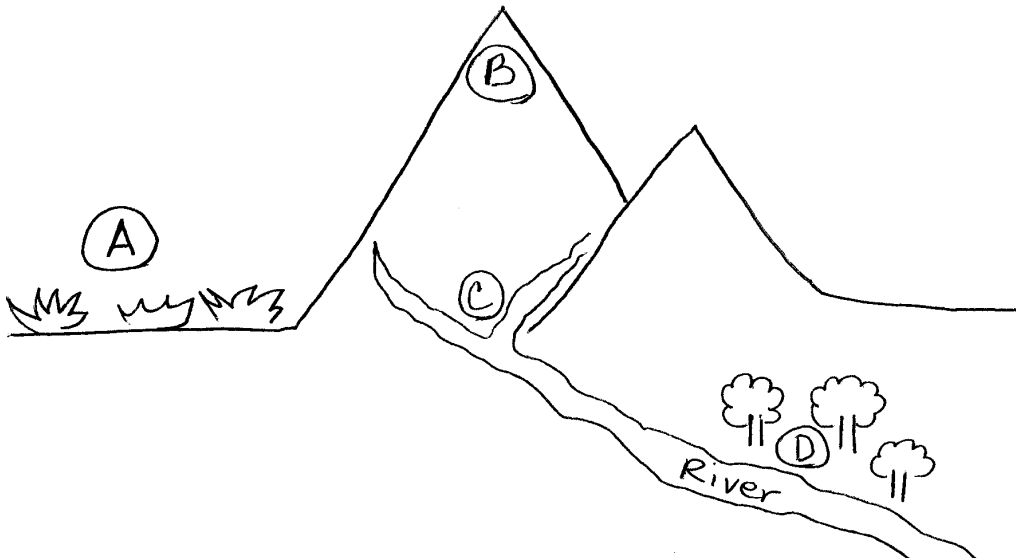
13. Which of the following refers to a very large body of land?
- A. hemisphere
  - B.\* continent
  - C. country
  - D. nation

**G-1B-E4**

14. Which term **best** describes the weather of a given area over a period of many years?
- A. precipitation
  - B. natural resource
  - C. temperature
  - D.\* climate

15. The map below represents the way a place looked in the 1800's. Use the map to answer the questions that follow.

**Settlement in the 1800's**



**G-1B-E1**

- A. Which area is **best** suited for a group of people to settle?
- |           |            |
|-----------|------------|
| A. Area A | B. Area C  |
| C. Area B | D.* Area D |

**G-1D-E1**

- B. Which of the following individuals would be **most** important in the development of this settlement?
- |  |
|--|
| A. automobile mechanic and electrician |
| B.* carpenter and farmer               |
| C. painter and plumber                 |
| D. computer programmer and technician  |

**E-1A-E9**

- C. Mr. Grizzly lives alone in a cabin at Area C. He is a trapper and earns his living by selling furs from animals he traps. What is the **best** method for getting his furs from his home to Area D?
- |                    |             |
|--------------------|-------------|
| A. horse and wagon | B.* boat    |
| C. walking         | D. railroad |

**G-1D-E1**

- D. If people settled in Area D and remained for ten years, which of the following changes would **most** likely occur?
- |   |
|---|
| A.* There would be fewer trees and more buildings.        |
| B. The river would disappear and the people would move.   |
| C. There would be more trees and more mountains.          |
| D. There would be no changes in the appearance of Area D. |

G-1B-E4

16. The map below shows that one part of the country has more major highways than the other part of the country. Why is this?

[Insert "Major Highways" map]



- A.\* There are more people and cities in the eastern part of the country.
- B. It is easier to build highways in the eastern part of the country.
- C. Cars are not an important form of transportation in the western part of the country.
- D. States are larger in the western part of the country.

Reference: NAEP released item, Geography, Grade 4

**G-1C-E1**

17. What is **most** likely to happen when the rocks along a fault line start to move?
- A. a tidal wave
  - B.\* an earthquake
  - C. a lightning storm
  - D. a volcanic eruption

**G-1C-E2**

18. Settlement of the West was **most** helped by the fact that the pioneers
- A. were granted many of the important government jobs.
  - B. were not afraid of the Indians.
  - C.\* used new inventions and tools to help meet their needs.
  - D. participated in searching for and mining gold.

**G-1D-E1**

19. In the 1800's, the pioneers were able to survive due to
- A. the expansion of the railroad.
  - B. the exploration of new frontiers.
  - C. their willingness to travel.
  - D.\* their ability to make use of the land.

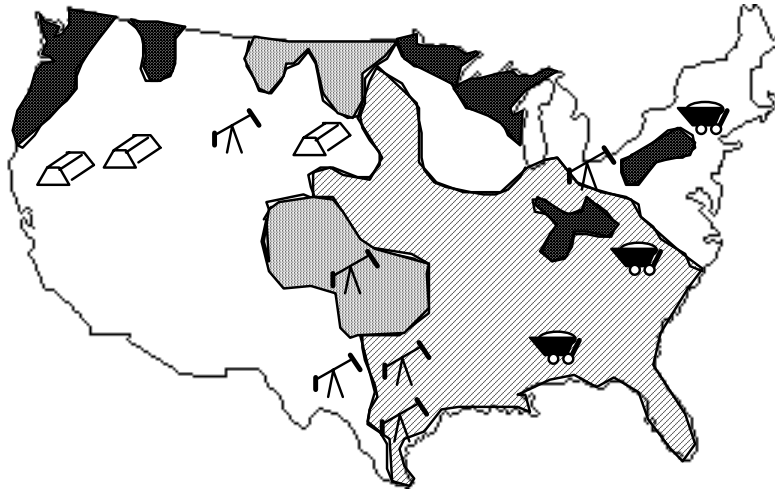
**G-1D-E3**

20. The fishing industry in an area could be **most** hurt by which event?
- A. an increase in the price of fish
  - B. a change in the rainfall pattern in the area
  - C.\* a major oil tanker spill in nearby waters
  - D. a change in shipping routes in local waters

**G-1D-E4**








21. Which of the following is **not** considered a "natural resource"?
- A. trees
  - B. oil
  - C. coal
  - D.\* electricity

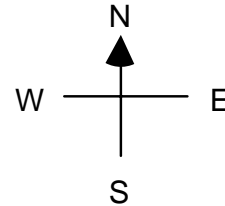
22. Use the map below to answer the questions that follow.



**Resources and Products of the United States**

**KEY**

 General farming	 Natural gas or oil
 Wheat and other grains	 Iron
 Sheep and cattle	 Gold
 Lumber	



**G-1D-E4**

- A. Iron is mined mostly in which region of the United States?
- A.\* Eastern
  - B. Southwestern
  - C. Northeastern
  - D. Western

**G-1C-E5**

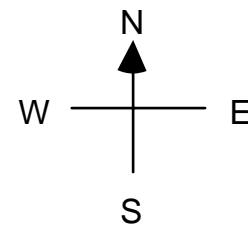
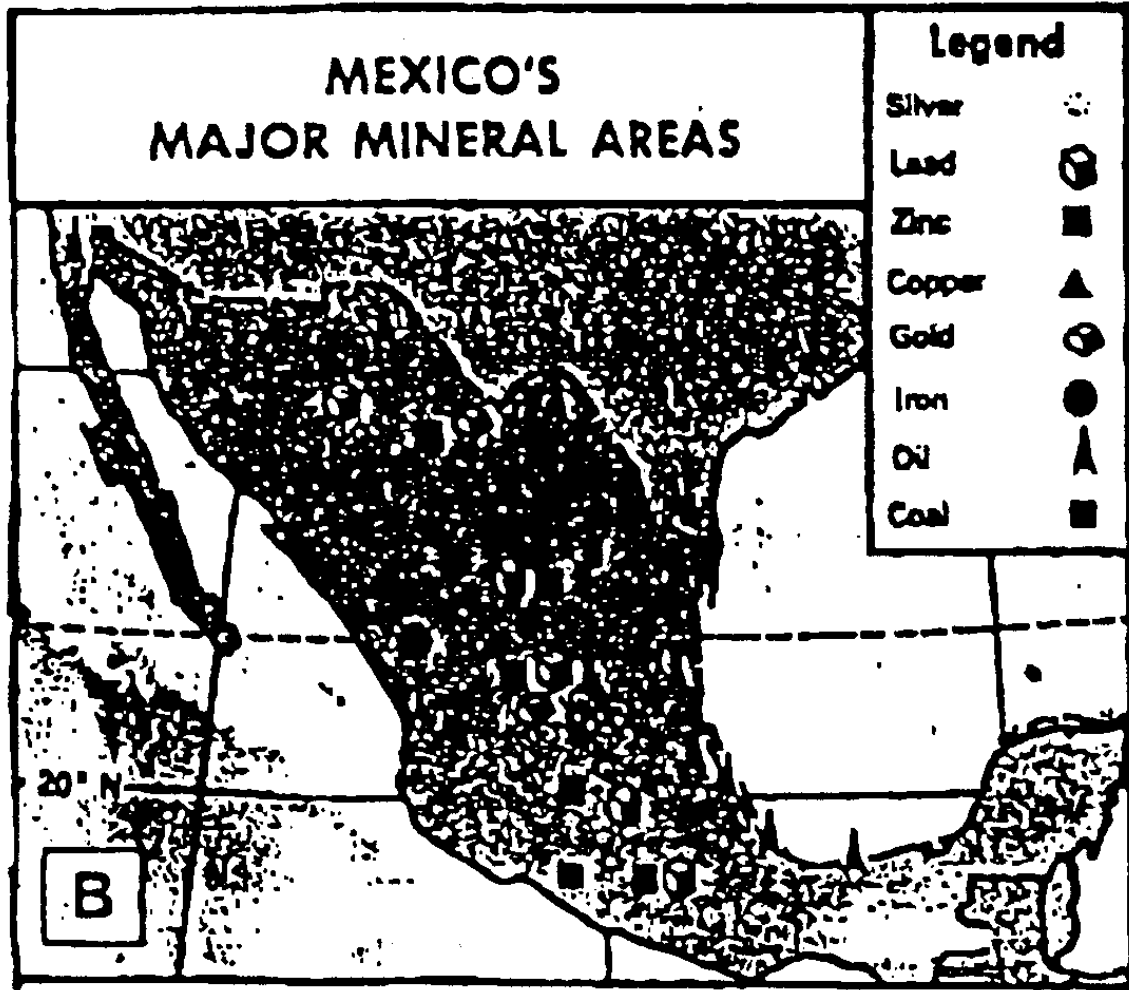
- B. Which activity is **most** important to the southeast region?
- A.\* General farming
  - B. Growing wheat and other grains
  - C. Raising sheep and cattle
  - D. Lumber industry

**G-1C-E2**

- C. Land in the southwest region is used mostly for:
- A. Coal mining
  - B. General farming
  - C. Growing wheat and other grains
  - D.\* Raising sheep and cattle

23. Use the map below to answer the questions that follow.

[insert "Mexico Minerals" map]



G-1D-E4

- A. Which of the following areas of Mexico produces the most oil?
- A. west coast
  - B. northern border
  - C.\* eastern coast
  - D. central region

**G-1A-E2**

- B. Which statement about the location of Mexico is true?
- A.\* Mexico is north of the equator.
  - B. Mexico is north of the United States.
  - C. Mexico has the same latitude as the United States.
  - D. Mexico is about 20 degrees south of the equator.

**C-1A-E2**

24. Which of the following is **not** a basic purpose of government?
- A. providing public services
  - B. preserving law and order in society
  - C.\* operating businesses and industries
  - D. protecting the country against foreign enemies

**C-1A-E3**

25. Which of the following is true of a “limited” government?
- A.\* The powers of government are described in a constitution.
  - B. Citizens are granted very few rights according to law.
  - C. There is no control over the leader’s power.
  - D. The government is headed by a dictator.

**C-1A-E4**

26. What branch of the U.S. government makes our nation’s laws?
- A. Executive
  - B. Judicial
  - C. Cabinet
  - D.\* Legislative

**C-1A-E4**

27. Which level of government is responsible for printing money?
- A.\* Federal
  - B. State
  - C. Parish
  - D. City or town

**C-1A-E4**

28. Which level of government runs the Police Department?
- A. Federal
  - B. State
  - C. Parish
  - D.\* City or town

**C-1A-E4**

29. A city or town government would most likely provide all of the following services **except**:
- A. Fire Department
  - B. Police Department
  - C.\* Bank
  - D. School

**C-1A-E5**

30. Which of the following is **not** an elected official of the State of Louisiana?
- A. Legislator
  - B. Governor
  - C.\* Mayor
  - D. Justice

**C-1A-E6**

31. The president of the United States is voted into office for a term of:
- A. 2 years
  - B.\* 4 years
  - C. 5 years
  - D. 10 years

**C-1A-E7**

32. The **main** purpose of laws in the United States is to
- A. make the government weaker.
  - B.\* protect all people and their property.
  - C. make people vote in elections.
  - D. make people hold certain jobs.

**C-1B-E1**

33. Which of the following is **not** a basic freedom guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution?
- A. freedom of speech
  - B. freedom to practice their religion
  - C.\* freedom to overthrow the government
  - D. freedom of the press

**C-1B-E1**

34. Which of the following represents the highest law in the United States?
- A. the Declaration of Independence
  - B.\* the U.S. Constitution
  - C. laws passed by the U.S. Congress
  - D. decisions and orders of the President of the United States

**C-1B-E1**

35. What would happen if a law passed by a U.S. state was found to violate the U.S. Constitution?
- A.\* The law would be changed or repealed.
  - B. The law would apply only to people in the state.
  - C. The people would be given the right to break the law.
  - D. The state legislators would be taken to court for breaking the law.

**C-1C-E1**

36. The word “treaty” means
- A. acts of war between two nations.
  - B. a declaration of loyalty to a country.
  - C. taxes on imported goods from a foreign country.
  - D.\* a formal agreement between two nations.

**C-1C-E1**

37. One of the **main** purposes of the United Nations is to
- A. to defend the United States against attack.
  - B. to spread democracy around the world.
  - C.\* to promote peace in the world.
  - D. to raise money for the government.

**C-1C-E1**

38. A representative of the United States meets with a representative of another country to try to settle a disagreement. This is called
- A. international trade.
  - B. an act of war.
  - C. national security.
  - D.\* diplomacy.

**C-1D-E1**

39. One way that people become citizens of the United States is by
- A. swearing allegiance to the United States.
  - B.\* being born in the United States.
  - C. immigrating to the United States from a foreign country.
  - D. signing up to join the military of the United States.

**C-1D-E1**

40. The right to serve as an elected official in the United States government is granted to
- A.\* citizens of the United States.
  - B. all people who live in the United States.
  - C. any person who is at least 25 years old.
  - D. anyone who is willing and able to serve the American people.

**C-1D-E2**

41. American citizens have a responsibility to do which of the following things?
- A.\* Obey the law
  - B. Get married
  - C. Get a driver's license
  - D. Purchase goods

**E-1A-E1**

42. There is a puppet show next Sunday from 11:00 to 12:00. There is also a tennis game from 11:00 to 12:00. You want to go to both. What is the scarce resource?
- A.\* time
  - B. money
  - C. choices
  - D. alternatives

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**E-1A-E1**

43. A teacher has five movie tickets to give her ten students. What is **most** scarce?
- A. Teachers
  - B. Movies
  - C.\* Tickets
  - D. Students

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**E-1A-E2**

44. On Saturdays Alicia usually goes to see a movie with her friends. However, last Saturday she chose to visit her grandmother instead. What has Alicia given up in her decision?
- A. Visiting her grandmother
  - B. The price of the movie ticket
  - C.\* Seeing the movie
  - D. Staying home with her parents and watching TV

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**E-1A-E3**

45. Which one of the following statements is **true**?
- A. All jobs pay the same income.
  - B. Manufacturers earn more money than store owners.
  - C. Goods earn more income than services earn.
  - D.\* Some occupations earn higher income than others.

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**E-1A-E5**

46. What do we call it when people decide to make something that other people will buy?
- A.\* producing
  - B. consuming
  - C. surveying
  - D. pricing

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**E-1A-E5**

47. When you put a quarter in the machine to play a video game, you are
- A. a producer.
  - B.\* a consumer.
  - C. earning income.
  - D. loaning money.

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**E-1A-E6**

48. What do we call things that are made or produced, such as cars, houses, radios, and hamburgers?
- A. Services
  - B.\* Goods
  - C. Work
  - D. Skills

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**E-1A-E6**

49. Which of the following represents a service?
- A. a loaf of bread
  - B. a car
  - C. a textbook
  - D.\* a haircut

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**E-1A-E6**

50. Mr. Smith is a mailman. He delivers letters and packages to people. What does Mr. Smith do?
- A.\* Provides a service
  - B. Produces a good
  - C. Makes capital resources
  - D. Provides natural resources

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**E-1A-E6**

51. Which of the following people does **not** provide a service?
- A. bank clerk
  - B. gas station attendant
  - C.\* toy manufacturer
  - D. waiter at a restaurant

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**E-1A-E6**

52. What are human resources?
- A. The machines that workers use to produce goods
  - B. Something a worker makes for someone else
  - C. The money a worker gets paid
  - D.\* The skills and knowledge a worker has

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**E-1A-E6**

53. Which of the following is a human resource?
- A. a hammer
  - B.\* a house painter's skills
  - C. a school building
  - D. a computer

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**E-1A-E6**

54. Which of the following is a capital resource?
- A. A hot dog
  - B.\* A hammer
  - C. Money
  - D. The ocean

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**E-1A-E7**

55. What happens when each individual in a group is assigned to do only one part of a big task?
- A. The task will take much longer to complete.
  - B. The process of completing the task done will be very disorganized.
  - C.\* Group members must depend on each other to complete the task.
  - D. Individual group members will not know what they must do.

**E-1A-E8**

56. Why does a basketball coach ask his team to practice shooting baskets every day?
- A. Because practice is their only choice
  - B. Because the team is producing a valuable service
  - C.\* Because practice helps his students shoot baskets better
  - D. Because teams who practice have better capital resources

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**E-1A-E9**

57. You are a rancher who needs to transport cattle to market from one region of the U.S. to another. What is the **best** way to transport them?
- A.\* railroad
  - B. boat
  - C. truck
  - D. airplane

**E-1A-E10**

58. Families or households are considered part of the economy because
- A. they live in an economy.
  - B. they are members of a society.
  - C.\* they buy goods and services.
  - D. they like having money.

**E-1A-E10**

59. Which of these is **not** usually considered to be a part of the economy?
- A. a bank
  - B. a store
  - C. a city or town government
  - D.\* a church

**E-1A-E11**

60. Steve paid Wayne 50 cents for his favorite baseball card. What do we call this activity?
- A.\* an exchange
  - B. an economy
  - C. a profit
  - D. a service

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**E-1A-E11**

61. What makes money so valuable?
- A. There are coins, dollar bills, five dollar bills, ten dollar bills, etc.
  - B. It can be used when prices are high or low.
  - C. It can be spent or saved in bank.
  - D.\* Everybody will accept it when you want to buy something.

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**E-1A-E11**

62. One way people get things they want is by using money. Another way would be
- A. wishing for it.
  - B. specializing.
  - C.\* bartering.
  - D. charging interest.

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**E-1A-11**

63. Which of these is **not** a legal way people get money to buy things?
- A. have someone give it to them
  - B.\* print their own
  - C. borrow it
  - D. earn it

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**E-1A-E-11**

64. When you keep money in a bank, the bank uses your money and gives you
- A. a market.
  - B.\* interest.
  - C. a loan.
  - D. taxes.

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**E-1B-E1**

65. Imagine that a toy company makes a toy that turns out to be very popular. The company cannot make enough of the toy for everyone who wants one. What will **most** likely happen in this situation?
- A.\* People will pay more for the toy.
  - B. People will lose interest in the toy.
  - C. The company will stop making the toy.
  - D. The company will sell fewer toys of other kinds.

**E-1B-E2**

66. When the price of a toy goes down, what will **most** likely happen?
- A. The toy will be less popular.
  - B. The toy will no longer be sold.
  - C.\* More people will buy the toy.
  - D. The price of other toys will go up.

**E-1B-E3**

67. Which of the following is a reason for people to start a new business?
- A. a fear that the business might not be successful
  - B.\* the chance to make a profit
  - C. the cost of hiring workers
  - D. the need to purchase machines or equipment

**E-1B-E4**

68. The government uses money from taxes to provide such things as roads, public parks, and post offices mainly because
- A.\* so many people use or benefit from these things.
  - B. the government needs these things.
  - C. the government makes money this way.
  - D. people will not pay to provide these things.

**E-1B-E5**

69. Which of the following is a major service industry in Louisiana?
- A.\* tourism
  - B. mining coal
  - C. sugarcane farming
  - D. fishing

**H-1A-E1**

70. Which of the following defines a century?
- A. 10 years
  - B. 20 years
  - C.\* 100 years
  - D. 1000 years

**H-1A-E1**

71. The letters B.C. after a date mean:
- A. Birth of Christ
  - B.\* Before Christ
  - C. Because of Christ
  - D. Before Capitalism

**H-1B-E1**

72. In colonial days, many school children
- A. rode on a school bus to school.
  - B. were driven to school in a car by their parents.
  - C.\* were taught at home by their parents.
  - D. lived at schools away from home

**H-1B-E1**

73. In colonial times, why did most children attend school only for a few years?
- A.\* Their families needed them to help on the farm.
  - B. Schools went only to the third grade.
  - C. Everything they needed to know could be learned in a few years.
  - D. Most parents could afford to pay for only a few year's tuition.

**H-1B-E2**

74. People live in many different types of places in the United States today. Which of these are common in the United States today, but **not** in colonial times?
- A. cities
  - B. small towns
  - C.\* suburban areas
  - D. ranches and farms

**H-1B-E2**

75. All of the following forms of housing were common in early American communities, **except**
- A. log cabins.
  - B. brick houses.
  - C.\* high-rise apartment houses.
  - D. houses made of stone.

**H-1B-E2**

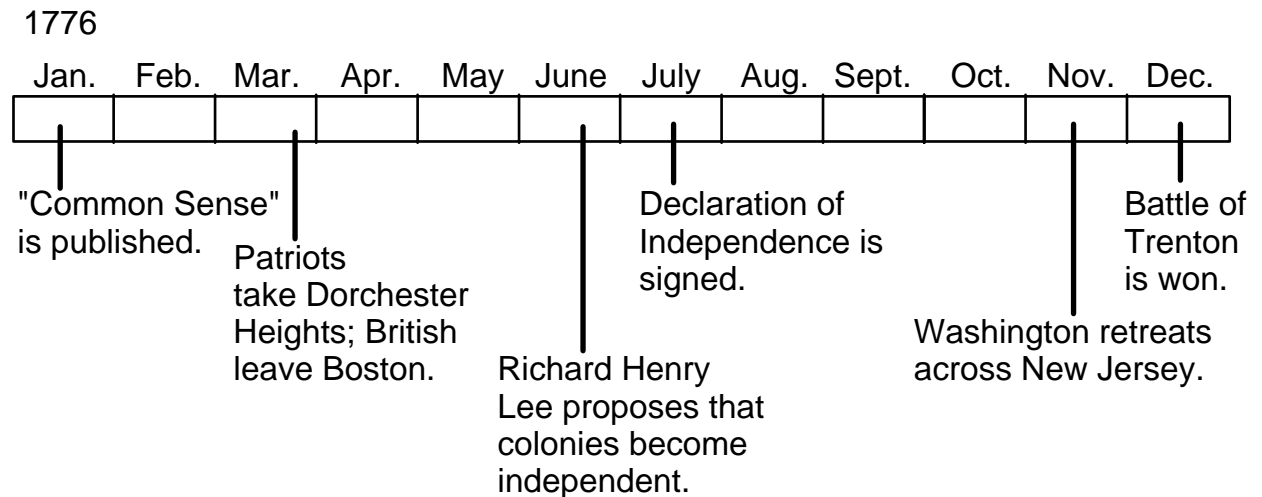
76. In the days of early America, women did **not** have the right to
- A. vote.
  - B. own property.
  - C. attend college.
  - D.\* raise children.

H-1B-E2

77. Compared to workers in colonial America, workers in America today are **more** likely to
- A. make an entire product from start to finish.
  - B. work alone independently of others.
  - C.\* be a member of a group providing a service.
  - D. work primarily outdoors.

H-1C-E1

78. Use the timeline below to answer the questions that follow.



- A. Which event happened last?
- A. Richard Henry Lee proposes independence for the colonies.
  - B. "Common Sense" is published.
  - C.\* The Battle of Trenton is won.
  - D. Washington retreats across New Jersey.
- B. In what month was the Declaration of Independence signed?
- A. June
  - B.\* July
  - C. August
  - D. September

**H-1C-E1**

79. Read the passage below and answer the question that follows.

I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: "We hold these truths to be self-evident; that all men are created equal."

I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slaveowners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood.

I have a dream that one day . . . little Black boys and Black girls will be able to join hands with White boys and girls and walk together as sisters and brothers.

This speech was given by:

- A. Abraham Lincoln
- B. George Washington
- C. John F. Kennedy
- D.\* Martin Luther King, Jr.

**H-1C-E1**

80. What was the **main** purpose of the U.S. Declaration of Independence?

- A. to create a democracy in North America
- B. to free the slaves in the United States
- C. to establish George Washington as the first U.S. President
- D.\* to free the American colonies from British rule

**H-1C-E1**

81. Which of these was one of the thirteen colonies that fought the American Revolution against the British?

- A. Illinois
- B. California
- C.\* New York
- D. Texas

*Reference: NAEP released item, History, Grade 4*

**H-1C-E2**

82. What is the purpose of the Bill of Rights?
- A. To say how much Americans should pay in taxes
  - B.\* To protect freedoms like freedom of speech
  - C. To describe the jobs of the President and Congress
  - D. To make Washington, D.C., the capital of the United States

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**H-1C-E2**

83. How was the U.S. government originally formed?
- A. by early English explorers who discovered the New World
  - B. by the earliest settlers who made peace with the Indians
  - C. by U.S. military leaders who led the wars against the Indians
  - D.\* by English colonists who fought for independence from England

**H-1C-E3**

84. What is the **main** reason the Pilgrims and Puritans came to America?
- A.\* To practice their religion freely
  - B. To make more money and live a better life
  - C. To build a democratic government
  - D. To expand the lands controlled by the king of England

*Reference: NAEP released item, History, Grade 4*

**H-1C-E4**

85. Louisiana is known for all of the following **except**
- A. Mardi Gras.
  - B. Cajun cooking.
  - C. Creole cooking.
  - D.\* Fiesta Festival.

**H-1D-E2**

86. Which of the following four inventions came first in history?
- A. radio
  - B. telescope
  - C.\* printing press
  - D. telephone

**H-1D-E2**

87. Which of the following shows the forms of communication in chronological order as they occurred in history?
- A. telegraph, pony express, newspaper
  - B.\* newspaper, telegraph, telephone
  - C. telephone, telegraph, newspaper
  - D. pony express, newspaper, telegraph

**H-1D-E2**

88. The invention of the cotton gin made it possible for people to:
- A. grow more cotton on each acre of land.
  - B. harvest cotton faster.
  - C. weave cloth faster.
  - D.\* remove seeds from cotton fiber more efficiently.

**H-1D-E2**

89. All of the following resulted from the invention of the printing press, **except**
- A. ideas spread more quickly.
  - B. books became available to everyone.
  - C. knowing how to read became important.
  - D.\* fewer schools were opened.