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D I R E C T I O N S

In this test you will show how you are doing in some skills important in social studies.

Be sure you understand all the directions before you begin. You will have as much time as you need to finish the test. If you are not sure about the answer to a question, do your best.

You will be marking your answers on Side 2 of the same answer sheet as for the reading and math tests. Mark only one answer for each item. If you change an answer, be sure to erase the first mark completely. Now look at the sample item below:

Sample Item 1: Which of these cities is the capital of Michigan?

- A. Ann Arbor
- B. Flint
- C. Kalamazoo
- D. Lansing

Answer

Sample Item 1: (A) (B) (C) ●

Since Lansing is the capital of Michigan, you would have marked space D because the letter in front of Lansing is D.

Remember, only one answer should be marked for each question. If you change your answer, erase your first answer completely. Make a dark mark that fills the space. Use a pencil, do not use a ballpoint pen.

When you are sure that you understand the directions, you may begin the test. Your teacher will collect the test when you are finished.

DIRECTIONS: Answer each of the following questions.

7. What is the main purpose of a national political convention?
- A. to plan the presidential campaign
 - B. to raise money for the campaign
 - C. to formally nominate a candidate for the presidency
 - D. to elect a president and a vice-president

K-9v

8. Lobbyists are sometimes called "The Third House" because they:
- A. strongly influence law-making.
 - B. are registered with the government.
 - C. are provided for in our Constitution.
 - D. help run the government for the benefit of all.

K-9z

9. In order to vote in a national election, you must meet all the following requirements EXCEPT:
- A. be 18 years of age or older
 - B. be a U.S. citizen
 - C. be able to read the ballot
 - D. be registered to vote

DIRECTIONS: Answer each of the following questions.

14. What is the main duty of a jury in a criminal trial?
- A. to pass sentence B. to present evidence
C. to prosecute the defendant D. to determine guilt or innocence
15. Which one of the following rights is provided for each citizen in the United States Constitution?
- A. the right to have a good job
B. the right to go to college when a person is old enough
C. the right to go to any church a person wants to attend
D. the right to have enough money to buy a nice house
- K-9m
16. The President has decided to declare war and send U.S. armed forces against a foreign country.
- Who must approve this action for it to be legal?
- A. the Supreme Court B. Congress
C. the United Nations D. Joint Chiefs of Staff
17. The Board of Regents of New York wrote a prayer to be recited by public school children.
- This action was declared a violation of the students' 1st Amendment rights by the:
- A. Congress B. local ministers
C. Supreme Court D. Governor of New York

DIRECTIONS: Answer the following questions.

18. David Barnes was arrested for passing out pamphlets at the local shopping center. His pamphlets encourage people to oppose the Governor's plans for a state income tax increase.

Which of his rights was violated?

- A. freedom of speech B. freedom of press
C. right to a public trial D. right to bear arms

19. Patricia McNeil is an active member of a local political group. She does not belong to any church. Therefore, she was not allowed to be a candidate for local office.

Which of her rights was violated?

- A. freedom of speech B. women's right to vote
C. freedom of assembly D. freedom of religion

K-1b

20. The American Civil Rights Movement of the 1960's protested all of these practices EXCEPT:

- A. sending Blacks to separate schools.
B. keeping Blacks from living in white neighborhoods.
C. preventing Blacks from moving out of the South.
D. requiring Blacks to ride in separate seats on buses and trains.

K-1c

21. "Accused person(s) do not have to answer questions asked by the police."

Which right does this statement protect?

- A. freedom of speech B. protection against self-incrimination
C. right to a jury trial D. right to have an attorney

DIRECTIONS: Answer the following questions.

22. Which of the following statements about the purpose of the laws is correct?

- A. Laws are written to define standards of behavior.
- B. Laws are written to decrease government controls.
- C. Laws are written for the benefit of a minority of people.
- D. Laws are not really needed in a democratic society.

K-2L

23. In a criminal case in Michigan,

- A. the defendent must prove he or she is innocent.
- B. the defendent cannot be convicted without a confession that he or she committed a crime.
- C. the defendent can be convicted only when the state proves that he or she is guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.
- D. the defendent cannot be convicted unless he or she has a prior criminal record.

K-2j

24. Citizens may want to change or abolish a law they are not happy with. Which of the following is a legal way to change the law?

- A. Organize groups to occupy the legislative offices.
- B. Block traffic on major streets to demonstrate discontent with the law.
- C. Join with others to lobby for a charge.
- D. Withhold taxes until the law is changed.

K-7g

25. A man came to your home and said he was from the town's housing inspection agency. He showed you his identification card and asked to inspept your furnace. About a week later, you received a call saying your furnace did not meet the town's building code. The caller told you to contact a certain company to make the needed repairs at your expense. What would be the BEST action for you to take first?

- A. Call the furnace company that the inspector recommended.
- B. Call the town's housing inspection agency to see if the man is an authorized inspector.
- C. Contact the County Court to find out about your rights in this case.
- D. Ask the Better Business Bureau to give you a list of good furnace repair companies.

DIRECTIONS: Answer the following questions.

26. The main purpose of the United Nations is to:
- A. have a world government take the place of national government.
 - B. spread democracy throughout the world.
 - C. help nations settle their differences peaceably.
 - D. enforce international law.
27. Some of the food products, clothing, auto parts, and raw materials we consume in the U.S. come from other countries. What does this mean?
- A. We need to share our wealth, and one way to do this is to buy foreign made goods.
 - B. We depend upon people from other parts of the world for things we consume.
 - C. Generally, foreign products are made better.
 - D. We need to strengthen friendly foreign countries and one way to do this is to buy their goods.

K-3f

28. The typical meal in the poor countries of the world consists of:
- A. a dairy product, vegetables, and fruit.
 - B. fish and cereal grains.
 - C. meat and a dairy product.
 - D. cereal grains and vegetables.

K-4e

29. In different parts of the world the cow has different uses. It is considered sacred by some people; by others as a beast of burden; by still others as a source of food. What can we correctly assume from this?
- A. Some countries are more civilized than others.
 - B. People around the world have different customs and beliefs.
 - C. People in some countries do not know much about nutrition.
 - D. Scientific advances have made the cow less useful to people.

DIRECTIONS: Answer the following questions:

- 30: Until just a few years ago, thousands of people around the world died from smallpox. Cooperation among doctors and scientists from many countries has just about conquered this disease. In 1976, the World Health Organization, which coordinated much of the effort, announced that the disease had been almost completely eliminated.

What is the MAIN point of this paragraph?

- A. The World Health Organization should be in charge of curing all diseases.
- B. All the world's problems can be solved by medical doctors and scientists.
- C. Smallpox was easy to cure.
- D. People from different countries can solve problems if they work together.

K-5a

- 31: What area of the world was the birth place of the religions of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam?

- A. Western Europe
- B. the Middle East
- C. India
- D. Northern Africa

- 32: What was one of the reasons for the War of 1812?

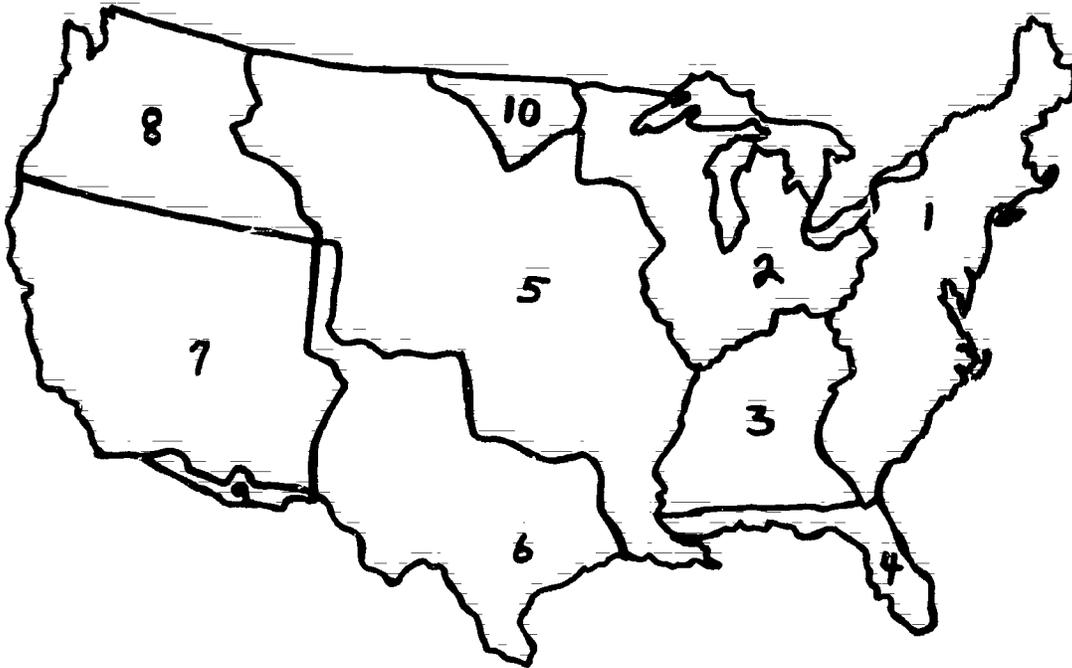
- A. to force France to agree to the Louisiana Purchase
- B. to force Russia to give up its claims to Alaska
- C. to force Spain to give up its claims to Cuba
- D. to force England to stop seizing American ships and sailors

- 33: Slavery was practiced in some parts of the United States until the passage of the 13th Amendment to the Constitution in 1865.

Which one of the following is a correct statement about slaves' rights?

- A. Slaves had all the rights of citizens except voting.
- B. Slaves had the right to marry and raise a family.
- C. Slaves had the right to sharecrop a small plot of land.
- D. Slaves had no rights and were considered property.

DIRECTIONS: Use the map below to answer the questions on this page.



34. Which was the territory of the original Thirteen Colonies?
- A. only area 1
 - B. areas 1 and 2
 - C. areas 1, 2, and 3
 - D. areas 1, 2, 3 and 4
35. The Louisiana Purchase is shown by
- A. only area 5
 - B. areas 3 and 5
 - C. areas 5 and 6
 - D. areas 5 and 8
36. At the end of the war with Mexico, the United States acquired
- A. areas 5 and 6
 - B. areas 6 and 7
 - C. areas 6, 7 and 8
 - D. areas 7 and 8

DIRECTIONS: Answer the following questions.

37. Many families today are having fewer children. Which of the following is a likely consequence of this change?

- A. The quality of education is improving.
- B. Many schools are being closed.
- C. Many hospitals are being closed.
- D. Our health standards are declining.

K-5e

38. What is the major reason that more women are working outside of the home today?

- A. They are bored with housework.
- B. They need to increase the family income.
- C. They are required to work by law.
- D. They are needed to take the place of men.

K-5d

39. Because of recent trends in immigration, the second most widely spoken language in the U.S. today is:

- A. Arabic
- B. French
- C. Vietnamese
- D. Spanish

40. Which of the following statements is accurate about the rights of American Indians in the United States?

- A. American Indians have held citizenship since the Revolutionary War.
- B. American Indians can only become citizens if they give up membership in their tribe.
- C. Since becoming eligible to become citizens, American Indians have had full voting privileges.
- D. Presently, American Indians cannot vote if they live on reservations.

DIRECTIONS: Answer the following questions.

41. Which statement below is most accurate about racism in the United States today?
- A. There is racism only in those parts of the United States where groups such as the Ku Klux Klan exist.
 - B. There is racism in the United States only where Black people are an economic threat.
 - C. Because of the civil rights movement, there is no racism in the United States today.
 - D. Racism still exists in many parts of the United States today.

K-5f

42. Which of the following statements is true about the United States during the early 1800's?
- A. Most people lived in urban areas.
 - B. Whole families, including children, often worked in factories.
 - C. The South was primarily industrial.
 - D. Eight-hour workdays were common for the average employee.

K-6a

43. In the economy, what does "inflation" mean?
- A. a decline in the salaries of workers
 - B. a decline in the purchasing power of the dollar
 - C. an increase in the purchasing power of the dollar
 - D. an increase in the amount of goods produced

44. The medium of exchange used by any economic system is called its:
- A. debit.
 - B. credit.
 - C. money.
 - D. demand deposits.

DIRECTIONS: Answer the following questions.

45. Why are automobile companies making cars that get more miles per gallon?
- A. There is more profit per car.
 - B. They are cheaper to build.
 - C. The expense of labor is increasing.
 - D. There is a limited supply of gasoline and oil.

K-6d

46. What can modern manufacturers do to increase production and reduce costs?
- A. buy used machinery
 - B. hire more workers
 - C. cut down on exports
 - D. use modern technology

47. What do people exchange for labor?
- A. savings
 - B. luxuries
 - C. wages
 - D. land

K-6f

48. Which one of the following taxes is intended to take a greater percentage of income from richer people than from poorer people?
- A. federal income taxes
 - B. state sales taxes
 - C. real estate taxes
 - D. social security taxes
49. What one kind of tax supplies most of the money to run the federal government?
- A. gasoline tax
 - B. income tax
 - C. property tax
 - D. sales tax

DIRECTIONS: Answer the following questions.

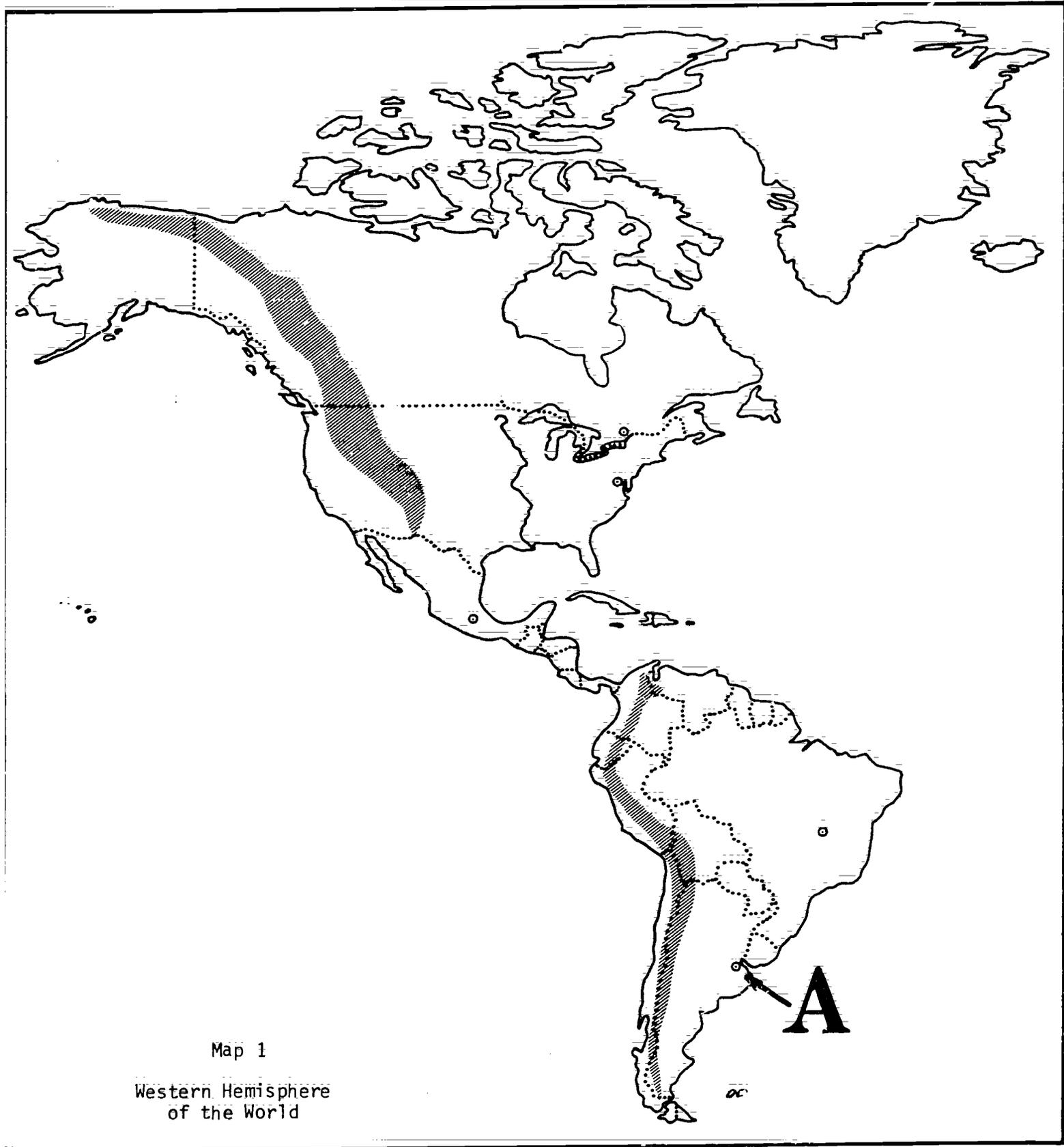
55. Consumers often purchase products in stores where the prices are higher than prices for similar products in other stores. Which of the following is NOT a reasonable explanation for this behavior?
- A. Consumers may not be aware of the prices in other stores.
 - B. Consumers generally do not care about how much money they spend.
 - C. The stores with higher prices may provide a greater variety of products from which to select.
 - D. The stores with higher prices are probably closer to the homes of the consumers.

K-7f

56. Package A is larger than Package B of the same food product. Based on the size of the packages alone, which one of the following statements is most accurate?
- A. Package A has more food.
 - B. Package B has more food.
 - C. The amount of food can't always be determined from package size alone.
 - D. The smaller package is a better product.

K-7i

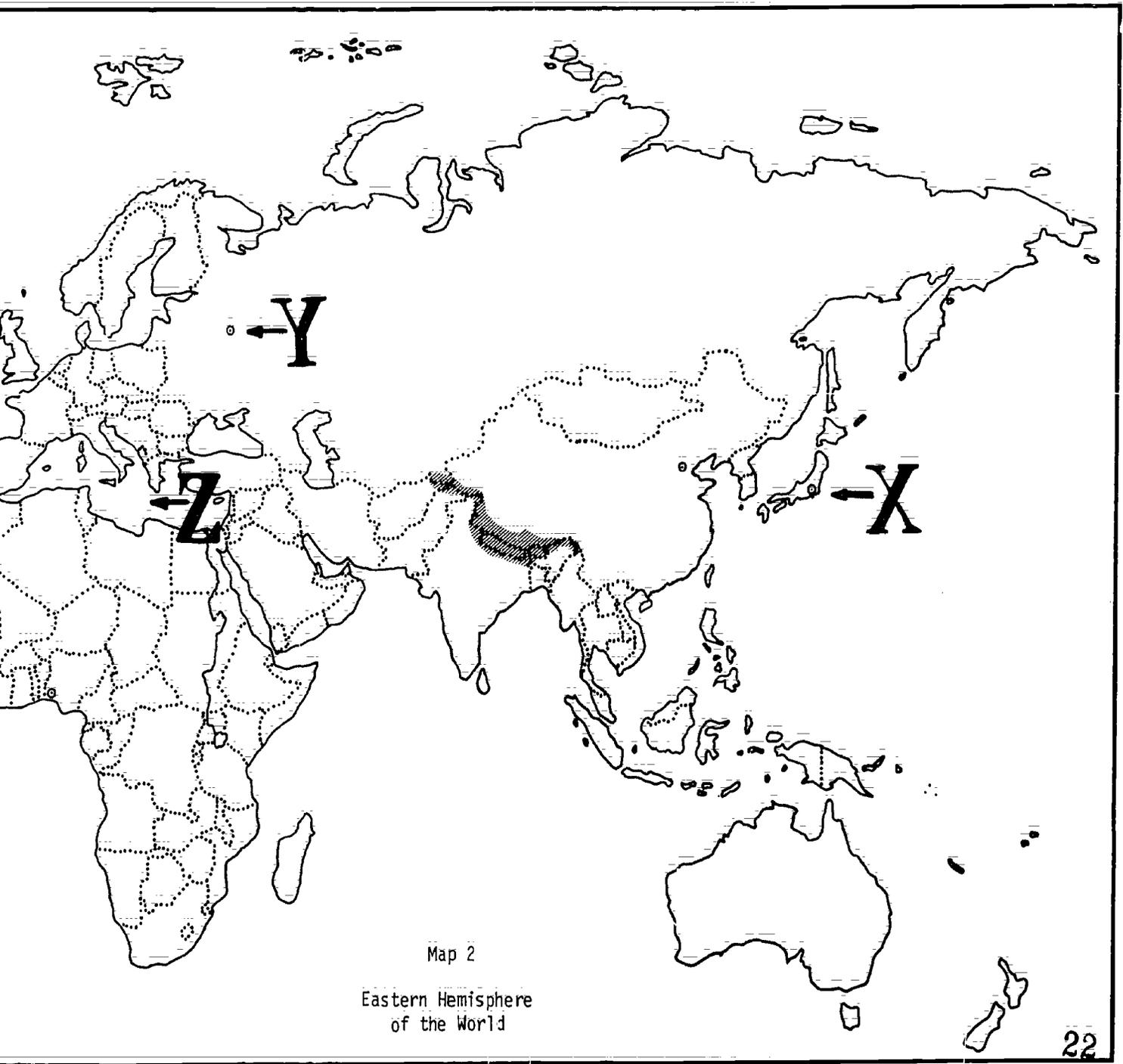
57. The Palmer family recently arrived in Detroit. They would like to find out about the health care services available in this city. Which of the following sources can provide complete, accurate information about health care services in the city?
- A. a local drugstore
 - B. the public health department
 - C. the welfare department
 - D. a neighbor or friend
58. Which one of the following would be the most nutritious breakfast?
- A. milk and doughnuts
 - B. waffles, bacon and orange juice
 - C. eggs, toast and coffee
 - D. whole wheat cereal with fruit and milk



Map 1
Western Hemisphere
of the World

DIRECTIONS: Use Map 1 of the Western Hemisphere on the opposite page to answer the following three questions. Mark your answers on the answer sheet.

63. What is the name of the mountain range extending along the western coast of South America?
- A. The Rocky Mountains
 - B. The Appalachian Mountains
 - C. The Andes Mountains
 - D. The Sierra Mountains
64. City A on the Map is Buenos Aires. This city is the capital of:
- A. Brazil.
 - B. Chile.
 - C. Paraguay.
 - D. Argentina
65. If you were to travel by land from Mexico to Alaska, which of the following areas would you travel through?
- A. Mainland United States only
 - B. Canada only
 - C. Mainland United States and Canada
 - D. Mainland United States and Guatemala



DIRECTIONS: Use Map 2 of the Eastern Hemisphere on the opposite page to answer the following three questions.

66. City X on the map is the capital of what country?
- A. India
 - B. Japan
 - C. Philippines
 - D. China
67. City Y on the map is the capital of what country?
- A. China
 - B. Germany
 - C. Soviet Union
 - D. Great Britain
68. What is the name of the body of water marked by the Letter Z?
- A. Mediterranean Sea
 - B. Red Sea
 - C. Arabian Sea
 - D. Baltic Sea

DIRECTIONS: Answer each of the following questions.

69. Which of the following is not a way of reducing pollution in the air?

- A. The government can set limits on how much pollution factories and utilities can give off.
- B. With "scrubbing" methods, modern industries can clean up the smog.
- C. Companies can use the kinds of energy which do not pollute the air, such as solar power or wind.
- D. Industries can send out smog only at night.

K-8c

70. In which geographic locale have people tended to build towns and cities?

- A. along rivers, especially where they join larger bodies of water
- B. in plains areas, especially in hot climates
- C. in the mid-latitude plateau areas
- D. wherever the climate and soils permitted

I-10g

71. Two groups of people live on an island. They have different religions, eat different foods, and speak different languages. There is fear and hatred between the two groups. What is the BEST solution to this problem?

- A. Make one group leave the island.
- B. Divide the island and make each group live in its own part of the island.
- C. Choose people from both groups to write laws that will protect everyone's rights.
- D. Let the group that is biggest decide everything for all of them.

K-10c

72. What is the name of the international organization established after the Second World War for the maintenance of world peace?

- A. The United Nations
- B. The League of Nations
- C. The Commonwealth of Nations
- D. The International Labor Organization

DIRECTIONS: Read each item carefully and answer the questions that follow.

73.

Relationship Between Educational Level and Amount of Political Activity				
	Very Active	Fairly Active	Fairly Inactive	Very Inactive
College Education	28%	30%	30%	12%
High School Education	9%	17%	40%	34%
Grade School Education	5%	11%	33%	51%

Based on the information in the table above, which of the following can you correctly conclude?

- A. The more education people have, the less politically active they are.
- B. The more education people have, the more politically active they are.
- C. The less education people have, the more politically active they are.
- D. There is no relationship between level of education and amount of political activity.

S-1c

74. If you wanted to find information about recent political changes in the Central American country of Nicaragua, what is the BEST source of information?

- A. World Almanac
- B. Encyclopedia Britannica
- C. Wall Street Journal
- D. Readers' Guide

75. You want to write a paper about the facts that led to the purchase of Alaska by the United States from Russia. Which of the following places can you write to for the MOST complete information?

- A. The New York Times
- B. Library of Congress
- C. National Broadcasting Company (NBC)
- D. The National Archives

S-2a

76. John went to China with his dad who was on a business trip. When John returned, he was asked by his teacher to tell about his China experience.

What would be the BEST method for him to use?

- A. Find an interesting article about China to read to the class.
- B. Bring in a Chinese or Chinese-American to speak to the class.
- C. Make a scrapbook and slide show from his souvenirs and pictures of the trip.
- D. Share with the class the things he enjoyed most in China.

DIRECTIONS: Answer the following questions.

A committee has been appointed by the City Council to work on the problem of what to do about a large factory and its effect on the community. The factory is polluting the river and as a result, many of the river's fish have died. Which of the following questions need to be answered before the committee makes its recommendations?

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| 77. If the factory is forced to move out of town, will many people from the community be able to find other jobs?

A. needs to be answered
B. does not need to be answered | 79. If the City Council required the factory to install a water pollution control system, is the factory likely to shut down?

A. needs to be answered
B. does not need to be answered |
| 78. Are other towns along the river enforcing water pollution controls?

A. needs to be answered
B. does not need to be answered | |

S-3b

80. A school has trash on its school grounds and many students have complained about it. A student committee has been asked to help the school solve the problem. Which of the following is most important for the committee to know before they can solve the problem?
- A. How can the committee convince the school to hire a new janitor?
 - B. What are the sources of the litter?
 - C. How many trash cans are available in the school?
 - D. How can someone caught littering be taught to be more responsible?

S-3i

81. You and your neighbor oppose the construction of a large shopping center across the street from your houses. Which of the following is the MOST effective action to take?
- A. Picket the construction site.
 - B. Plan to boycott the center after its completion.
 - C. Express your views to the local government zoning agency.
 - D. Send threatening letters to the construction company's president.

DIRECTIONS: Answer the following questions.

82.

Most businessmen will cheat you if they can.
Lawyers tend to drag out cases so they can make more money.
Women generally are not as good drivers as men.
Most politicians, once they get into office, become dishonest.

How would you characterize these statements?

- A. The statements are generalizations which often are not true.
 - B. The statements show that humans are morally weak.
 - C. The statements are, for the most part, true.
 - D. The statements illustrate that all people differ.
83. A reporter from the U.S. filed this report after his visit to a south sea island:
- The people who live on the island I visited are generally backward and uncivilized. There are few of the conveniences which people living in more advanced countries have, but this is to be expected since few of the individuals I met were hard workers.
- What has the reporter done?
- A. Judged one group on the basis of the values held by another group.
 - B. Nothing since he reported things just as he saw them.
 - C. Filed an inaccurate report.
 - D. Wrote only what he thought his readers wanted to read.

S-2c

84. For several years you have been interested in World War II. You have read many books on the topic. A classmate of yours is giving a report about the bombing of Hiroshima during World War II. During the report, the student makes several statements with which you disagree. What should you do?
- A. Express your views to the class after the report is completed.
 - B. Interrupt the report and express your views immediately.
 - C. Tell your views privately to your classmate after class.
 - D. Keep your opinion to yourself since it may get you in trouble.

DIRECTIONS: Answer the following questions.

85. The United States government held more than 80 above-ground atomic bomb tests in a certain area from 1951-1962. Since then, surveys have been taken which show that there have been nine times more deaths from leukemia, a serious blood disease, in people who grew up during that time near that area than in people elsewhere in the world.

Based on the above information, what can you correctly conclude?

- A. There may be a relationship between atomic bomb tests and leukemia in an area.
 - B. The bomb tests surely caused the leukemia in the near-by residents.
 - C. Leukemia is a very contagious disease.
 - D. The death rate is higher in the U.S. than in other countries.
86. Astronauts wear spacesuits in order to travel in space. The suits keep them alive in airless space. Each one is equipped with a portable life support system, maintains a constant pressure on the body, and protects its wearer from heat and cold, as well as ultraviolet and cosmic rays.

This information will lead us to conclude that humans:

- A. wear spacesuits so they can move about in space.
 - B. need a continuous supply of oxygen except when in a spacesuit.
 - C. have certain needs which must be met if they are to survive in space.
 - D. are able to survive without meeting certain needs if they remain on Earth.
- S-3h
87. This year at the high school very few students are participating in school activities. Few students are attending football or basketball games, and few students have joined clubs. The students seem to take little pride in their school.

Which one of the following actions should the school's student council take first?

- A. The council should select an activity it feels the students would like and begin planning that activity.
- B. The council should seek the advice of the principal and take whatever action he or she suggests.
- C. The council should survey the students to see what they think needs to be done and then make plans for action based on that information.
- D. The council should seriously consider whether the members have the time or interest to deal with the problem.

DIRECTIONS: Answer the following questions.

88. The American Medical Association and the American Nazi Party each asked to speak in the Community Hall of your hometown. Who should be allowed to speak?
- A. Only the American Medical Association.
 - B. Only the American Nazi Party.
 - C. Both Parties should be allowed to speak.
 - D. Neither Party should be allowed to speak.
89. The Chamber of Commerce and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) each asked to make a presentation in the Community Hall of your hometown. Who should be allowed to make a presentation?
- A. Only the Chamber of Commerce.
 - B. Only the NAACP.
 - C. Both groups should be allowed to speak.
 - D. Neither group should be allowed to speak.
90. The North American Indian Movement and the American Communist Party each asked the city council for a permit to have a rally at different times. Who should be allowed to hold a rally?
- A. Only the North American Indian Movement.
 - B. Only the American Communist Party.
 - C. Both should be allowed to hold a rally.
 - D. Neither should be allowed to hold a rally.

DIRECTIONS: Answer the following questions:

91. People in the United States have an opportunity to accept their responsibility for maintaining our democracy by:

- A. working regularly.
- B. voting regularly.
- C. attending church.
- D. doing volunteer work.

A-4c

92. If U.S. citizens understand the function of responsible dissent in a democracy, they will support:

- A. hearing the minority view.
- B. collecting fewer taxes.
- C. refusing Presidential veto.
- D. requiring nation-wide voting.

A-4b

93. Students in a class decide on the way they want the class meeting to be called to order and dismissed. This procedure is, in fact, making a law for the class.

The BEST reason for students to follow the law is:

- A. the students' law protects their safety, peace, rights, and property.
- B. the teacher will insist on it and make them follow it.
- C. the other students expect them to respect and follow it.
- D. they participated in the making of the law.

A-3e

94. Although most religions teach belief in a supreme power, they differ in other ways.

What does this statement suggest?

- A. Religions are alike in their basic teachings.
- B. Individuals satisfy their religious needs in many ways.
- C. Everyone needs to have a religious belief.
- D. There is a strong need to convert everyone to one single religious belief.

DIRECTIONS: How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

95. People of my ethnic background share a sense of pride in our heritage.
- A. strongly agree B. agree
C. disagree D. strongly disagree
96. I am interested in where my family comes from and what they have done over the years.
- A. strongly agree B. agree
C. disagree D. strongly disagree
97. I can name a lot of people of my ethnic background whom I respect and admire.
- A. strongly agree B. agree
C. disagree D. strongly disagree
- A-5e
98. People of certain races or religions should be kept out of important positions in our nation.
- A. strongly agree B. agree
C. disagree D. strongly disagree
99. Women should run for public office and take part in the government much the same as men do.
- A. strongly agree B. agree
C. disagree D. strongly disagree
100. No matter what a man's color, religion, or nationality, if he is qualified for a job he should get it.
- A. strongly agree B. agree
C. disagree D. strongly disagree

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