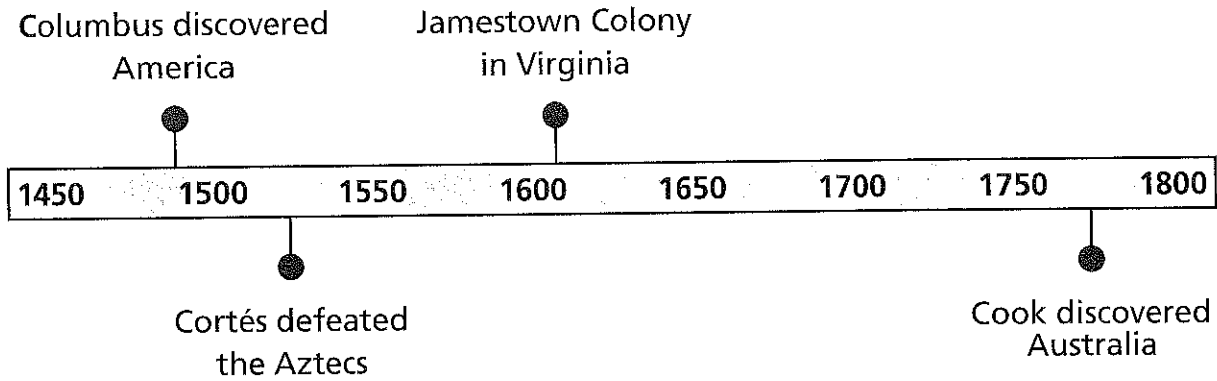


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Use the timeline to answer questions 1-4.

- In what century did Christopher Columbus land in the New World?
 - 14th
 - 15th
 - 16th
 - not shown
- About how many years passed between Columbus's voyage and Cook's discovery of Australia?
 - not quite 300
 - exactly 300
 - about 350
 - much more than 350
- When did Cortés defeat the Aztecs?
 - before 1500
 - about 1520
 - after 1540
 - in 1550
- Which event happened before Cortés defeated the Aztecs?
 - Columbus discovered America.
 - Cook discovered Australia.
 - Jamestown was settled.
 - none of these



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5. Which is LEAST likely to be found in Europe today?
- A. capitalism
 - B. command economy
 - C. traditional economy
 - D. market economy
6. What was the Columbian Exchange?
- A. sending food and people from the Old World to the New World
 - B. sending animals and plants from the Old World to the New World
 - C. the moving of animals, plants, people, and diseases from Central and South America to North America
 - D. the moving of animals, plants, people, and diseases from the Old World to the New World and from the New World to the Old World
7. What environmental disaster occurred in 1986 in Chernobyl, Ukraine?
- A. a nuclear reactor explosion
 - B. acid rain caused by engine exhaust
 - C. "the great smoke" from coal-burning factories
 - D. death of forests due to water pollution from mining
8. What was one result of the colonization of Canada by Europeans?
- A. Europeans are no longer welcome in Canada.
 - B. Canada's official languages are English and French.
 - C. Great Britain has no relationship with Canada in the 21st century.
 - D. The Canadian Revolution removed the French and the English from power.
9. One difference between the German and Russian languages is that German
- A. does not use the Cyrillic alphabet.
 - B. is spoken by fewer people than Russian.
 - C. has not been spoken in Europe since World War II.
 - D. is spoken in only one country in Europe, and Russian is spoken in several.
10. Because most economies have characteristics of the command and market economy, we say they are
- A. capitalist.
 - B. communist.
 - C. free.
 - D. mixed.



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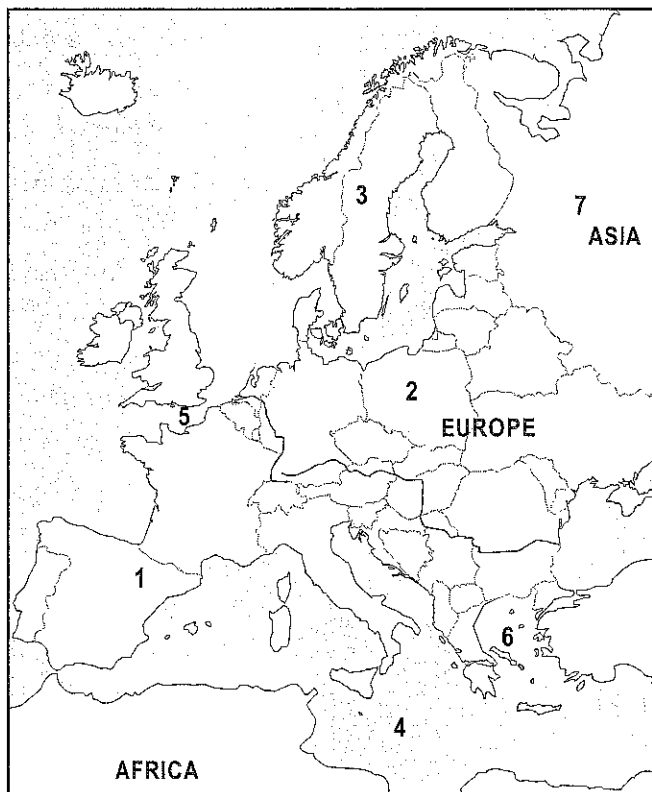
11. Why did Prince Henry the Navigator want to send ships south to Africa?
- A. He hoped to learn more about marine life.
 - B. He wanted to prove the world was not flat.
 - C. He felt his father, the king, would be proud.
 - D. He wanted a route around Africa to the Asian markets.
12. Who claimed Australia for Great Britain?
- A. George III
 - B. Captain James Cook
 - C. Christopher Columbus
 - D. Prince Henry the Navigator
13. What is one effect of slavery that influences Latin America today?
- A. Slavery exists in few Latin American countries.
 - B. Many Latin Americans have ancestors from Africa.
 - C. Latin America has no people with ancestors from Africa.
 - D. The people of Latin America accept slavery as part of their lives.
14. Which two European countries contributed most to the languages of Latin America?
- A. England and Spain
 - B. Spain and Portugal
 - C. France and Portugal
 - D. England and Portugal



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Use the following map to answer question 15.



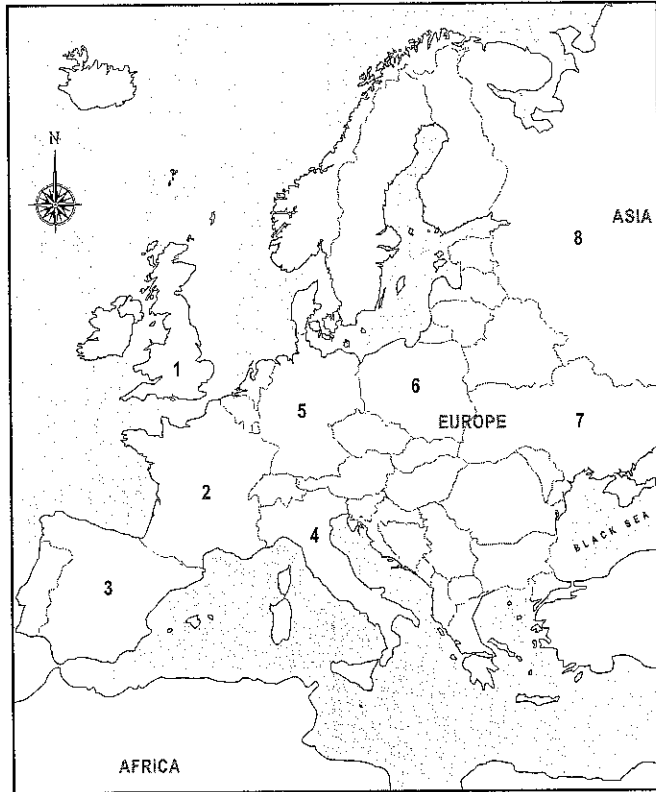
15. Which feature is located near the "3" on the map?
- A. Pyrenees Mountains
 - B. Rhine River
 - C. Scandinavian Peninsula
 - D. Ural Mountains
16. Which condition helped the United Kingdom become a leader in world trade?
- A. Two percent of its people are farmers, and there is a lot of arable land.
 - B. The island has a mild climate and is located near many other countries.
 - C. It is home to the world's busiest airport and has seven other large airports.
 - D. Urban areas are heavily populated, and most jobs are found in the urban areas.



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Use the map to answer question 17.



17. Which number on the map marks Russia?

- A. 3
- B. 5
- C. 6
- D. 8

18. What has helped Italian merchants become successful traders?

- A. The location of the Alps mountains is a defense against other countries.
- B. The islands of Sicily and Sardinia are not far from the coast of western Italy.
- C. Warm air from the Sahara desert creates a warm, dry summer for most of Italy.
- D. Italy is located on the Mediterranean Sea with access to Africa, Asia, and Europe.



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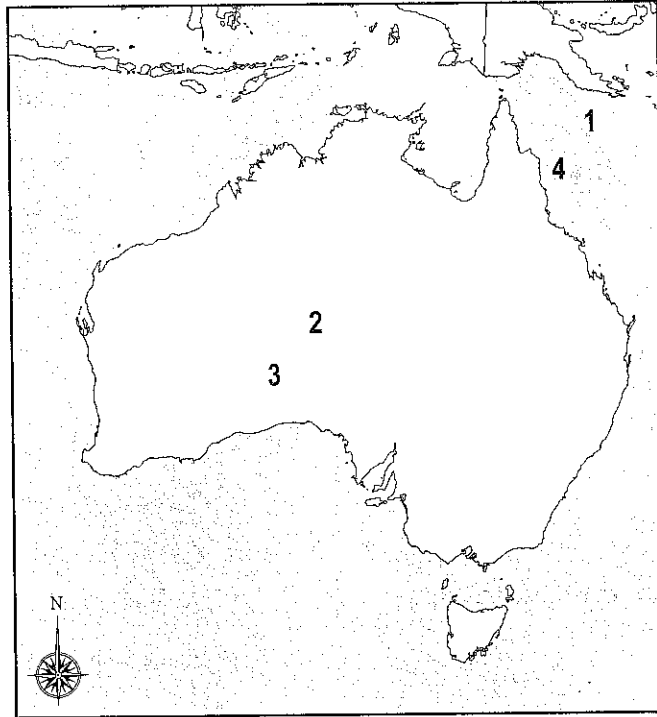
19. A country that invests in human capital will have a more successful economy because
- A. there will be more money to pay its workers.
 - B. workers will learn the skills they need on their own.
 - C. businesses will not pay taxes to pay for good schools.
 - D. workers who are educated, skilled, and healthy are more productive.
20. Which pairing of sacred text and religion is correct?
- A. Christianity - Talmud
 - B. Judaism -- Torah
 - C. Muslim -- Old Testament
 - D. Roman Catholic -- Koran



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Use the map to answer question 21.



Australia

21. Which is located at the place marked with a "1" on the map?
- A. Atlantic Ocean
 - B. Coral Sea
 - C. Great Barrier Reef
 - D. Indian Ocean

22. A main purpose of NAFTA was to
- A. increase trade by creating a large free-trade zone.
 - B. create tariffs between Canada, Mexico, and the United States.
 - C. keep people in one country from buying goods from the other countries.
 - D. decrease the standard of living for some people while raising it for others.



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23. Which situation might keep an embargo against a country from being successful?
- A. The country does not need to trade with other countries.
 - B. People in the country suffer because trading has stopped.
 - C. The country is able to find other trading partners not in the embargo.
 - D. People in the country don't care whether their country trades with other countries.
24. Which of the countries has the least freedom to do business?
- A. Brazil
 - B. Canada
 - C. Cuba
 - D. about the same in each
25. Which was a cause of the Russian Revolution?
- A. The czar was executed.
 - B. There were food shortages in Russia.
 - C. The Germans showed signs of surrender.
 - D. Soldiers did not know how to use their weapons.
26. What marked the end of the Cold War?
- A. the rule of Gorbachev
 - B. the creation of Russia
 - C. the break-up of the Soviet Union
 - D. the destruction of the Berlin Wall



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Use the map to answer questions 27-28.



27. Which country is marked by the "5" on the map?
- A. Bolivia
 - B. Cuba
 - C. Haiti
 - D. Venezuela

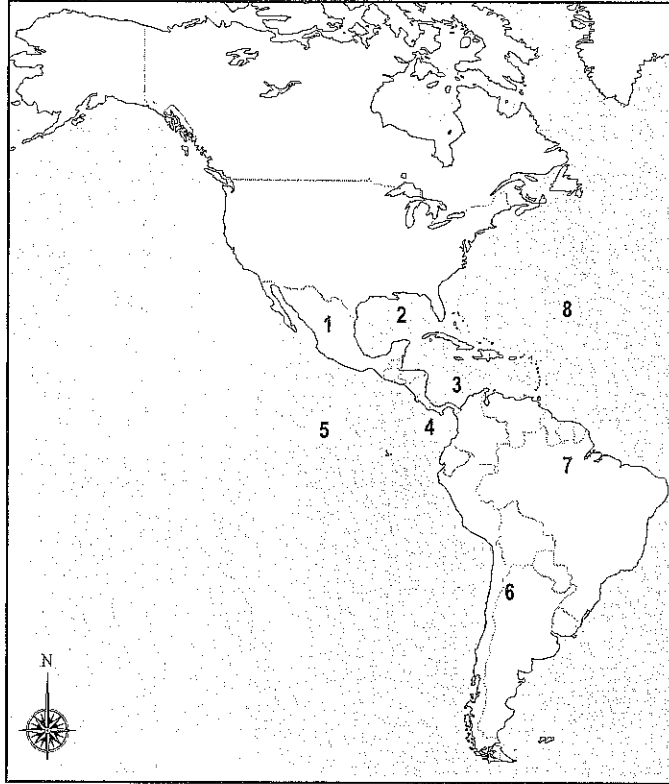
28. Which number marks the country of Brazil?
- A. 2
 - B. 3
 - C. 5
 - D. 6



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Use the map to answer questions 29-30.



29. Which feature is located near the “6” on the map?

- A. Appalachian Mountains
- B. Atacama Desert
- C. Panama Canal
- D. Sierra Madre Mountains

30. What number marks the Gulf of Mexico?

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 5

31. Which solution is a way that the government is trying to reduce pollution in Mexico City?

- A. ignoring cars with exhaust problems
- B. reducing the number of buses and trains
- C. making sure the population continues to grow
- D. increasing the number of cars that produce little or no air pollution



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32. What almost caused a nuclear attack between the United States and the Soviet Union?
- A. President Kennedy did not like the leader of the Soviet Union.
 - B. The Soviet Union wanted to show the Cubans that they were strong friends.
 - C. Castro allowed the Soviet Union to build a nuclear missile launch complex in Cuba.
 - D. The United States wanted the sugar cane crop that the Soviet Union was buying from Cuba.
33. What did the Zapatistas do to show they were against NAFTA?
- A. attacked government troops in Mexico City
 - B. took over several towns in southern Mexico
 - C. formed friendships with groups in other countries with similar goals
 - D. worked with the government on agreements to improve the rights of poor Mexicans
34. Which two European countries contributed most to the languages of Canada?
- A. England and Spain
 - B. Spain and Portugal
 - C. England and France
 - D. France and Portugal
35. What is the goal of the independence movement in Quebec?
- A. for Quebec to have its own monarch
 - B. for Quebec to be an independent country
 - C. to have Quebec become a part of France again
 - D. to have the rest of Canada become French-speaking
36. Which term describes how political power is distributed in Brazil?
- A. confederation government
 - B. federal government
 - C. aristocratic government
 - D. unitary government
37. Which statement is TRUE about how the president in a presidential democracy is different from a prime minister in a parliamentary democracy?
- A. The prime minister is the head of state for the country, but the president is not.
 - B. The prime minister is the chief executive and head of the military, but the president is not.
 - C. The prime minister is elected directly by the people, but the president is elected by the legislature.
 - D. The prime minister is chosen from the members of parliament, but the president runs for office separately.



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38. Canada has to work with the United States to solve the problem of acid rain because the United States
- A. is the source of much of Canada's air pollution.
 - B. purchases many of the goods that Canada produces in its factories.
 - C. has reduced the amount of acid rain and understands how to solve the problem.
 - D. is careful to keep air pollution from leaving the United States and entering Canada.
39. Which condition makes it easy for Canada to trade with the United States?
- A. The countries share a border over 3,000 miles long.
 - B. Canada has easy access to seven major ports on three oceans.
 - C. The countries have abundant natural resources and a long growing season.
 - D. Canada has many natural resources and goods that are not available in the United States.

Use the statements in the box to answer question 40.

- signs bills into law
- is commander-in-chief of the military
- acts as head of state for Australia
- approves elections

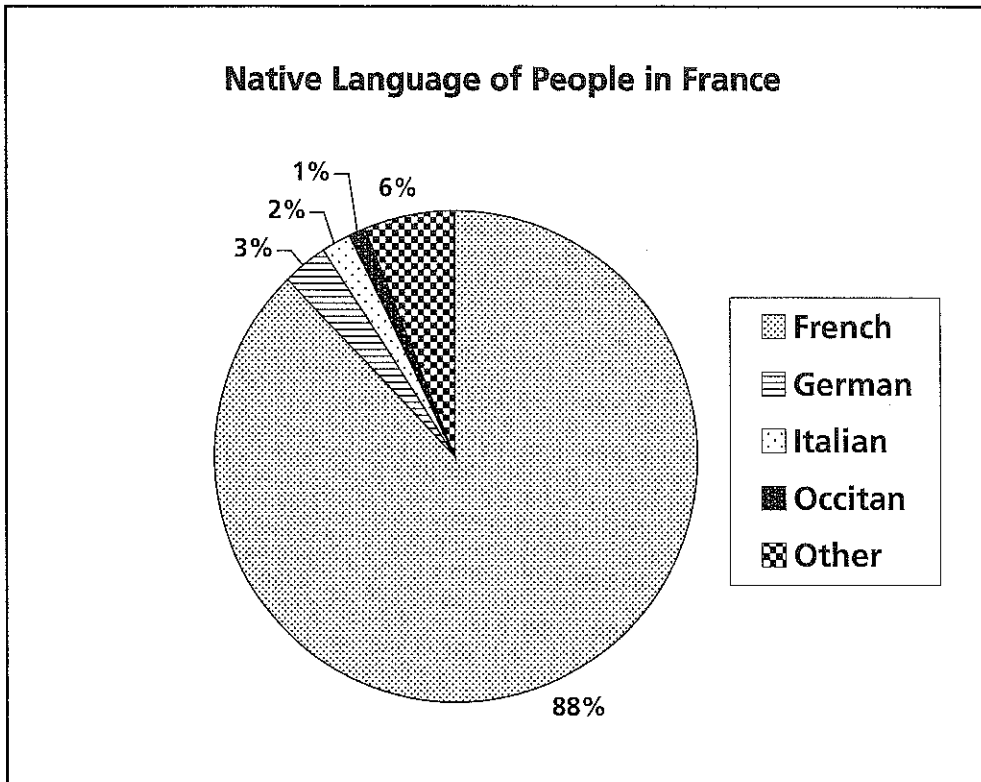
40. What do these statements explain?
- A. duties of the Queen in Australia
 - B. duties of the Australian prime minister
 - C. actions taken by judges in the High Court of Australia
 - D. actions that are not a part of the Australian government
41. Who has the most political power in the Australian government?
- A. High Court judge
 - B. the monarch
 - C. prime minister
 - D. governor-general



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Use the graph to answer questions 42-43.



42. Which question can be answered using the graph?
- A. How many people in France speak Italian?
 - B. How many people in France speak French?
 - C. What percent of people in France have Occitan as their native language?
 - D. What part of the French population speaks English as a second language?

43. What part of the people in France speaks French as their native language?
- A. 3 percent
 - B. 12 percent
 - C. 88 percent
 - D. None



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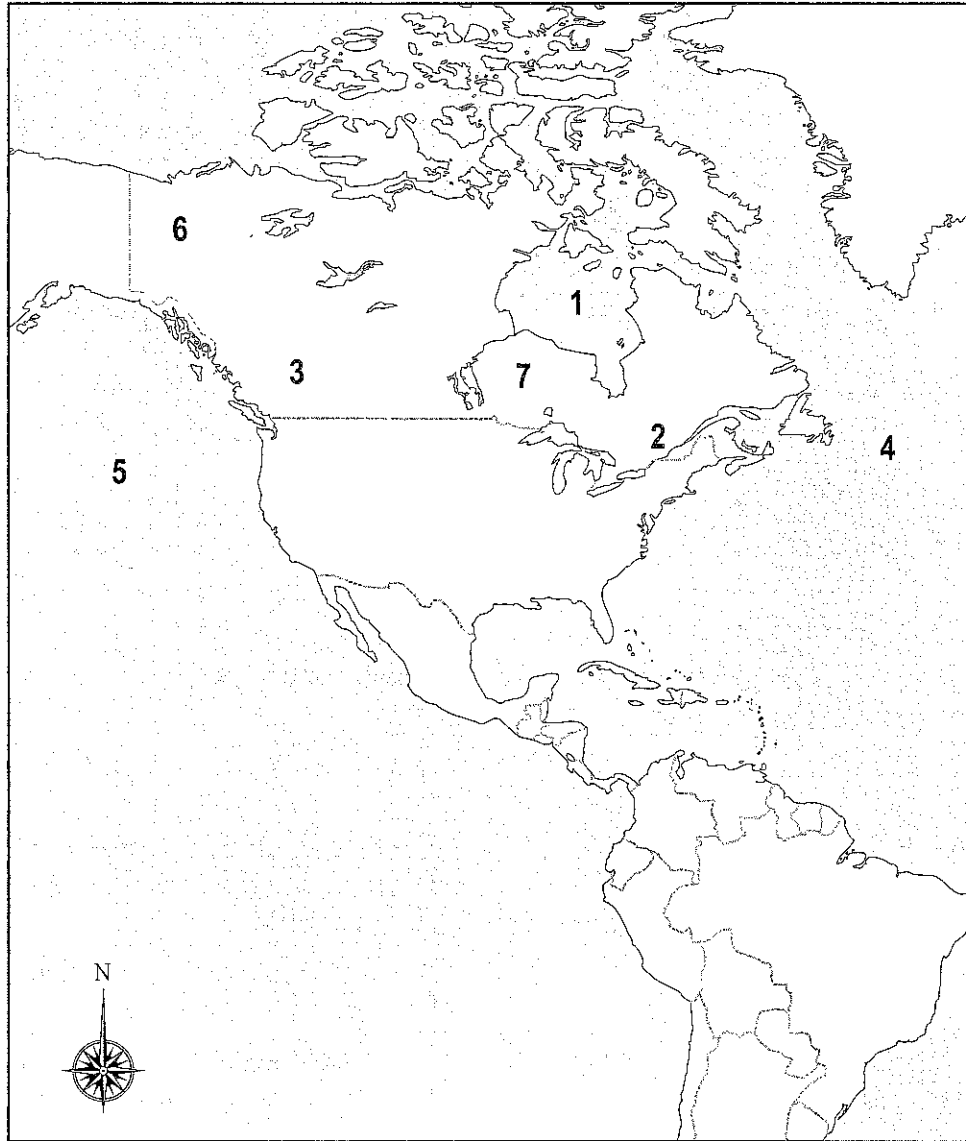
44. What is an advantage of a savings account over a checking account?
- A. Savings accounts provide more protection for your money.
 - B. Savings accounts can be used to guarantee loans.
 - C. Savings accounts pay a higher rate of interest.
 - D. Savings accounts are easier to get.
45. Why are Spanish and Portuguese the main languages of Latin America?
- A. People from Spain and Portugal colonized Latin America.
 - B. People in Latin America found Spanish and Portuguese easy to learn.
 - C. The Roman Catholic Church did not allow people to speak English or French.
 - D. Indigenous people switched to these languages to make communication easier.
46. Which of the following is usually TRUE about a country's literacy rate and its standard of living?
- A. A low literacy rate goes along with a low standard of living.
 - B. A low literacy rate goes along with a high standard of living.
 - C. Increasing the standard of living means decreasing the literacy rate.
 - D. Decreasing the standard of living means increasing the literacy rate.



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Use the map below to answer questions 50-51.



50. Which feature is closest to the “3” on the map?

- A. Canadian Shield
- B. Lake Superior
- C. Rocky Mountains
- D. St. Lawrence River

51. Which feature is located nearest the “1” on the map?

- A. Arctic Ocean
- B. Atlantic Ocean
- C. Hudson Bay
- D. Lake Huron



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Use the statements in the box to answer question 52.

- The lawmaking bodies are divided into two houses.
- All have some part of their lawmaking body elected by the people.
- Each divides the jobs of head of state and head of government (chief executive).

52. Which statement explains what these sentences are about?

- A. They describe the governments of European countries.
- B. They tell how the countries of Europe choose their leaders.
- C. They explain how the EU countries must set up their parliaments.
- D. They are ways that the governments of Germany, Russia, and the United Kingdom are alike.

53. In which form of government would the fewest number of people be involved in making the rule of law?

- A. autocracy
- B. democracy
- C. oligarchy
- D. traditional

Use the statements in the word box to answer question 54.

- constitutional monarchy
- parliamentary democracy
- federation
- great personal freedom

54. The statements above describe the government of which country?

- A. Canada
- B. Cuba
- C. Great Britain
- D. Russia

55. Why is the southern part of Canada the region where most Canadians live?

- A. It is closest to the United States.
- B. It has the most favorable climate.
- C. Most of the ports are in southern Canada.
- D. Mountains cover most of northern Canada.

56. Which type of economy is LEAST likely to be found in the countries of Europe?

- A. command
- B. traditional
- C. market
- D. mixed



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57. Why is it important for a country to invest in human capital?
- A. A country needs money in order to pay its workers.
 - B. Workers enjoy getting extra training and job opportunities.
 - C. Businesses cannot do all the training needed by workers to be successful.
 - D. A country's economy is more successful when workers have good education and health care.
58. Why would a company spend money to buy new machines for its factories rather than continue to use older machines that were still working?
- A. Older machines cannot be run well by younger workers.
 - B. Older machines do not produce as much pollution as newer ones.
 - C. New machines might help the company produce more goods at a lower price.
 - D. New machines would cost the company a lot of money but would provide jobs for workers.
59. The United Kingdom is to Parliament as Germany is to
- A. Bundestag.
 - B. Chancellor.
 - C. President.
 - D. Representative.
60. Which is a reason the European Union was created?
- A. to isolate Russia and make it more difficult for it to trade
 - B. to practice reaching consensus among European countries
 - C. to promote the French franc as a common currency for Europe
 - D. to make Europe more competitive in world markets and to solve common problems



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