

# SOCIAL STUDIES

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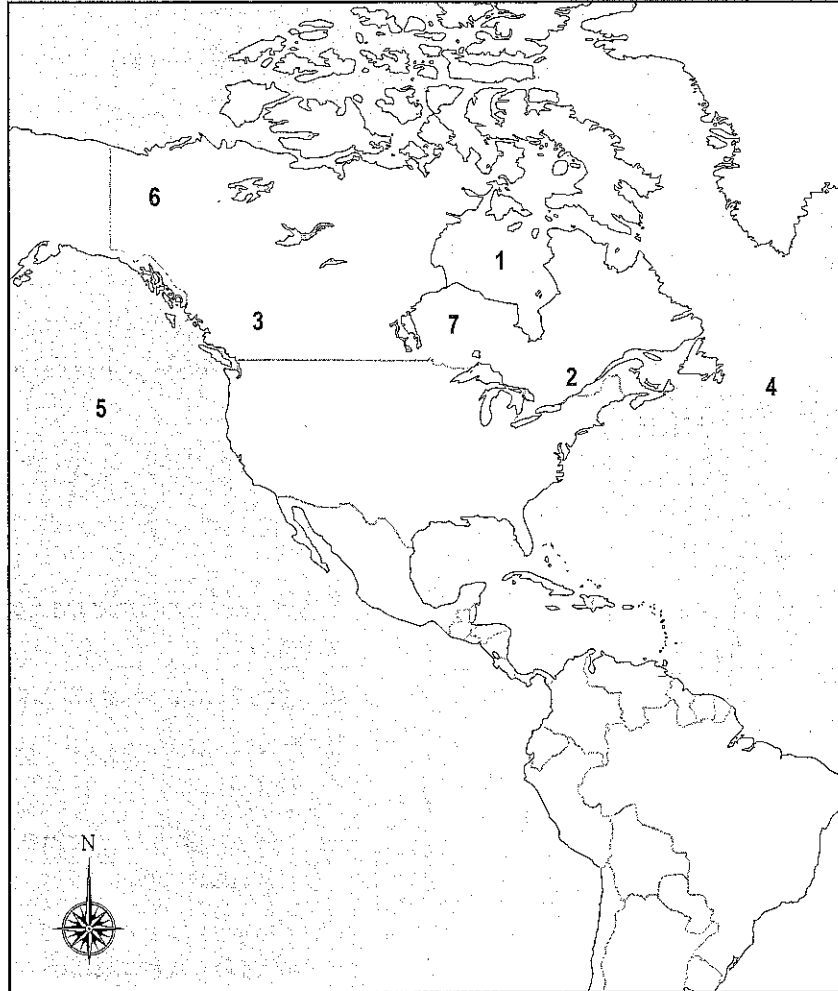
1. What was the capital city of the Aztec empire?
  - A. Machu Picchu
  - B. Mexico City
  - C. Montezuma
  - D. Tenochtitlan
  
2. The best time for people to borrow money is when
  - A. interest rates are low.
  - B. interest rates are rising.
  - C. their credit scores have dropped.
  - D. they do not have a steady source of income.
  
3. Why is it important for a country to invest in human capital?
  - A. It needs money in order to pay its workers.
  - B. Workers enjoy getting extra training and job opportunities.
  - C. Businesses are not responsible for the training and health care of the workers they employ.
  - D. The country's economy is more successful when workers have good training and health care.
  
4. Which did Montezuma and Atahualpa have in common?
  - A. They were Spanish conquistadors.
  - B. They were freedom fighters in Latin America.
  - C. Christopher Columbus discovered them in the Bahamas.
  - D. They were leaders of Native American people conquered by the Spanish.



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Use the map below to answer questions 5-6.



5. Which feature is closest to the “2” on the map?

- A. Great Plains
- B. Lake Superior
- C. Rocky Mountains
- D. St. Lawrence River

6. Which feature is located nearest the “7” on the map?

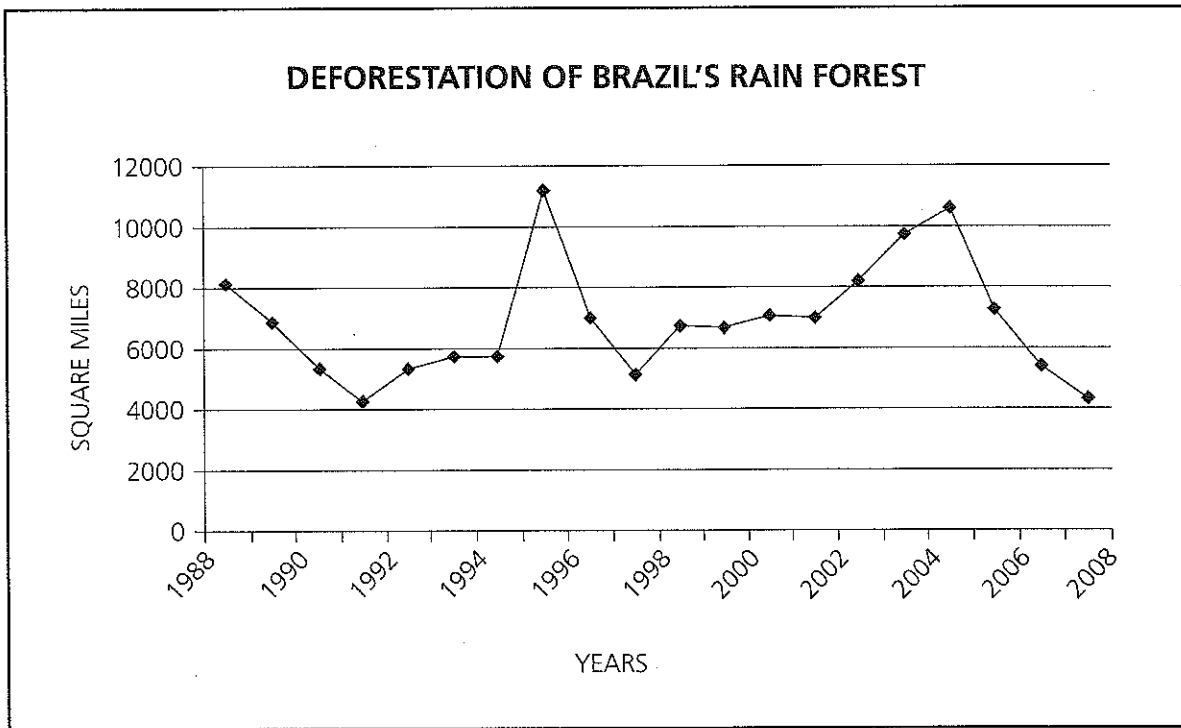
- A. Canadian Shield
- B. Lake Huron
- C. Rocky Mountains
- D. St. Lawrence River



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Use the graph to answer question 7.



7. What trend was there in deforestation of the Brazilian rain forest from 1996 to 2004?
- A. The rate of deforestation was increasing.
  - B. The rate of deforestation was decreasing.
  - C. Deforestation levels stayed about the same.
  - D. Deforestation levels were lower than they were in the 1980s.
8. Which is MOST important to helping Brazilian businesses trade with other countries in the world?
- A. There are seven major seaports along Brazil's Atlantic coast.
  - B. The Amazon River allows ships to travel inland to the Andes.
  - C. Brazil shares a border with very few South American countries.
  - D. Brazil is able to purchase goods from other countries that it cannot make on its own.

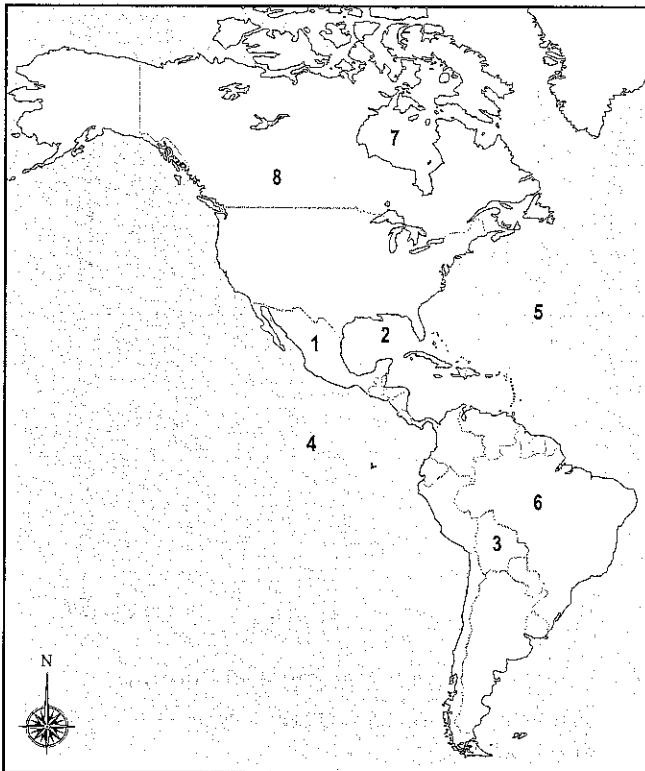


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9. What are the three main cultural influences on the people of Latin America and the Caribbean?
- A. Africans, Mulattoes, Catholics
  - B. Africans, Europeans, Native Americans
  - C. Mestizos, Native Americans, Europeans
  - D. Native Americans, Mulattoes, Europeans

Use the map to answer questions 10-11.



10. What number on the map marks Mexico?
- A. 1
  - B. 3
  - C. 6
  - D. 8
11. What area is marked by a “2” on the map?
- A. Atlantic Ocean
  - B. Gulf of Mexico
  - C. Hudson Bay
  - D. Pacific Ocean
12. Which two European countries contributed most to the languages of Canada?
- A. France and Portugal
  - B. Great Britain and France
  - C. Great Britain and Spain
  - D. Spain and Portugal



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13. What did the Zapatistas do in Mexico to show that they were against the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA)?
- A. They attacked the Capitol in Mexico City.
  - B. They took over several towns in southern Mexico.
  - C. They formed friendships with groups in other countries supporting NAFTA.
  - D. They worked with the government on agreements to improve the rights of poor Mexicans.
14. Which is an example of specialization?
- A. A business makes many different types of goods.
  - B. A country buys all the goods it needs from other countries and does not produce any of its own.
  - C. A violin-maker completes the entire process of making a violin from cutting a tree for wood to producing his own strings.
  - D. A business focuses on producing one or two types of goods and leaves the production of other goods to other businesses.
15. One of the main purposes of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) was to
- A. increase trade by creating a large free-trade zone.
  - B. create tariffs between Canada, Mexico, and the United States.
  - C. decrease the standard of living for some people while raising it for others.
  - D. keep people in one country from buying goods from the other two countries.
16. Which was an effect of the Cuban Revolution on the relationship between Cuba and the United States?
- A. Americans bought more Cuban sugar and cigars.
  - B. Cuba's economy became stronger and more independent.
  - C. The U.S. government put an embargo on trade with Cuba.
  - D. The tourist industry in Cuba grew because of increased visits by Americans.



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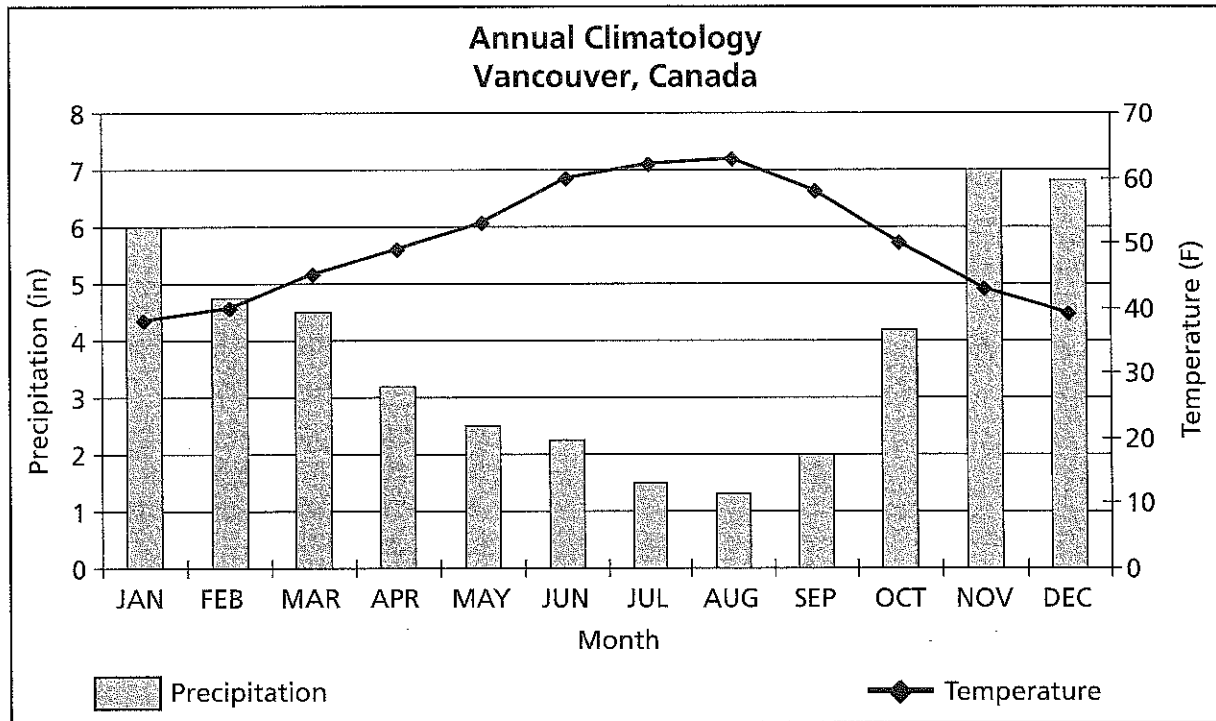
17. In which form of government would the “will of the people” MOST likely be the rule of law?
- A. autocracy
  - B. democracy
  - C. oligarchy
  - D. traditional
18. Which is a way that people in Quebec are trying to protect their French language and culture?
- A. French is the official language of Quebec.
  - B. The Canadian government prints laws only in French.
  - C. Laws state the businesses in Quebec must be bilingual.
  - D. Quebec’s citizens are not allowed to speak French in public.
19. In which economic system do people make economic decisions based on changes in prices that occur between buyers and sellers?
- A. command
  - B. market
  - C. mixed
  - D. traditional
20. Which country imprisoned Toussaint L’Ouverture for his work to free slaves in the Caribbean?
- A. France
  - B. Great Britain
  - C. Haiti
  - D. Portugal



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Use the graph to answer question 21



21. Which is true about the climate in Vancouver, Canada?

- A. Winter months in Vancouver are the driest of the year.
- B. Winter months in Vancouver are no wetter than the summers.
- C. Vancouver's summer months are usually its hottest and driest.
- D. Vancouver's summer months are usually its hottest and wettest.

22. Which statement is TRUE about how the president in a presidential democracy is different from the 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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23. What is one reason that businesses from different countries have to exchange currencies?
- A. Different countries have different currencies.
  - B. Exchanging currencies helps to increase profit.
  - C. Most people want to use American dollars for trade.
  - D. Currency is used to buy and sell goods and services.
24. How did the Spanish government have an influence on the spread of the Roman Catholic Church in the New World?
- A. The Catholic Church controlled Spain.
  - B. Spanish royalty did not support the Catholic Church.
  - C. The Catholic Church paid to build missions to Christianize the native population.
  - D. Churches from other parts of the world did not send missionaries to the New World.
25. Which is an example of a quota used as a trade barrier by the United States against another country?
- A. agreement by a U.S. company to buy timber from Canada
  - B. not allowing Americans to buy any goods from the country until the country stops fighting with its neighbor
  - C. limiting the number of foreign cars that can be purchased by Americans in order to increase sales of U.S.-made cars
  - D. charging an extra tax on sugar imported from other countries to help American sugar cane farmers sell more of their sugar in the United States
26. Which is an 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.





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27. Which statement about political parties is true about Cuba and is NOT true of Mexico?
- A. There are many political parties.
  - B. There is only one legal political party.
  - C. The leader of a political party cannot be president.
  - D. Those running for office may not be in the Communist Party.
28. 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
29. Which is a way that entrepreneurs help increase the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of a country?
- A. by writing laws to protect personal property
  - B. by creating businesses that give people jobs
  - C. by closing businesses that are making too much money
  - D. by working to decrease the amount of goods and services sold in a country
30. How is power distributed in a unitary government?
- A. One ruler makes all the decisions for a country.
  - B. Smaller units of government, like counties, control the central government.
  - C. A central government assigns power and duties to smaller units of government within the country.
  - D. The central government does not have much power over the smaller units of government in the country.



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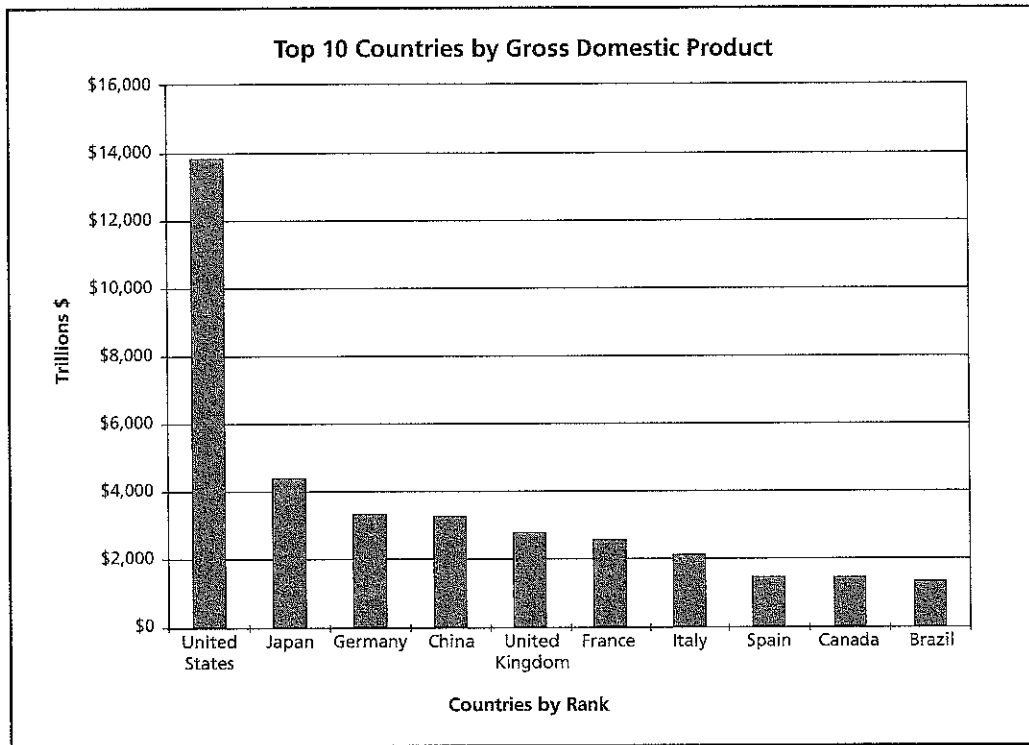
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31. Why do most Mexicans and Venezuelans live in urban areas?
- A. Rural areas do not have good climates.
  - B. There is much arable land in these countries.
  - C. There are more jobs in the factories and businesses of the cities.
  - D. Rural areas have more opportunity for good education and health care.
32. Which natural resources help the economies of some countries in Latin America?
- A. forests, oil, water
  - B. steel, natural gas, fertile soil
  - C. fertile soil, forests, mountains
  - D. cheap labor, hydroelectric power, oil
33. How does investment in capital by a business help a country increase its Gross Domestic Product (GDP)?
- A. The GDP of a country goes down when businesses make more money.
  - B. Businesses that invest in capital are able to provide a better place for their workers to work.
  - C. Highly trained workers help the businesses make more money by finding better ways to help the businesses work.
  - D. When a business invests in capital, it can produce more goods at a better price and increase the profit that it makes.



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Use the graph to answer questions 34-35.

34. How does the GDP of Brazil compare to that of the United States?

- A. The GDPs of both countries are about the same.
- B. The GDP of the United States is about double that of Brazil.
- C. Brazil's GDP is about ten times greater than that of the United States.
- D. The GDP of the United States is about ten times greater than Brazil's GDP.

35. What was the approximate GDP of Canada?

- A. \$1 trillion
- B. \$1.4 trillion
- C. \$14.3 trillion
- D. \$143.2 trillion



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36. Which statement describes the economy of Brazil?
- A. Brazil has a pure market economy.
  - B. Brazil has a pure command economy.
  - C. Brazil has a mixed economy. It works mostly as a market economy, but the government does control some key businesses.
  - D. Brazil has a mostly command economy. However, the government allows some farmers to sell some of their goods on their own.
37. How did Canada gain its independence from Great Britain?
- A. It won the Canadian Revolution.
  - B. The monarch split the United Kingdom.
  - C. Canada is still controlled by Great Britain and has limited independence.
  - D. Agreements were made over many years that gradually gave Canada its independence.
38. 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.
39. Which term describes how political power is distributed in Canada?
- A. unitary government
  - B. federal government
  - C. aristocratic government
  - D. confederation government



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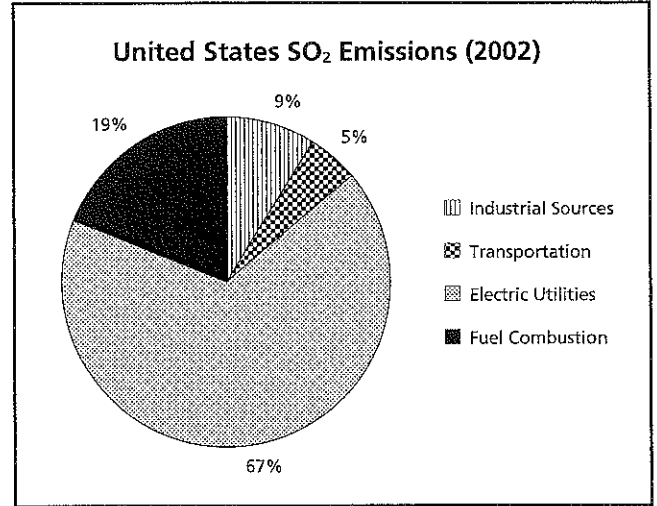
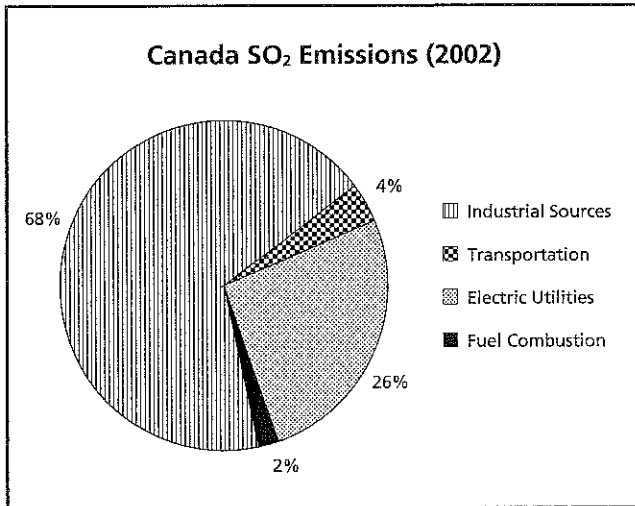
40. Why are Spanish and Portuguese the main languages of Latin America?
- A. People from Spain and Portugal colonized Latin America.
  - B. People in Latin America found Spanish and Portuguese easy to learn.
  - C. The Roman Catholic Church did not allow people to speak English or French.
  - D. Indigenous people switched to these languages to make communication easier.
41. Which of the following would be MOST helpful to improving a country's standard of living?
- A. decreasing the literacy rate
  - B. increasing the literacy rate
  - C. reducing the number of factories
  - D. creating more low-paying jobs on farms
42. 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.



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Sources of Sulfur Dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) in the Air



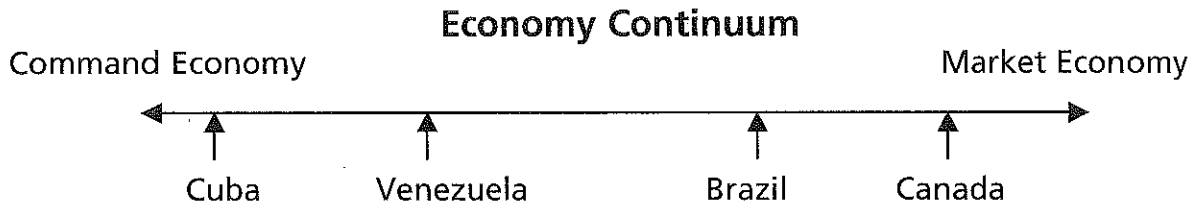
Use the graphs to answer questions 43-44.

43. A purpose of these graphs is to show
- A. which country produces the most sulfur dioxide pollution.
  - B. the sources of sulfur dioxide pollution in the United States and Canada.
  - C. a comparison of the air pollution rates in the United States and Canada.
  - D. that Canada creates more sulfur dioxide pollution than the United States.
44. Which source of pollution was the greatest producer of SO<sub>2</sub> in Canada?
- A. electric utilities
  - B. fuel combustion
  - C. industrial sources
  - D. transportation



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Use the diagram to answer questions 45-46.

45. Which country has an economic system closest to a pure command economy?

- A. Brazil
- B. Canada
- C. Cuba
- D. Venezuela

46. Which country's businesses have the least government control?

- A. Brazil
- B. Canada
- C. Cuba
- D. Venezuela

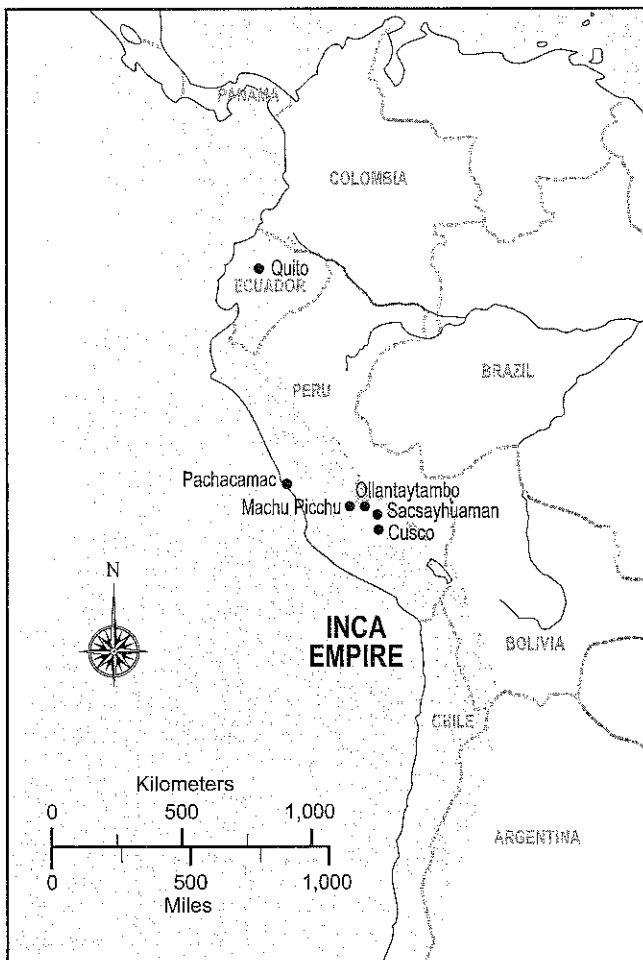


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47. What is an advantage of a savings account over a checking account?
- A. Savings accounts are easier to get.
  - B. Savings accounts pay a higher rate of interest.
  - C. Savings accounts can be used to guarantee loans.
  - D. Savings accounts provide more protection for your money.

**Inca Empire, 1532**



Use the map to answer questions 48-50.

48. The land of which modern country was part of the Inca Empire?
- A. Chile
  - B. Panama
  - C. Uruguay
  - D. Venezuela
49. In which general direction did Pizarro travel from Panama to reach the Inca Empire?
- A. east
  - B. north
  - C. south
  - D. west
50. Which question could be answered using the map?
- A. What was the distance from Quito to Cusco?
  - B. Who was the ruler of the Inca Empire when Pizarro arrived?
  - C. In which direction was the Aztec Empire from the Inca Empire?
  - D. Which of its neighbors had the Inca Empire conquered before 1530?



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