

GRADE 8
Social Studies

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SOCIAL STUDIES

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.

- 1** The Thirteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution affected the lives of millions of African Americans by —
- A** providing them with voting rights
 - B** guaranteeing their freedom of speech
 - C** providing them with access to the court system
 - D** guaranteeing their permanent freedom from slavery

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- 2** As a result of the Oregon Treaty, the United States achieved its goal of —
- F** expanding westward to the Pacific Ocean
 - G** acquiring land for a southwestern railroad
 - H** reserving western territory for American Indians
 - J** securing the southern border of the country

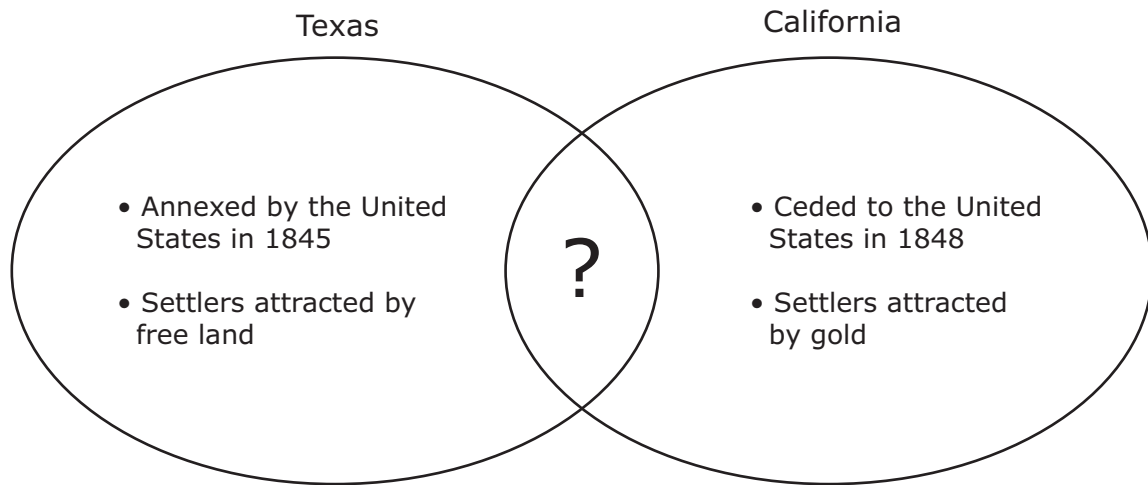
1860 Census Results for Selected States

State	Total Population	Total Number of Slaves	Slaves as a Percentage of Population
Alabama	964,201	435,080	45%
Georgia	1,057,286	462,198	44%
Kentucky	1,155,084	225,483	20%
Maryland	687,049	87,189	13%
Mississippi	791,305	436,631	55%
Virginia	1,596,318	490,865	31%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

These data could be used to support which conclusion?

- A** Gulf Coast states had to rely on steamboats to transport goods.
- B** States in the lower South had more land devoted to plantations.
- C** Border states had to import needed raw materials.
- D** States in the upper South were heavily industrialized.



4 Which of the following best completes the diagram above?

- F Slaveholding state
- G Bordered by the Pacific
- H Formerly part of Mexico
- J Dependent on heavy industry

5 Why did the Anti-Federalists demand that a bill of rights be added to the U.S. Constitution?

- A To strengthen the authority of the federal government
- B To improve the organization of the judiciary
- C To give each state an equal amount of power
- D To protect individual freedoms from the federal government

U.S. Secretary of War Jefferson Davis had sent Gadsden to negotiate with Santa Anna for the land. Davis valued it, as others did, as the perfect tract for the construction of the southern transcontinental railroad. The railroad line would connect western territories to the east and north, greatly increasing the accessibility of these new lands.

—*"America's Story," Library of Congress, <http://www.loc.gov> (accessed November 12, 2009)*

- 6** According to the excerpt above, the Gadsden Purchase was intended to —
- F** support settlement of U.S. territory gained through the U.S.-Mexican War
 - G** encourage commerce among U.S. states formed from the Louisiana Purchase
 - H** allow the United States and Mexico to share railroad construction costs
 - J** encourage the sale of U.S. government land in Florida



Source: Library of Congress, Prints and Photographs Division

The innovation shown in this photograph most affected the U.S. economy by —

- A** decreasing the need for canals
- B** allowing more efficient movement of goods
- C** reducing the costs of settling in western territories
- D** transporting workers from southern states to northern states

It is essential to the freedom and security of a free people, that no taxes be imposed upon them but by their own consent, or their representatives.

—*The Sons of Liberty, address to the public, New York, December 15, 1773*

- 8 The excerpt above reflects the dissatisfaction of American colonists with the —
- F political debates that took place at the Albany Convention
 - G interference of Great Britain in the slave trade
 - H economic consequences of the Great Awakening
 - J economic policies imposed by Great Britain following the French and Indian War

I consider, then, the power to annul a law of the United States, assumed by one state, incompatible with the existence of the Union, contradicted expressly by the letter of the Constitution . . .

—*Proclamation, President Andrew Jackson*

- 9 The proclamation excerpted above was issued during which of these historical events?
- A Shays's Rebellion
 - B The War of 1812
 - C The Nullification Crisis
 - D The Civil War

- 10** Why did the economies of western territories develop so differently from the economies of the Northeast and South?
- F** Western territories had limited land and a large immigrant population.
 - G** Western territories had natural harbors and many navigable rivers.
 - H** Western territories had rocky soil and a large supply of slave labor.
 - J** Western territories had inexpensive land and abundant natural resources.

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America may boast that she has accomplished what no power before her ever did, contending with Britain—Captured two of their celebrated Generals and each an Army of thousands of veteran Troops to support them.

—*Abigail Adams, letter to John Adams, December 9, 1781*

To which of the following is Abigail Adams referring in this excerpt?

- A** The American victory at the Battle of Yorktown
- B** The negotiation of the Treaty of Paris by American diplomats
- C** The bravery of American soldiers at Valley Forge
- D** The arrival of French aid after the Battle of Saratoga

12 Which of these best summarizes the Monroe Doctrine?

- F** The immigration of Europeans to the United States must be discouraged.
- G** International peace can be maintained without complicated alliances.
- H** The power to nullify federal laws is necessary to preserve sovereignty.
- J** Further colonization of the Americas by European countries is prohibited.

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Finally, in the summer of 1842, after seven years of desperate warfare, an agreement was reached with the few hundred remaining Seminoles, allowing them to live in southwest Florida.

—*John and Mary Lou Missall, A Short History of the Seminole Wars, 2006*

What led to the conflict referred to in this excerpt?

- A** The passage of the Dawes Act
- B** The Louisiana Purchase
- C** The adoption of Indian removal policies
- D** The Battle of Tippecanoe

14 The Second Great Awakening was a movement that promoted —

- F** spiritual revival and the need for social reform
- G** the use of reason and scientific theory
- H** states' rights and governmental reform
- J** mercantilism and the development of global trade

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John Marshall

- Promoted the public good
- Maintained a strong sense of duty
- Used clear language to discuss complex issues

Which action should be added to this list?

- A** Upheld the doctrine of states' rights
- B** Supported the popular election of Supreme Court justices
- C** Allowed slavery to extend into western territories
- D** Wrote the Supreme Court decision that established the principle of judicial review

- 16** With which of the following arguments would the authors of *The Federalist Papers* most likely have agreed?
- F** A bill of rights should be included in the Constitution before it is ratified.
 - G** Having a stronger central government will make the country more stable and prosperous.
 - H** The Three-Fifths Compromise will result in fair and equal representation.
 - J** Universal suffrage should be constitutionally guaranteed.

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The County Election



This painting of a Missouri scene was completed in 1852. Such scenes would look dramatically different after the —

- A** ratification of the Fifteenth Amendment
- B** Second Great Awakening
- C** emergence of Manifest Destiny
- D** expansion of the factory system into the South

He has refused his Assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good.

—*Declaration of Independence, 1776*

Which provision of the U.S. Constitution reflects this grievance?

- F** The president can appoint justices with the advice and consent of the Senate.
- G** Congress has the power to establish federal courts.
- H** The commerce clause allows Congress to regulate trade among the states.
- J** Congress can override a presidential veto with a two-thirds majority vote in both houses.

19 Which statement best describes a result of industrialization in the United States during the mid-nineteenth century?

- A** People moved to cities in search of economic opportunity.
- B** Farmers began to cultivate land west of the Appalachian Mountains.
- C** Native peoples were forcibly relocated to western territories.
- D** Government officials began to promote the idea of Manifest Destiny.

- 20** The election of Hiram Rhodes Revels in 1870 was significant because he was the first African American to —
- F** win an election as a member of the Democratic Party
 - G** win a majority of the popular vote in Mississippi
 - H** serve as a member of the U.S. Senate
 - J** run for public office in the South

- Bonds and currency with little to no value
- Bank failures and bankrupt businesses
- Destroyed railroads, farms, and homes
- High food prices and widespread crop failures

This list describes conditions found in —

- A** California following the Gold Rush
- B** Washington, D.C., during the War of 1812
- C** western territories after the U.S.-Mexican War
- D** southern states at the beginning of Reconstruction

Unalienable Rights

- Life
- Liberty
- Pursuit of happiness

22 The rights listed above were —

- F** established by a series of Supreme Court decisions
- G** defined by Thomas Jefferson in the Declaration of Independence
- H** established by the ratification of the U.S. Constitution
- J** defined by President George Washington in his Farewell Address

23 How did the War of 1812 affect the U.S. economy?

- A** The use of federal paper currency increased.
 - B** Agricultural imports increased.
 - C** Imports of raw materials increased.
 - D** Manufacturing increased.
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24 What was one major effect of the Erie Canal on the United States in the early nineteenth century?

- F** The rapid growth of cities in the Northeast
 - G** A rise in cotton exports to the United Kingdom
 - H** An increase in the cost of shipping goods to Europe
 - J** A decrease in trade between settlers and American Indians
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25 In 1832 the Supreme Court ruled that Georgia did not have legal authority over the Cherokees living in the state. President Andrew Jackson responded to this decision by —

- A** filing another petition against the Cherokee Nation
- B** ignoring the ruling and allowing Georgia to evict the Cherokee Nation
- C** ordering state officials in Georgia to negotiate with the Cherokee Nation
- D** asking Congress to pay reparations to the Cherokee Nation

All knew that this interest was, somehow, the cause of the war. To strengthen, perpetuate, and extend this interest, was the object for which the insurgents would rend the Union, even by war; while the government claimed no right to do more than to restrict the territorial enlargement of it.

—President Abraham Lincoln, second inaugural address, 1865

In the excerpt above, what does “this interest” refer to?

- F** The Confederate States of America
- G** Protective tariffs
- H** Slavery
- J** The U.S. Constitution

27 From 1690 to 1760, Parliament and the king of England allowed colonists in America to exercise a great deal of control over local and regional matters. Historians have described this practice as “salutary neglect.”

Which of the following happened as a direct result of this policy?

- A** The colonies developed a strong tradition of self-government.
- B** Many proprietary colonies were converted to royal colonies.
- C** The colonies refused to participate in a system of common defense.
- D** Many colonies sought economic aid from other countries.

- 28** The Northwest Ordinance is considered a historical milestone because it —
- F** more than doubled the size of the United States
 - G** established a method for admitting new states to the Union
 - H** encouraged state legislatures to ratify the Constitution
 - J** proposed treaties with American Indians to allow the peaceful settlement of new territories

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The Emancipation Proclamation became effective January 1, 1863. Congress passed the Conscription Act of 1863 in March to randomly select men for service in the Union army. However, those chosen in the draft could hire a substitute or pay \$300 to escape service. African Americans were not citizens and therefore not eligible for the draft.

On July 13, 1863, a crowd gathered in New York City to protest the draft. Poor Irish workers turned out in the largest numbers. The protest turned into a riot, which first targeted military and government buildings. The homes of well-known Republicans, draft supporters, the wealthy, and African Americans were also attacked. After four days federal troops finally restored order to the city.

The New York City riots of 1863 were partly a result of —

- A** the economic uncertainty faced by the working class
- B** strong local opposition to federal taxes
- C** housing shortages affecting recent immigrants
- D** the meager wages paid to military recruits

- 30** One advantage the Confederacy had over the Union during the Civil War was that Confederate forces had —
- F** numerous factories for producing weapons and ammunition
 - G** a larger number of military troops in reserve
 - H** an extensive railroad system for moving troops and supplies
 - J** knowledge of the terrain where most battles were fought

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In 1636, Thomas Hooker . . . established the first English settlement in Connecticut.

Convinced that government should rest on free consent, he _____?

—Steven Mintz, "Colonization: Dimensions of Change in Colonial New England,"
Digital History, <http://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu> (accessed September 12, 2011)

Which of the following completes the sentence above?

- A** limited property ownership to church members
- B** extended voting rights beyond church members
- C** restricted trade with neighboring colonies
- D** asked the king to appoint a governor for the colony

32 The Compromise of 1850 allowed certain territories to use popular sovereignty to determine whether the territory would be free or slave. This decision applied to much of the land gained from the —

F Revolutionary War

G War of 1812

H U.S.-Mexican War

J Civil War

33 Which headline provides the best example of a civic duty?

A



C

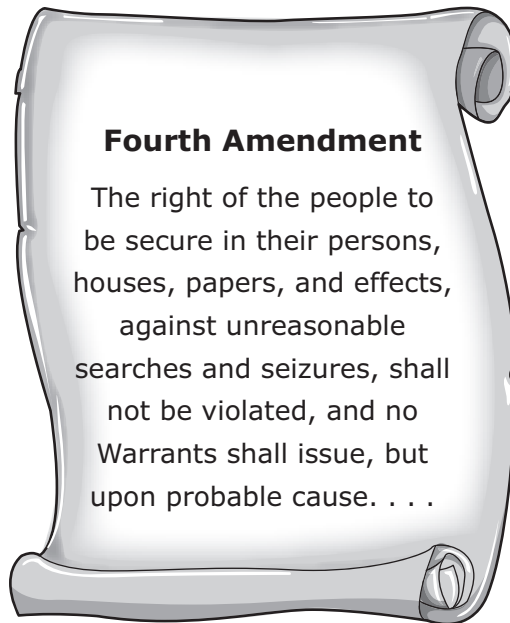


B



D





- 34** The constitutional amendment excerpted above protects people in the United States from —
- F** excessive fines for traffic violations
 - G** imprisonment for life without a jury trial
 - H** excessive surveillance by the government
 - J** conscription by the armed forces

We have only to look about us in this great city, to observe the traces of the deadly influence of intemperance. Everywhere, we face crime, disease and death, all testify to the necessity of the prosecution of the cause, of steadfast and unwavering effort and prompt action to lead to complete success.

—*Charles C. Burleigh, address to the Whole World's Temperance Convention, 1853*

35 The speaker quoted above was a supporter of the movement to —

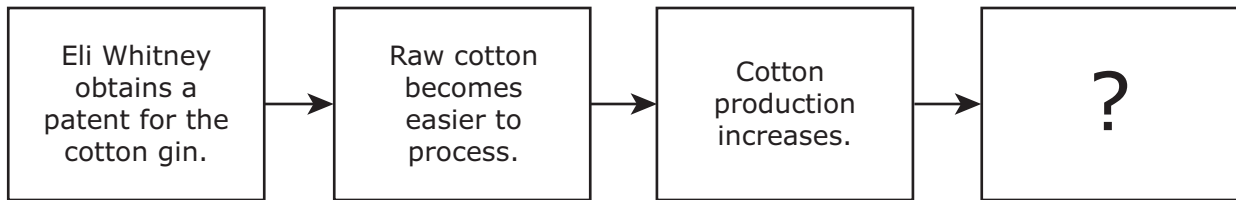
- A** end the international slave trade
- B** establish strict limits on immigration
- C** expose corruption in the federal government
- D** discourage the consumption of alcoholic beverages

36 Which headline provides the best example of a First Amendment guarantee in action?

- F** "Religious University Forced to Close by State"
- G** "Mormons Hold State Convention Downtown"
- H** "Congress Declares a National Day of Remembrance"
- J** "Protesters Arrested at Antiwar Rally"

37 Which pull factor accounted for much of Chinese immigration to the United States in the mid-1800s?

- A** An opportunity for free land in the Midwest
- B** The prospect of religious freedom
- C** An economic boom in the West
- D** The possibility of a free education



38 Which of these best completes the diagram above?

- F** The demand for slaves increases in the South.
- G** More textile factories are established in the South.
- H** The number of European immigrants arriving at southern port cities increases.
- J** More tobacco and food crops are cultivated on southern plantations.

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Provisions of the Civil Rights Act of 1866

- Designated all people born in the United States (except American Indians) as citizens
- Granted all citizens certain rights under the law

What is the historical significance of this act?

- A** It was the first time Congress voted to overrule a presidential veto.
- B** It represented a shift in federal power after the impeachment of President Johnson.
- C** It was the first time Congress passed a law that protected racial minorities.
- D** It represented the failure of northern abolitionists to influence Reconstruction policies.

- Limited government interference in business
- Prices determined by supply and demand
- Private owners receive the profits

Which type of economy is best described by these characteristics?

- F** Subsistence farming
- G** Free enterprise
- H** Mercantilism
- J** Socialism

- 41** The Constitution describes two ways to propose an amendment. Which of the following gives an example of one way?
- A** The president officially requests that Congress propose the amendment.
 - B** Three-fourths of state governors sign a petition in favor of proposing the amendment.
 - C** A majority of citizens vote in favor of proposing the amendment.
 - D** Two-thirds of both congressional houses vote in favor of proposing the amendment.

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- 42** The Federalists and the Democratic-Republicans emerged as separate political parties partly as a result of disagreement over —
- F** how the nation should develop economically
 - G** whether to enforce the Monroe Doctrine
 - H** how the nation should admit new states
 - J** whether to approve the Declaration of Independence

Bombardment of Fort Sumter



Source: Library of Congress, Prints and Photographs Division

How was the event depicted in this image significant to the Civil War?

- A** The Confederate defense of the besieged fort lengthened the war.
- B** The Union victory divided the Confederacy along the Mississippi River.
- C** The invasion of the Confederate capital resulted in the surrender of the Confederacy.
- D** The Confederate attack upon the Union fort initiated the war.

44 Which of the following was a primary reason France sought to colonize North America?

- F** To reduce overpopulation in Europe
- G** To create communities founded on religious tolerance
- H** To profit from trading in furs and other goods
- J** To create joint ventures with other European powers

In March 1853 a miner from Connecticut, Edward Matteson, and his partners fashioned a three-foot tapered metal funnel to which they clamped a canvas hose. They pumped water through the hose and pointed it at the hillside from which they were trying to extract gold.

—*"The Gold Rush's Impact on California's Landscape,"* American Experience, PBS, <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex> (accessed August 23, 2011)

What effect did the mining technique described in this excerpt have on the local environment?

- A Rivers became filled with sediment.
- B Reduced flooding led to an increased reliance on irrigation.
- C Forests were clear-cut, and the timber was used to line tunnels and shafts.
- D Farmland benefited from a change in soil composition.

46 The Articles of Confederation allowed each state only one vote in Congress. Which question reflects a major concern states had about this arrangement?

- F Should states attempt to resolve conflicting claims to territory?
- G Should states change their procedure for selecting representatives?
- H Should unanimous state approval for national laws be required?
- J Should more populous states receive greater representation?

- The U.S. population grew from more than 5 million in 1800 to just over 23 million by 1850.
- The United States experienced financial panics in 1819 and in 1837.
- Land ownership was linked to wealth and independence.

The bullet points in this list would most likely be included in an essay about —

- A** the rise of the Republican Party
- B** the emergence of Manifest Destiny
- C** abolitionist groups in the western territories
- D** the growth of the secession movement in southern states

The plan of government now proposed is evidently calculated totally to change, in time, our condition as a people. Instead of being thirteen republics, under a federal head, it is clearly designed to make us one consolidated government. . . .

—Federal Farmer No. 1, 1787

Those in favor of ratifying the Constitution would most likely respond to this concern by pointing out that —

- F** elected representatives are accountable to individual voters
- G** courts have the right to resolve disputes between states
- H** each branch of government can serve as a check on the other branches
- J** power is divided between the federal government and state governments

- 49** How did the factory system contribute to the rapid industrialization of the United States?
- A** By using slave labor to mass-produce goods
 - B** By relying on skilled artisans to create custom goods
 - C** By making the production of goods more efficient
 - D** By making the distribution of goods less costly

This controversial law allowed slave-hunters to seize alleged fugitive slaves without due process of law and prohibited anyone from aiding escaped fugitives or obstructing their recovery. Because it was often presumed that a black person was a slave, the law threatened the safety of all blacks. . . .

*—Text from an online exhibit describing
the Fugitive Slave Law of 1850,
Library of Congress, <http://www.loc.gov>
(accessed December 9, 2009)*

- 50** What was one result of the law described above?
- F** Northerners who believed the law was unfair began to support the abolitionist movement.
 - G** Religious groups left the abolitionist movement to avoid political controversy.
 - H** Southerners used the law to challenge the constitutionality of abolitionist goals.
 - J** Abolitionist societies began to focus their efforts on promoting women’s suffrage.

- 51** According to Alexander Hamilton, which action was necessary to ensure the stability of the nation's economy?
- A** The passage of a trade embargo against Great Britain
 - B** The abolition of consumption taxes
 - C** The creation of a trade alliance with France
 - D** The establishment of a national bank

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- B'nai B'rith, a Jewish service organization
- Grimm Brothers' fairy tales
- Kindergarten
- Meat curing and sausage making
- Polka music

Which group was responsible for these contributions to American culture?

- F** Chinese Americans
- G** African Americans
- H** German Americans
- J** Italian Americans

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