WORLD GEOGRAPHY

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Temperature and precipitation are characteristics of —

- A longitude
- B climate
- C vegetation
- D latitude
Which climate best characterizes the high latitudes?

- A  Tropical
- B  Subarctic
- C  Humid continental
- D  Marine west coast
Which country contains the latitude and longitude 15°S, 45°W?

A  Brazil
B  Italy
C  Madagascar
D  Australia
Which two cities have opposite seasons?

- A  Boston and Madrid
- B  Warsaw and Alexandria
- C  Calgary and Durban
- D  Johannesburg and Brasilia
Jimmy knows the route from his house to his school, and can name each street along the way.

This statement is an example of —

- A  absolute location
- B  a primary source
- C  a thematic map
- D  mental mapping
This type of map is used to show —

- A elevation
- B population
- C natural resources
- D political boundaries
This symbol identifies which feature of a map?

- A Orientation
- B Contour
- C Distance
- D Projection
On this map, industrial activity is represented by —

- A shades
- B lines
- C symbols
- D letters
Which major river system is shown on this map?

A. Indus
B. Nile
C. Amazon
D. Danube
These dolls are a traditional cultural craft in —

○ A Russia

○ B Southeast Asia

○ C France

○ D Latin America
Mexico is linked more to Central and South America than to North America because of the way geographers define —

- A political regions
- B physical regions
- C economic regions
- D cultural regions
Nations that have been divided into smaller countries

Soviet Union

Which country best completes this diagram?

- A  Mexico
- B  Yugoslavia
- C  Portugal
- D  Chile
This river flows northward into the —

- A  Pacific Ocean
- B  Indian Ocean
- C  Arctic Ocean
- D  Atlantic Ocean
This archaeological site revealed important information about the —

- A traditional dwellings of Central America
- B architectural structures of the Middle East
- C ancient kingdoms of West Africa
- D religious history of Southeast Asia
Which name do western societies commonly use for the Arabian Gulf?

- A Gulf of Aden
- B Red Sea
- C Sea of Marmara
- D Persian Gulf
Which description is matched with the correct section of this diagram?

- A Section 1 represents economic regions.
- B Section 2 represents political regions.
- C Section 3 represents ethnic regions.
- D Section 4 represents climate regions.
The separation of Northern Ireland from the Republic of Ireland is an example of —

- A immigrants trying to adapt to a new government
- B language differences affecting growth in a region
- C all citizens agreeing to a political process
- D religion as a dividing force in a region
In which region is this type of roof most commonly used?

- A Canadian Shield
- B Northern Mongolia
- C Mediterranean
- D Scandinavia
Which geographic region best completes this diagram?

- A North America
- B Sub-Saharan Africa
- C Western Europe
- D Southeast Asia
Which structure is known primarily as a national seat of government?

- A  Eiffel Tower
- B  Kaaba
- C  Kremlin
- D  Taj Mahal
These structures are associated with the continent of —

- A North America
- B Australia
- C Europe
- D South America
Which city is a center of culture and trade located in Canada?

- A  Inuvik
- B  Toronto
- C  Santiago
- D  Chicago
Conflicts between the Hutu and Tutsi have occurred in —

- [ ] A Liberia
- [ ] B Zambia
- [ ] C Botswana
- [ ] D Rwanda
Which religion is practiced by the majority of India’s population?

- A  Buddhism
- B  Christianity
- C  Hinduism
- D  Judaism
Agricultural terracing most directly affects which landform?

- A  Mountains
- B  Deserts
- C  Plains
- D  Deltas

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Which conclusion can be drawn from this table?

- A  Educational opportunities in the United States are a push factor.
- B  Most foreign educations are superior to those in the United States.
- C  Educational opportunity pulls Asian students to the United States.
- D  Most foreign students in the United States are European.
Factors That Influence

- Warfare
- Climate
- Technology

Which phrase best completes the title of this list?

- A  Public Education
- B  Religious Beliefs
- C  Official Languages
- D  Population Distribution
This map supports the conclusion that malnutrition is most likely to occur in which country?

- A Peru
- B Brazil
- C Bolivia
- D Argentina
The information shown in this diagram led to the expansion of —

- **A** rural areas
- **B** family farms
- **C** suburbs
- **D** canals
Which country is most likely to experience an earthquake?

- A  England
- B  France
- C  Brazil
- D  Japan
Two-thirds of Israel is desert. However, fruits and vegetables grown in Israel are sold around the world. The Israelis invented an underground irrigation system that takes water straight to the roots of the plants.

This information is an example of how technology —

- A influences agricultural production
- B alters climate conditions
- C increases energy usage
- D affects transportation patterns
Which change to China’s population between 2000 and 2050 does this graph project?

- A China’s total population will decrease.
- B China’s overall birthrate is expected to increase.
- C Less than half of China’s population will be under the age of 65.
- D The number of Chinese people over the age of 65 will increase.
Popular Music Forms in the United States

- Calypso
- Merengue
- Reggae
- Salsa

These items represent examples of —

- A ethnic bias
- B domestic production
- C religious diversity
- D cultural diffusion
A construction company would seek the assistance of geographers in order to —

- A find adequate construction materials
- B locate suitable construction sites
- C develop advanced construction methods
- D identify qualified construction workers
### Urbanization

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**Which characteristic best replaces the question mark?**

- A Expanded regional trade
- B Greater career opportunities
- C Increased air pollution
- D More cultural centers
What is an advantage to building a city at a confluence site?

- A  Decreased regional conflicts
- B  Improved technological innovations
- C  Reduced risk of natural disasters
- D  Increased access to trade routes
Which statement is best supported by this graph?

- A  The amount of waste in landfills increased.
- B  People became more involved in recycling.
- C  The amount of waste composted decreased.
- D  Government funding was reduced for recycling.
Which factor explains the division described in this headline?

- A. A dispute over national independence
- B. A conflict over natural resources
- C. A dispute over immigration laws
- D. A conflict over religious toleration
According to this map, which country does NOT have a territorial claim to Antarctica?

- A. Britain
- B. France
- C. Norway
- D. China
Which spatial division would normally regulate public bus transportation routes?

- A  Election district
- B  Regional district
- C  State government
- D  Federal government
Which factor is most responsible for increasing life expectancy in many less industrialized nations?

- A  Declining birth rates
- B  Availability of health insurance
- C  Access to primary education
- D  Improved health care programs
Which is a resource that allows nations to develop a high per-capita Gross Domestic Product (GDP)?

- A State-owned farms
- B Humanitarian aid
- C Skilled workforce
- D Governmental restrictions
German Car Manufacturer Opens Plant in Brazil

Which phrase best describes the subject of this newspaper headline?

A Differences in culture
B Tariff reductions on consumer goods
C Unequal distribution of natural resources
D Internationalization of product assembly
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Which advantage best completes this diagram?

- **A** Limited foreign regulations
- **B** Reduced reliance on foreign trade
- **C** Increased global influence
- **D** Similarity of government systems
Which phrase best completes this diagram?

- A  Manual labor
- B  Limited communication
- C  Diverse economy
- D  Specialized production
Which is an advantage for a small, developing country in joining an economic union?

- A  Closing of inefficient industries
- B  Access to natural resources with restrictions
- C  Replacing family farms with agribusinesses
- D  Greater access to international markets
Factors in the Demand for Coal as a Resource

Box 1
?
Tends to decrease demand for coal

Box 2
?
Tends to increase demand for coal

Which factor is matched with the correct box?

A. Environmental Concerns in Box 1
B. Population Growth in Box 1
C. Agricultural Output in Box 2
D. Medical Innovation in Box 2
### Selected Economic Activities in Australia

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Which activity best completes this table?

- **A** Banking
- **B** Canning
- **C** Fishing
- **D** Ranching
Outsource: to contract out business, often to foreign companies

One reason some companies choose to participate in this practice is the —

- A lack of essential services
- B opportunity to lower production costs
- C need to establish labor unions
- D support for new technologies
Which economic activity is correctly placed on this diagram?

- A  Banking in 1
- B  Ranching in 1
- C  Shopping in 2
- D  Manufacturing in 2
Which statement best explains why nations must trade?

- **A** All nations belong to free trade agreements.
- **B** All nations seek out new production methods.
- **C** No nation has all necessary resources.
- **D** No nation can employ all of its laborers.
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