



5th Social Studies practice test

Fifth Grade Social Studies
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Instructions:

Bubble in the correct answer. Read all choices before marking your answer.

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1. Which of the following was developed during World War II and directly benefited the people of Georgia after the war?

- A. bombers
 - B. C-ration meals
 - C. anti-aircraft weapons
 - D. chemicals to kill mosquitoes
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2. In 1950, the United States became involved in the Korean War. Why did the United States become involved in this war?

- A. to prevent the collapse of the government of North Korea
 - B. to stop the spread of communism to South Korea
 - C. to stop North Korea from taking over Hong Kong
 - D. to prevent attacks against United States shipping
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3. Which is an example of citizens being involved in the political process?

- A. running for an elected office
 - B. starting a new business
 - C. sending their children to school
 - D. learning more about history
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4. In 1950, the United States and other countries from the United Nations became involved in the Korean War. What was the cause of this war?

- A. North Korea attacked South Korea to spread communism.
 - B. South Korea wanted to drive out troops from Vietnam.
 - C. North Korea attacked China to spread communism.
 - D. South Korea attacked North Korea to spread democracy.
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5. Every day your town throws away lots of plastic bottles. What can you do to show better citizenship?

- A. take the trash to an incinerator
 - B. support a recycling center
 - C. take the trash to the next town
 - D. use a larger trash receptacle
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Use the map below to answer question 6.



6. Look at the map of Georgia. If you wanted to drive from Macon to Savannah, in which direction would you travel?
- A. northeast
 - B. southeast
 - C. northwest
 - D. southwest
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Use the list of physical features below to answer question 7.

- Pacific Ocean
- Rocky Mountains
- Cascade Mountains
- Columbia River

7. Which region of the United States would have states that border or include these physical features?

- A. Midwest
- B. Northeast
- C. Southeast
- D. Northwest

8. Canals were very important to transportation in the 1800s. Which part of a canal allows the raising or lowering of the water level?

- A. lock
 - B. rack
 - C. hoist
 - D. barge
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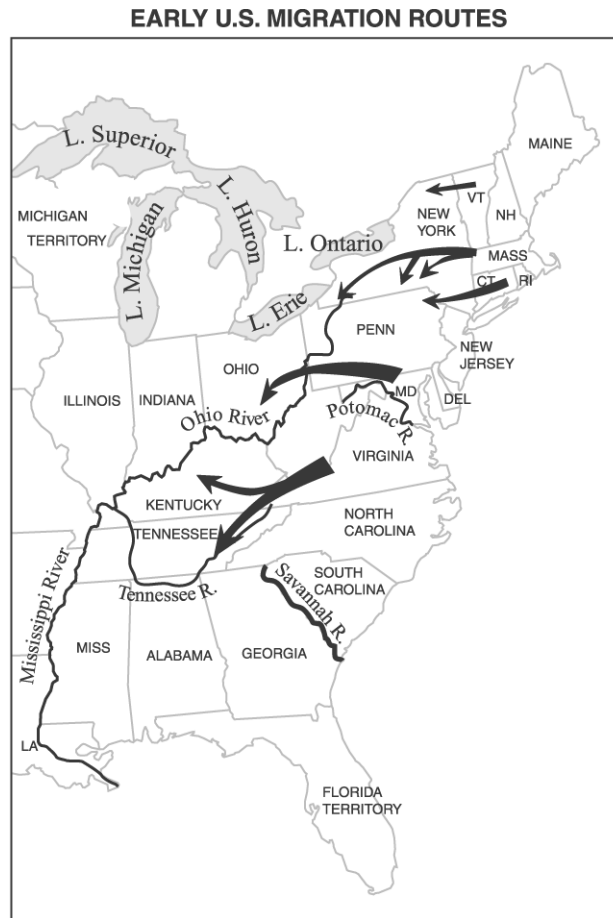
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Use the map below to answer question 9.



9. Some rivers helped people move west. Which major river flows into the Mississippi River and furthered western expansion?
- A. Ohio River
 - B. Potomac River
 - C. Savannah River
 - D. Tennessee River
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10. The national government of the United States is divided into three branches. These branches are called

- A. federal, state, and local.
 - B. international, federal, and local.
 - C. interstate, state, and intrastate.
 - D. executive, legislative, and judicial.
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11. People have different “roles” in the economy, such as producer, consumer, provider, and investor. When your family buys groceries at the store, which of the following are they doing?

- A. producing
 - B. investing
 - C. consuming
 - D. providing
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12. After the Civil War, many settlers moved to territories west of the Mississippi River. This development led to

- A. the relocation of Native Americans to the East.
 - B. settlers and Native Americans working together.
 - C. the destruction of the Native Americans’ way of life.
 - D. Native American lands being bought by settlers.
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13. For years, the main source of energy in United States was coal. By the 1920s, many Americans were beginning to use oil, natural gas, and electricity. Why was electricity so popular?

- A. Coal was no longer being mined.
 - B. It could be generated at home.
 - C. Oil and natural gas were too expensive.
 - D. It was now available and affordable.
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Use the map below to answer question 14.

14. Places have both cultural and natural features. Which of the following is NOT a cultural feature?

- A. Dismal Swamp Welcome Center
 - B. Knotts Island
 - C. Ocracoke Lighthouse
 - D. Cape Hatteras Lighthouse
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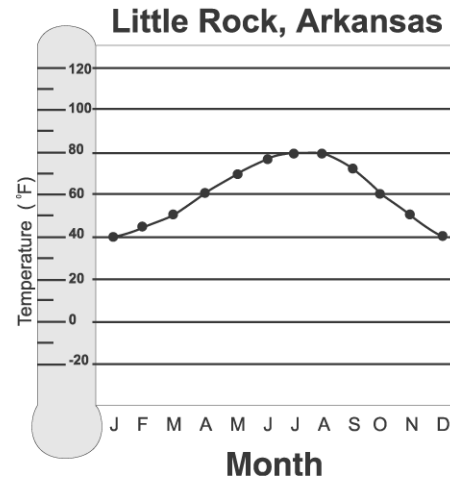
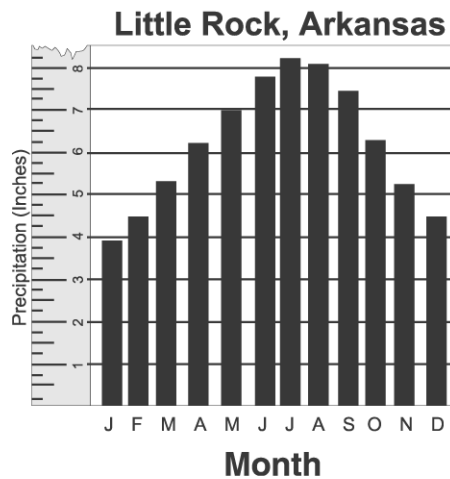
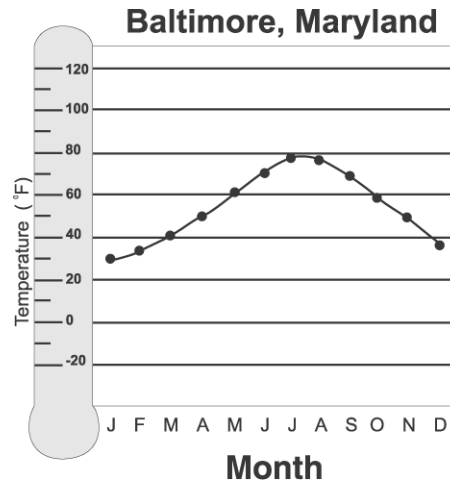
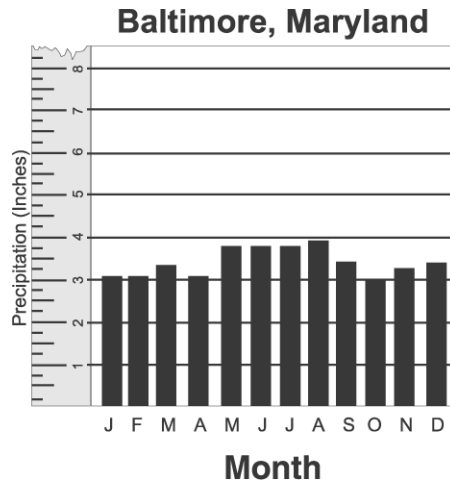
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Use the graphs below to answer question 15.



15. According to the information in the graphs, which of the following is true?

- A. Little Rock, Arkansas has more rain and higher temperatures than Baltimore, Maryland.
- B. Baltimore, Maryland has more rain than Little Rock, Arkansas.
- C. Little Rock, Arkansas has more rain and lower temperatures than Baltimore, Maryland.
- D. Baltimore, Maryland has higher temperatures than Little Rock, Arkansas.

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16. The two major sides in World War II were the Allies and the Axis powers. Italy was one of the Axis powers. Who was Italy's leader?

- A. Benito Mussolini
 - B. Winston Churchill
 - C. Joseph Stalin
 - D. Adolph Hitler
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17. Your town has had an increase in the number of dogs roaming the town and destroying property. Some people want to ban dogs from the town. You like dogs. Which of the following would be an example of civic participation?

- A. You do not take any action, because you do not think it is a problem.
 - B. You get your friends together and take your dogs for a walk.
 - C. You go to a class where people are taught animal control and safety rules for dogs.
 - D. You keep your dog fenced in your yard.
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18. A much smaller percentage of military personnel died from their wounds in World War II than in any previous war. What was the main reason for this improvement?

- A. New medicines had been developed to fight infection.
 - B. Military personnel were in better physical condition.
 - C. Military forces were provided with doctors for the first time.
 - D. Military personnel were better trained to avoid being wounded.
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19. Americans from all over the country helped the war effort during World War II. Which statement describes one way people in Georgia helped?

- A. Georgia forced all adult males to join the military.
 - B. The number of farms in Georgia increased.
 - C. Georgia forced all women to work in factories.
 - D. Savannah became an important shipbuilding center.
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Use the chart below to answer question 20.

Population Distribution in the United States		
Year	Percent Rural	Percent Urban
1870	73%	27%
1920	52%	48%

20. Based on the information in the chart, which of the following statements is correct?

- A. More people lived in the country than in the cities.
 - B. More people had moved to the West.
 - C. More people lived in the cities than in the country.
 - D. More people had moved to the South.
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Use the factors listed below to answer question 21.

- Consumers help to determine what will be produced.
- Consumers help to determine how much will be produced.
- Consumers help to determine the price of a product.

21. These factors are present in which type of economic system?

- A. communist
 - B. socialist
 - C. free enterprise
 - D. traditional
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22. During the late 1800s, companies involved in manufacturing grew very large and produced huge amounts of goods. Since the companies were doing well, why did the workers form labor unions?

- A. to create more jobs
 - B. to slow immigration
 - C. to increase factory production
 - D. to improve working conditions
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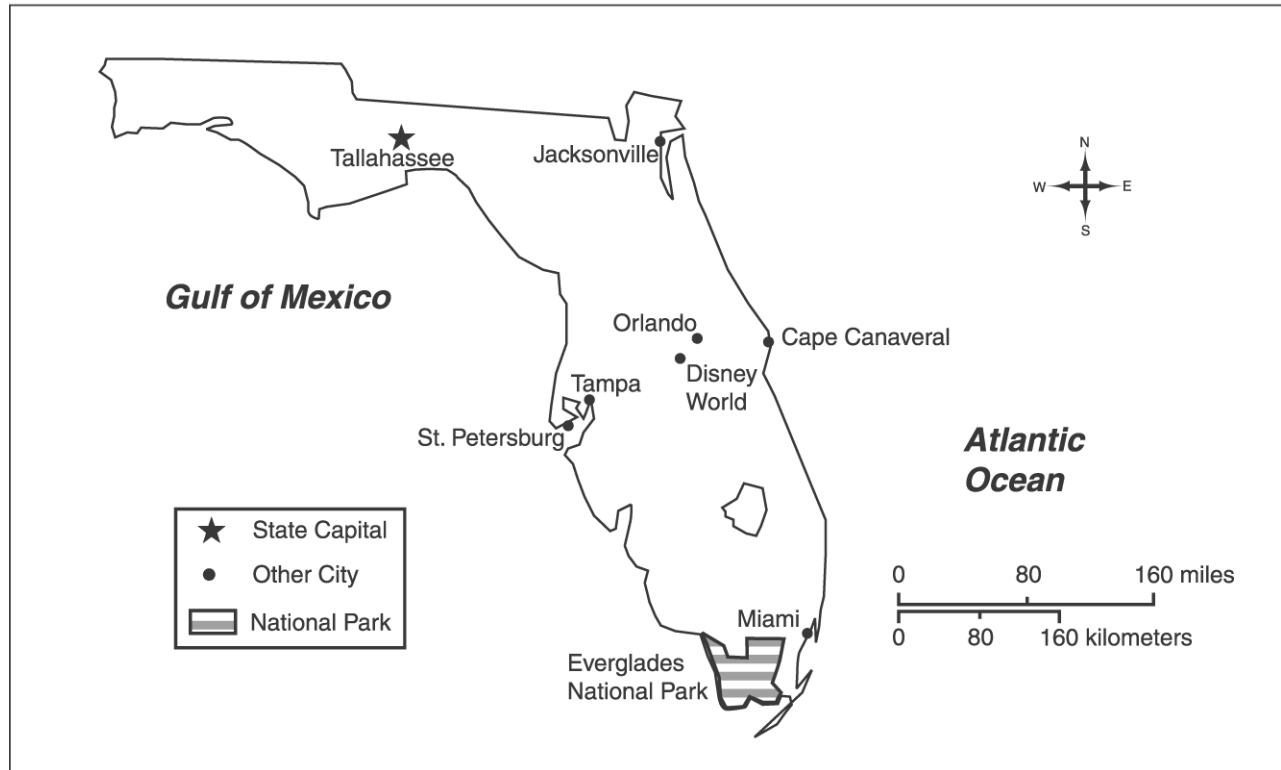
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Use the map below to answer question 23.

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23. Tallahassee is located in which direction from Jacksonville?

- A. east
 - B. west
 - C. north
 - D. south
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24. World War II ended in August 1945 when Japan surrendered. What happened as a result of Japan's surrender?

- A. Harry S. Truman was defeated in his reelection as president.
 - B. Americans celebrated the surrender, which was called VJ Day.
 - C. Atomic bombs were outlawed for future use.
 - D. Japanese Americans started emigrating to Japan again.
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25. Tensions were high in Europe in 1914. Nations were ready to go to war. The event that started World War I was the

- A. assassination of Archduke Ferdinand of Austria-Hungary.
 - B. attack on Paris by German troops.
 - C. invasion of Poland by Austria-Hungary and Germany.
 - D. sinking of the *USS Maine* in Havana harbor.
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26. In 1929, the United States went into an economic depression. As a result, many people were unemployed. Why?

- A. Many had joined the military.
 - B. Many were not interested in working.
 - C. Many banks and businesses had failed.
 - D. Many went to find gold and silver in California.
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27. The Cold War was a time of tension between the United States and the former Soviet Union. In 1962, the United States was involved in the Cuban Missile Crisis. Which was the importance of this event?

- A. The United States wanted the former Soviet Union to provide aid to Cuba.
 - B. The United States attacked Cuba.
 - C. The United States wanted the former Soviet Union to remove missiles from Cuba.
 - D. The United States placed missiles in Cuba.
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28. On December 7, 1941, Japanese forces attacked the United States naval base at Pearl Harbor. What was the effect of this attack?

- A. It caused riots and unrest in Japan.
 - B. The surprise attack sank half the British navy.
 - C. It prompted the United States to enter the war.
 - D. The damage crippled the United States economy.
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29. Students studying topics in history often are required to use primary sources. Which of the following BEST describes a primary source?

- A. information provided by a teacher
 - B. a movie that shows the event
 - C. a first-hand account of the event
 - D. information from the library
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30. Immigrants arriving from other countries usually entered the United States through certain points. Most Europeans arrived through Ellis Island, New York. Most Asian immigrants arrived through

- A. Seattle, Washington.
 - B. Portland, Oregon.
 - C. Los Angeles, California.
 - D. Angel Island, California.
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