

Period 4: Stimulus-Based Multiple-Choice Questions



New England Dominance in the Textile Industry

- Which of the following statements best describes the Lowell system?
 - It revolutionized the production of steel in the United States.
 - It was so successful that it was eventually adopted throughout the United States and England.
 - It involved using mill girls from rural areas to work in textile factories.
 - It relied exclusively on cheap immigrant labor to undercut competitors.
- Which of the following was NOT a result of antebellum technological innovations such as textile machinery, the steam engine, the telegraph, and the use of interchangeable parts?
 - The expanded size and scope of domestic markets
 - The heightened isolation of rural Americans
 - Increased industrial output and worker productivity
 - A revolution in farming and agriculture
- Opposition to the proposed American System of internal improvements was a result of
 - regional interests overriding national concerns.
 - fears that improved transportation would lead to more western migration.
 - large federal budget deficits undermining the needed funding.
 - Supreme Court decisions questioning its constitutionality.
- John Marshall's belief in a powerful central government explains
 - His chronic dismissing of laws found unconstitutional
 - The rural community was the agent of order and progress
 - His tendency to favor manufacturing and business interests
 - His reluctance to protect commerce and property against arbitrary seizure.

“The only encouragements we hold out to strangers are a good climate, fertile soil, wholesome air and water, plenty of provisions, good pay for labor, kind neighbors, good laws, a free government, and a hearty welcome. The rest depends on a man’s own industry and virtue.”

“If a European has previously resolved to go to the western country near the Allegheny or Ohio rivers, ... a few day journey will bring him to Cumberland... from whence the public road begun by the United States, crosses the mountains....

“You will, however, observe that the privilege of citizenship is not granted without proper precautions; to secure that, while the worthy are admitted, the unworthy should, if practicable, be rejected. You will from hence deduce the importance of good moral habits, even to the acquisition of political rights.”

- Clements Burleigh, Shamrock Society of New York,
“Advice to Emigrants to America,” 1817

5. Which phrase by Burleigh best addresses the motives of the largest number of immigrants coming to the United States during the years from 1816 to 1848?
 - a. “a good climate”
 - b. “good pay for labor”
 - c. “kind neighbors”
 - d. “a hearty welcome”

6. In the 1830s and 1840s, the section of the United States most affected by immigration was the
 - a. States in the East and North
 - b. States with large plantations
 - c. States west of the Allegheny Mountains
 - d. Territories that were not yet states

7. Which of the following connected the Great Lakes to the East Coast and fueled the economic rise of New York City?
 - a. The transcontinental railroad
 - b. The National Road
 - c. The Cumberland Gap
 - d. The Erie Canal