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# Social Studies

This practice test contains samples of various question types that will appear on the Spring test. Read each question carefully and follow the directions.

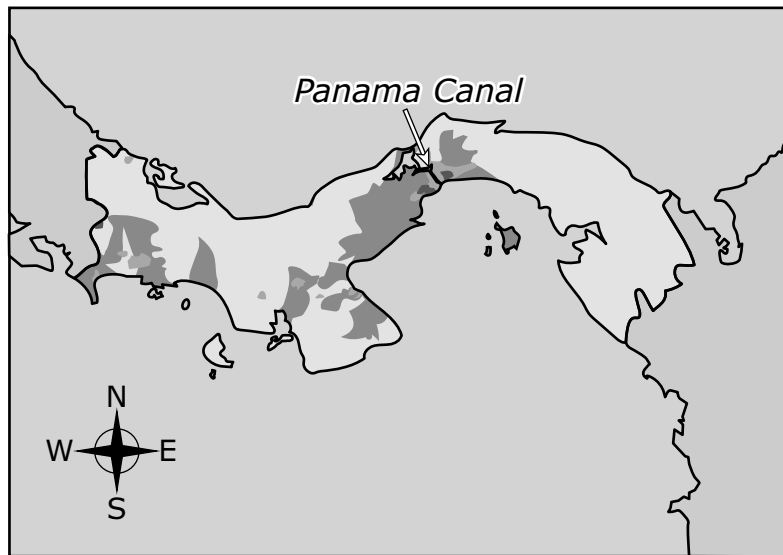
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1. Which human action would **most likely** contribute to deforestation?
- A. Grazing cattle
  - B. Polluting streams
  - C. Creating wildlife habitat
  - D. Conserving natural resources





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2. This map shows the population density of Panama in 2000.

**Population Density in Panama, 2000**



**KEY**

- |   |   |
|---|---|
|    | = 1–25 persons per square kilometer         |
|   | = 26–250 persons per square kilometer       |
|  | = 251–1000 persons per square kilometer     |
|  | = 1001 or more persons per square kilometer |

Which effect has the population density along the Panama Canal **most likely** had on Panama's environment?

- A. It has led to the planting of additional trees in the region.
- B. It has allowed for increased agricultural activity in the region.
- C. It has made mining precious minerals profitable in the region.
- D. It has required additional infrastructure to be built in the region.

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3. The Panama Canal is located in the Central American country of Panama. Completed in 1914, the Panama Canal provides a forty-mile link between the Atlantic and the Pacific Oceans.

Draw a line from each fact about the Panama Canal to the correct box based on whether it relates to the canal's geographic site or to its geographic situation.

Using the canal reduces the distance between major global shipping destinations.

The canal passes through a low point in a mountain range.

The narrowest point in Central America is in Panama.

**Site of  
Panama Canal**

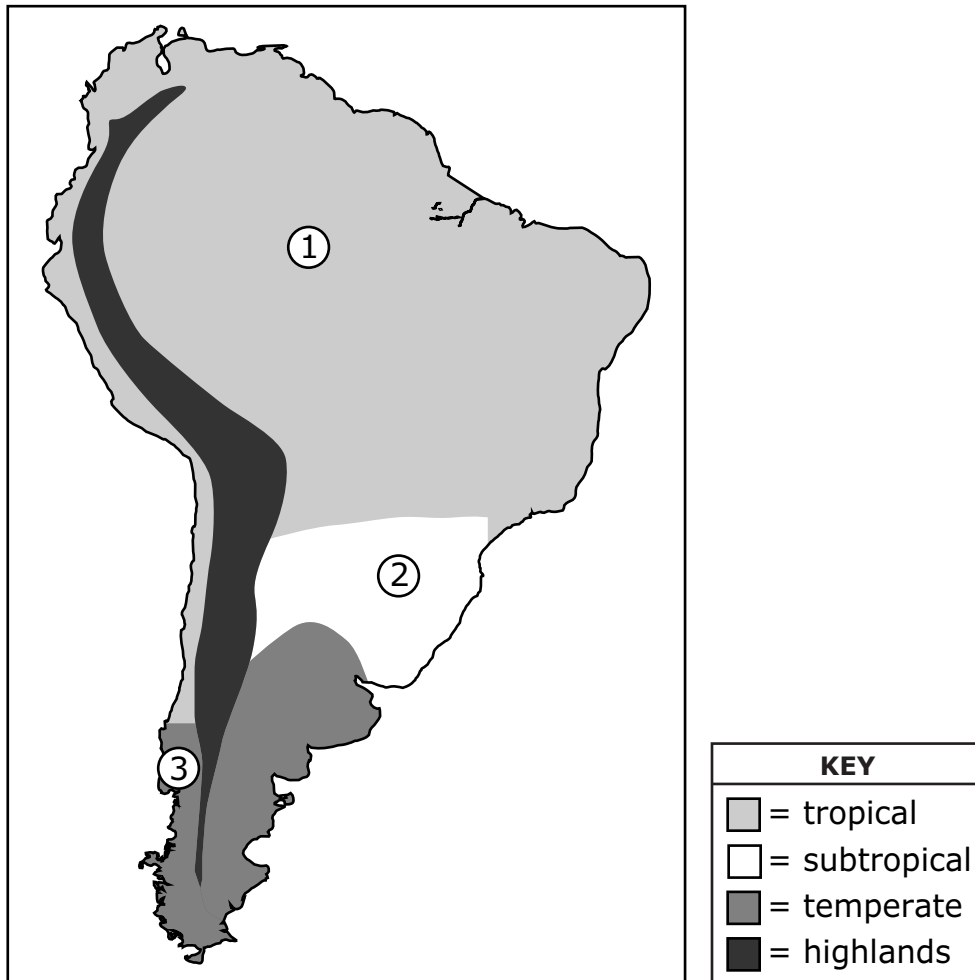
**Situation of  
Panama Canal**

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4. Grapes are an important export for some South American countries. They grow best in regions with full sunlight, heat, and rain during the growing season. In between growing seasons, grapes need cool, rainy winters.

Circle **one** number on the map to show which region **most likely** exports large amounts of grapes.

### Climate Regions of South America



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5. Draw a line from **two** facts to the box about Bolivia's economy that **most likely** affect economic specialization in the country.

Bolivia lacks its own seaport for shipping goods.

Bolivia had an economic crisis in the 1980s.

Bolivia's government has a plan to reduce poverty.

Bolivia's economic growth depends on exporting natural gas.

**Affects Economic Specialization in Bolivia**



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Use the sources to answer the questions.

**Source 1**

This list shows events affecting relations between the United States and Canada in the Great Lakes region from 1909 to 2005.

**Events Involving the United States and Canada in  
the Great Lakes Region, 1909–2005**

**1909:** Signed the Boundary Waters Treaty to prevent and resolve disputes involving shared waterways and to settle other boundary issues

**1954–1959:** Built a series of canals called the Great Lakes–St. Lawrence Seaway System; canals were built with locks used to raise and lower ships to enable travel between all the Great Lakes and the Atlantic Ocean

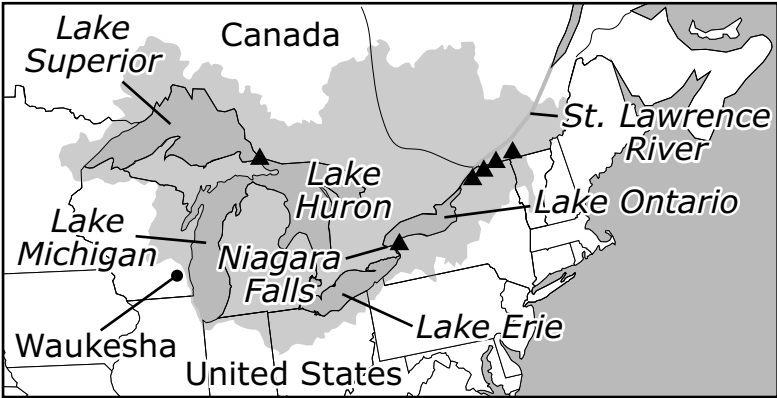
**2005:** Signed the Great Lakes–St. Lawrence River Basin Sustainable Resources Agreement, which establishes rules for water usage

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Source 2

This map shows the Great Lakes–St. Lawrence Seaway System.

**The Great Lakes–St. Lawrence Seaway System**



KEY	
■	= Great Lakes–St. Lawrence River Basin
▲	= lock

SSI\_060001\_S3

**Source 3**

This text is about a court case between the Tuscarora, a Native American tribe, and the U.S. government in the late 1950s.

In the late 1950s, the U.S. government tried to force the Tuscarora to sell their land. The land was part of the Tuscarora Reservation created in the early 1800s. The U.S. government wanted the land in order to rebuild a power station near Niagara Falls. The Tuscarora filed a court case to stop the sale of their land. The U.S. Supreme Court decided that the U.S. government could force the land sale. However, the Tuscarora's struggle helped inspire a movement by Native Americans to preserve their rights, history, and folklore.

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**Source 4**

This list shows events in Waukesha, Wisconsin, and the city's request to reroute water from Lake Michigan in 2016.

**City of Waukesha's Request to Reroute Water from Lake Michigan, 2016**

- U.S. states and Canadian provinces with land in the Great Lakes–St. Lawrence River Basin have an agreement to manage water use within the basin.
- The agreement prohibits communities located outside the basin from rerouting water without permission.
- In 2016, the city of Waukesha asked for permission to reroute water from Lake Michigan, even though it was located outside the Great Lakes–St. Lawrence River Basin.
- The city argued that it needed the water because the city's water supply was contaminated.
- Government leaders from the U.S. and Canada granted permission for Waukesha to reroute water from Lake Michigan.

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**Source 5**

This list contains facts about invasive (non-native) species that threaten the Great Lakes ecosystem and fishing industry.

- **Sea lamprey** feed on the blood of other fish. They first entered the Great Lakes through canals.
- **Zebra mussels** are tiny shellfish that were accidentally brought to the Great Lakes in seawater from ocean-going ships. Zebra mussels harm native shellfish and clog up water intake pipes.
- **Asian carp** were imported into the United States to control algae. They reproduce rapidly and eat plankton that are normally consumed by native fish. Electric nets and fences have been set to keep Asian carp from entering the Great Lakes. Several states are working together to stop their spread.

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6. Use Sources 1, 2, and 5 to answer this question.

What is the **most likely** reason Canada and the United States built canals with locks between some of the Great Lakes?

- A. Changes in elevation
- B. Threats to native species
- C. Water quality differences
- D. Changes in water temperature

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7. Use Sources 1, 3, and 4 to answer this question.

Determine whether each source **best** shows conflict or cooperation between political territories in the Great Lakes region. Draw a line from each source to the correct box.

Source 1

Source 3

Source 4

**Conflict**

**Cooperation**

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8. Use Source 3 to answer this question.

How did this conflict over land **most likely** affect the Tuscarora's cultural identity?

- A. By protecting the Tuscarora's property rights
- B. By renewing interest in the Tuscarora's traditions and customs
- C. By providing a reliable energy source for the Tuscarora Reservation
- D. By contributing to cooperation between the U.S. government and the Tuscarora

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9. Use Sources 2, 4, and 5 to answer this question.

Mark **one** human activity that has contributed to an increase in invasive species in the Great Lakes.

<b>Human Activity</b>	<b>Contributed to an Increase in Invasive Species</b>
Constructing a canal to get around Niagara Falls	
Installing an electric fence across a canal entering Lake Michigan	
Rerouting water from the Great Lakes to Waukesha, Wisconsin	



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**10.** Use Sources 2, 3, 4, and 5 to answer this question.

Which source **best** supports the conclusion that the Great Lakes region profits from natural resources?

- A.** Source 2
- B.** Source 3
- C.** Source 4
- D.** Source 5

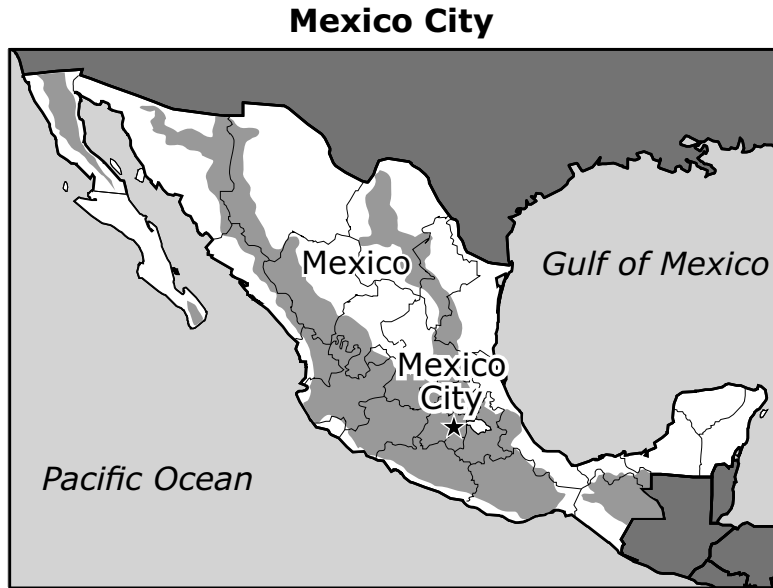
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
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**These items are not connected to a source.**

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**11.** This map shows the location of Mexico City.



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	Sierra Madre mountain system

Determine whether each characteristic of Mexico City **best** describes the city's site or its situation. Mark **one** choice for each row.

Characteristics of Mexico City	Site	Situation
Centrally located in the country of Mexico		
An ideal climate with moderate temperatures and low humidity		
Located in a large valley in the Sierra Madre mountain system		

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12. These photographs taken by a satellite from space show a change in plant coverage in part of the Amazon River basin between 2000 and 2012.

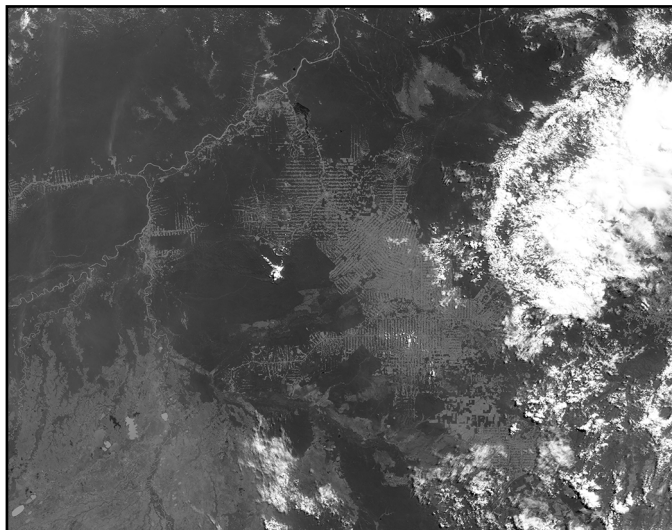
**Plant Coverage in the Amazon River Basin, 2012**



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<b>KEY</b>
green = plants

**Plant Coverage in the Amazon River Basin, 2000**



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green = plants

Which reason explains the change in plant coverage shown in the photographs?

- A. Deforestation caused by the clearing of land
- B. Desertification caused by seasonal droughts
- C. Deforestation caused by floods from hurricanes
- D. Desertification caused by a lack of natural resources

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- 13.** This passage is about the gaucho, an important cultural figure in Argentina.

Circle **one** number in front of the shaded sentence that **best** explains why the gaucho remains an important cultural figure in Argentina.

Argentina's gauchos are often compared to American cowboys.

**1)** During the early 1800s, they worked as nomadic livestock herders on the open grasslands that covered much of Argentina. Gauchos carried everything they owned on horseback, surviving on beef.

**2)** Over time, farmers and ranchers gradually fenced in Argentina's grasslands. As a result, the role of the gaucho changed from being an independent nomadic worker to a ranch employee. **3)** Meanwhile, many Argentinians came to view the gaucho as representing their national character. The gaucho remains a symbol of Argentina today.

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- 14.** The United States generates energy from renewable resources and fossil fuels.

Decide whether each effect will **most likely** result from the use of renewable energy or the use of fossil fuels. Draw lines from each effect to the result. Each result will have **two** lines.

Increase in  
air pollution

More extreme  
weather patterns

Decreased use of  
oil and natural gas

Investment in  
wind turbine farms

**Use of  
Renewable Energy**

**Use of Fossil Fuels**

SSI\_060013\_2

15. This passage about Hurricane Sandy is based on information from *Encyclopaedia Britannica Online*.

In 2012, Hurricane Sandy came ashore near New York City with winds of 90 miles per hour. A 14-foot wave surge in New York Harbor overtopped the seawall. Parts of the city were flooded, including its subway system and several tunnels. Hurricane Sandy was one of the most expensive natural disasters in the history of the United States.

How might city planners **best** help prepare New York City for future flooding events like Hurricane Sandy?

- A. By digging up sediment to increase the depth of New York's waterways
- B. By building artificial reefs to reduce wave action near New York's shoreline
- C. By introducing native animals to increase biodiversity in New York's waterways
- D. By installing concrete barriers to reduce human activity along New York's shoreline













