

NORTH AMERICA



Which number on the map represents the country of Cuba?

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 4

In the Soviet Union, Joseph Stalin governed through a single party dictatorship, using methods such as secret police, terror, and censorship. This type of government is often called a/an

- A. democracy
- B. autocracy
- C. monarchy
- D. oligarchy

Which of the following was an impact of WWII?

- A. rise of the Superpowers
- B. rise of Nazism
- C. collapse of the Soviet Union
- D. worldwide depression

Why would it be difficult for the citizens of Cuba to replace their current leader?

- A. citizen participation in government is restricted in Cuba
- B. the economy of Cuba has declined due to the U.S. embargo
- C. most Cubans do not know how to vote
- D. there are too many political groups in Cuba

An Australian businessman new to international trade, wishes to buy several varieties of silk from a Chinese silk manufacturer. Which of the following should the Australian businessman take into consideration before purchasing the silk in order to ensure profit?

- A. hire someone who speaks Chinese
- B. make sure the silk is machine washable
- C. a background check on the Chinese silk manufacturer
- D. the system of exchanging currencies in both countries

**In the 1500s the Aztec Empire was conquered
by Spanish soldiers led by**

- A. Francisco Pizarro.
- B. Montezuma.
- C. Hernando Cortes.
- D. Atahualpa.



Which of the following bodies of water is indicated by the arrow?

- A. Atlantic Ocean
- B. Rhine River
- C. Danube River
- D. English Channel

One of the MOST LIKELY reason the Nazi government came to power in Germany after WWI was that the nation

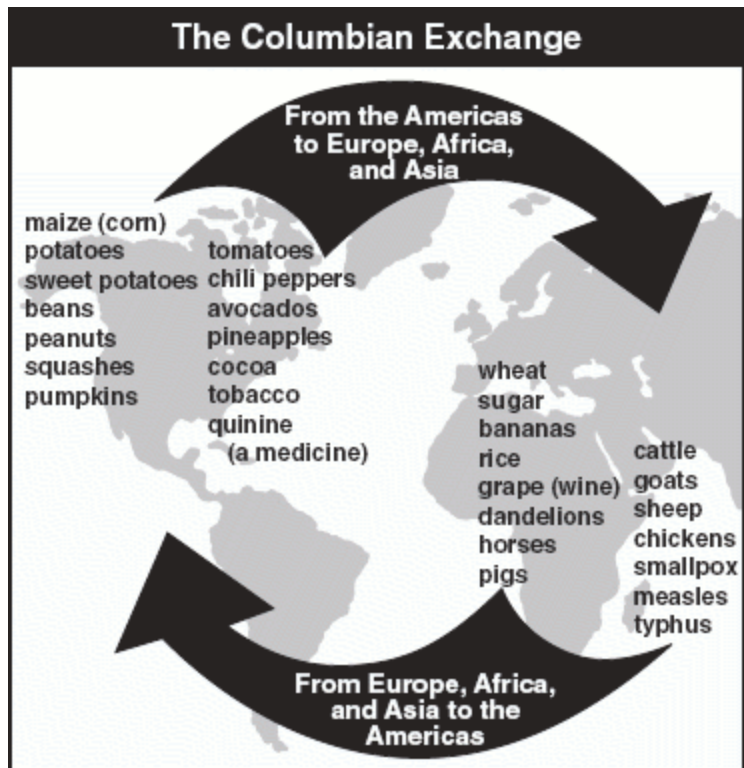
- A. felt threatened by Poland.
- B. wanted equal rights for all minorities.
- C. was not allowed to join the League of Nations.
- D. faced economic difficulties due to the worldwide depression.

A major cause of World War I was

- A. a decline in the policy of imperialism.
- B. the existence of opposing alliances.
- C. the rise of capitalism.
- D. the spread of communism throughout Europe.

What happened in the city of Chernobyl, Ukraine in 1986, after the nuclear power plant exploded in the city?

- A. the government immediately rebuilt the plant
- B. the people abandoned the city because radiation levels were unsafe
- C. the city experienced an earthquake immediately after the explosion
- D. the explosion caused a volcano in the area to erupt



Source: *Guide to the Essentials of World History*,
Prentice Hall (adapted)

A conclusion BEST supported by this illustration is that the Columbian Exchange

- increased the isolation between Europe and the Americas.
- ended the slave trade in the Eastern Hemisphere.
- led to the spread of disease to the indigenous of the Americas.
- resulted in a decrease in trade between North America and Europe.

Which is MOST LIKELY a characteristic of a command economy?

- A. investment is encouraged by the promise of large profits
- B. the role of government in the economy is restricted by law
- C. government is involved in the production and planning
- D. entrepreneurs sell shares in their companies to the government

How did Haiti win its independence from France in 1804?

- A. in a revolution started by Miguel Hidalgo
- B. as part of the treaty at the end of the French and Indian War
- C. in a revolt led by the former slave, Toussaint L' Ouverture
- D. with the help of a revolutionary group called the Zapatistas

In the late 1700s, the British government sent criminals to prison in the British colonies of which country?

- A. Canada
- B. Mexico
- C. Australia
- D. United Kingdom

Which situation followed the Cuban Revolution of 1959?

- A. the role of religion was reemphasized
- B. individual rights were guaranteed under a constitutional democracy
- C. a communist government assumed power and promised to improve the living standards of the people
- D. relations with the United States improved immediately



Which number points to the location of the Great Victoria Desert?

A.1

B.2

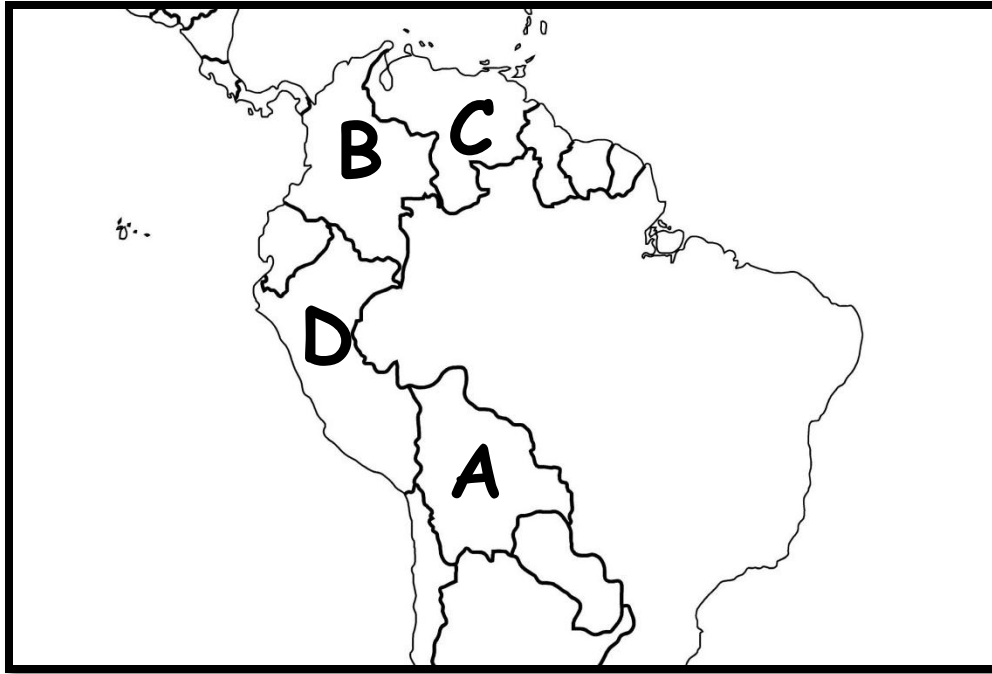
C.3

D.4

“Archduke Franz Ferdinand Assassinated!”
“Germany Declares War on Russia and France!”
“Peace Treaty Signed at Versailles!”

Which event is referred to in these headlines?

- A. Russian Revolution
- B. World War II
- C. World War I
- D. Cold War

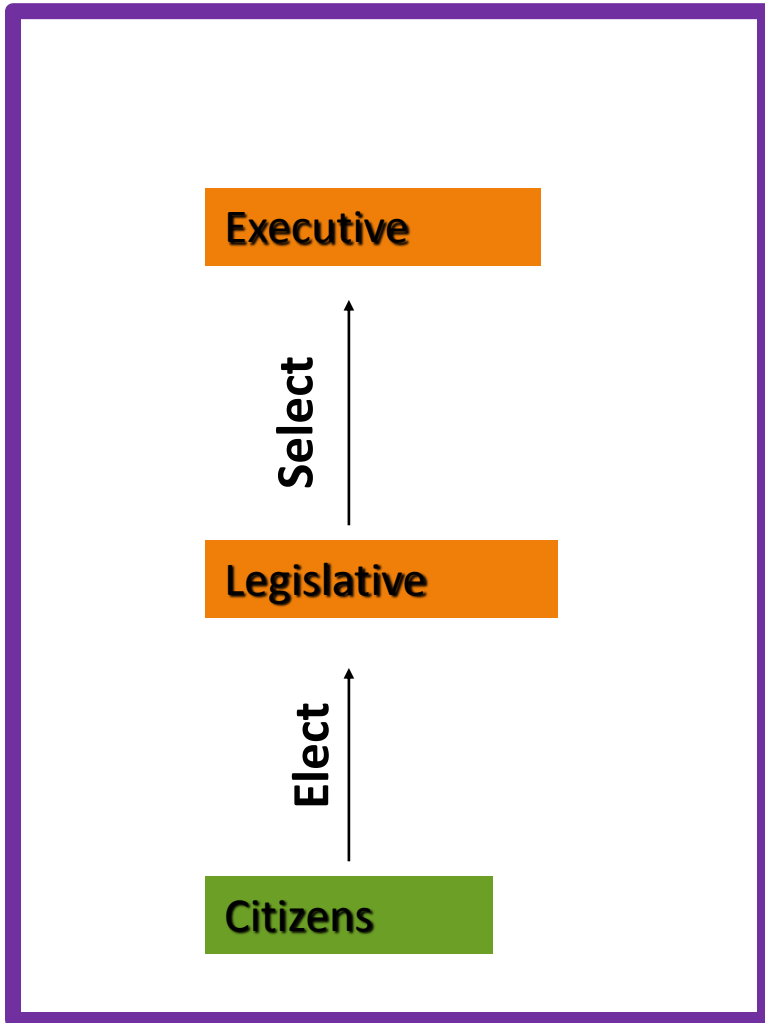


You would **MOST LIKELY** find oil related pollution in the country marked _____

- A. A
- B. B
- C. C
- D. D

A goal of both the European Union (EU) and the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) is to

- A. reduce trade barriers between member nations
- B. decrease competition between member countries
- C. control the resources of member countries
- D. increase nationalism in western nations



Which statement BEST describes the image in in the box?

- A. Canada's Presidential form of Democracy.
- B. United Kingdom's Presidential form of Democracy.
- C. Canada's Federal system of government.
- D. United Kingdom's Parliamentary form of democracy.



Which of the following physical features is indicated by the arrow?

- A. Alps Mountains
- B. Ural Mountains
- C. Pyrenees Mountains
- D. Danube River

The literacy rate for the region of Latin America is 90%. In the country of Haiti, the literacy rate is 51%. Which of the following statements MOST LIKELY reflects the factors of economic growth in Haiti?

- A. Haiti's low investment in human capital lowers the GDP per capita.
- B. Haiti has greater opportunity for other capital investments than education.
- C. Haiti's GDP per capita would decrease if there was more investment in human capital.
- D. Haiti's high investment in human capital lowers the GDP per capita.

One result of the European conquest of Latin America was that in Latin America

- A. Spanish became the major spoken language.
- B. indigenous cultures flourished.
- C. the Aztec religion spread.
- D. many parliamentary democracies were established.

The printing press, the astrolabe, and better maps, were technological advances that contributed to the

- A. exploration and overseas expansion of the colonial empires.
- B. unification of Germany and Italy in the late 1800's .
- C. growth of industry in Latin America during the late 1900's .
- D. spread of Islam in the 700's and 800's .

The major impact of the Treaty of Versailles on Germany was that the treaty led to

- A. an era of peace and international good will in Germany.
- B. a stable Germany that was both democratic and strong.
- C. an increase in Germany's desire to regain its power and prestige .
- D. a leadership position for Germany in the League of Nations.

Which of these events during the Age of Exploration was a cause of the other three?

- A. Europeans brought food, animals, and ideas from one continent to another
- B. European diseases had an adverse effect on the native populations of new territories
- C. Spain and Portugal established large empires in the western hemisphere
- D. advances in learning and technology made long ocean voyages possible

Base your answer to the next question on the chart below and on your knowledge of social studies.

United States Trade with Mexico and Canada
(\$ value in millions)

Year	\$ Value of United States Exports to		\$ Value of United States Imports from	
	Mexico	Canada	Mexico	Canada
1994	50,844	114,439	49,494	128,406
1998	78,773	156,603	94,629	173,256
2002	97,470	160,923	134,616	209,088

Source: *The World Almanac and Book of Facts*, World Almanac Books, 2004 (adapted)

The economic trend represented in this chart is most likely an effect of the creation of the

- A. Organization of American States (OAS)
- B. North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA)
- C. North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)
- D. European Union (EU)

In Latin America during the early period of Spanish colonialism, the deaths of large numbers of the indigenous people led to

- A. a decline in Spanish immigration to the Americas.
- B. the removal of most Spanish troops from the Americas.
- C. the importation of slaves from Africa.
- D. improved health care in the colonies .



Which letter marks the location of Ukraine?

- A. A
- B. B
- C. C
- D. D

Which event of World War II is referred to as the Holocaust?

- A. invasion of Normandy
- B. Battle of the Bulge
- C. dropping of the atomic bomb on Hiroshima
- D. mass killing of European Jews, gypsies, and other minorities

What was one impact of European exploration on the indigenous?

- A. European farming techniques were quickly adopted.
- B. Many Native American Indians were resettled throughout Europe.
- C. Conflicts between various indigenous tribes ended.
- D. Diseases brought by Europeans caused large numbers of deaths.

Based on information from the Economic Freedom Index (EFI), the economy of this Caribbean country is highly centralized, and government regulations make it difficult for individuals to open, or operate a business. Which one of the countries listed below BEST fits the EFI description?

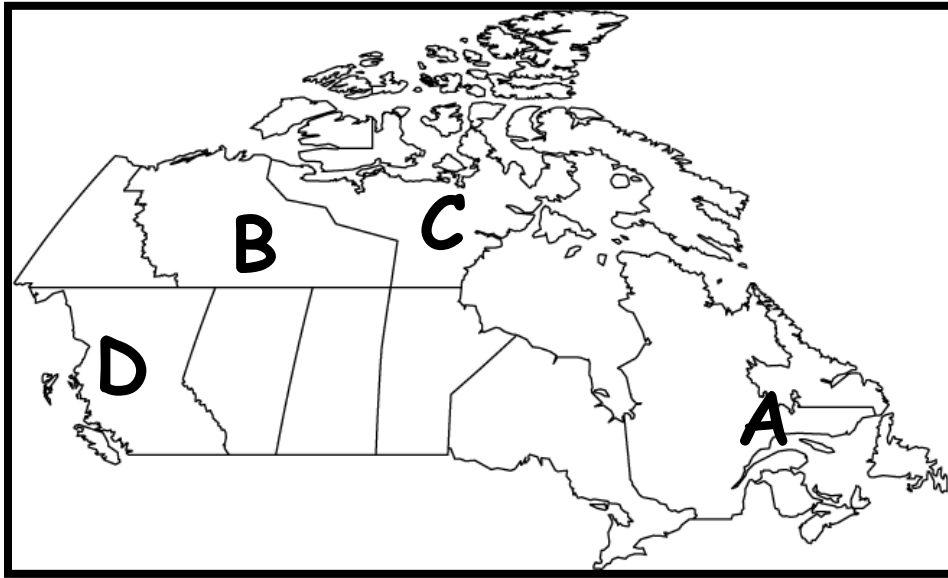
- A. Canada
- B. Mexico
- C. Cuba
- D. Brazil

Both the Cuban Revolution of 1959 and the Zapatista Guerilla Movement in Mexico developed primarily due to the

- A. desire of the people to be free from foreign rule.
- B. policies of the North American Free Trade Agreement.
- C. failure of the government to meet the needs of the people.
- D. ambition of the upper class to gain wealth and property.

One of the ways Mexico benefits as a member of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) is that this agreement

- A. helps raise taxes on United States products entering Mexico.
- B. reduces Mexico's economic dependence on Europe
- C. promotes investment and economic growth in Mexico
- D. encourages trade between Asia and Latin America



The most densely populated area in Canada is MOST LIKELY near the area marked

- A. A
- B. B
- C. C
- D. D

Which issue currently facing Brazil has the most significant impact on the world environment?

- A. industrial pollution in the Amazon river
- B. the unequal distribution of water resources
- C. heavy smog in its capital city
- D. the destruction of rain forests in the Amazon Basin

The destruction of the Berlin Wall and the reunification of Germany in 1990 are events that symbolize the

- A. end of the Cold War Era
- B. end of democracy in Germany
- C. fall of Nazi power in Germany
- D. increased influence of the Warsaw Pact

Which statement is NOT true of buying goods with credit?

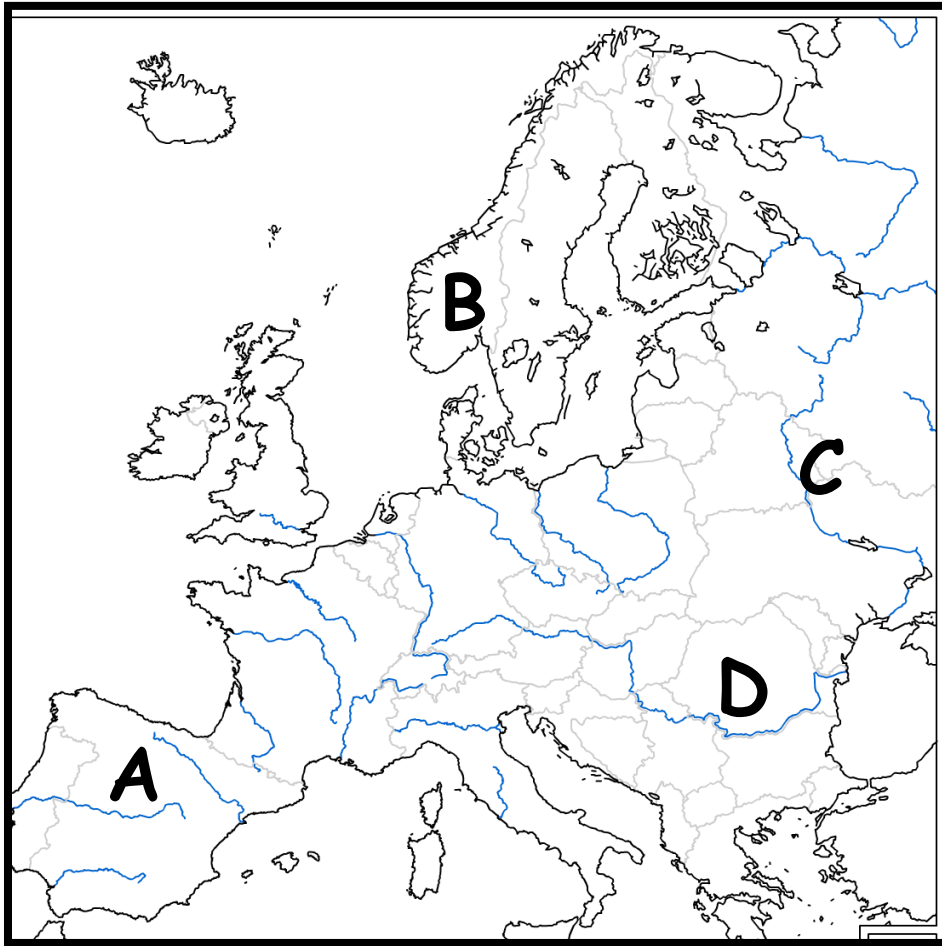
- A. credit is the ability to obtain goods without payments
- B. credit is a plastic card used by people to withdraw money from their account in order to buy goods
- C. credit is good for receiving things of value you need now but pay later
- D. when people buy something with credit, they usually end up paying back more than they borrowed

Throughout the late 19th century, European empire building in Africa and Asia created conditions that eventually led to WWI. Which of the following is one condition responsible for the outbreak of WWI?

- A. fear of the spread of communism in Africa and Asia
- B. increased nationalism between the people of Africa and Asia
- C. poor economic conditions and the rise of Nazism
- D. a tense environment of competition and military build-up between European powers

Today, what does the term "French Canadian Nationalism" mean to most of the citizens and elected leaders in Quebec?

- A. Quebec should increase trade with the United States
- B. Quebec should close its borders to all new immigrants
- C. Quebec should move its citizens to France
- D. Quebec should become an independent country



Which of the following physical features in Europe is BEST represented by the letter 'D'?

- A. Rhine River
- B. Danube River
- C. Pyrenees Mountains
- D. Mediterranean Sea

What is a goal of the European Union?

- A. to create one large nation
- B. to rival American unions
- C. to organize all European labor unions under one agency
- D. to unite Europe politically and economically



The sign has the word “Stop” written in English as well as in French. You would most likely see this sign in which one of the following countries?

- A. Germany
- B. Canada
- C. United Kingdom
- D. Brazil

Study the table below. It shows four characteristics that help determine the standard of living for people in a particular nation.

(data 2003)

Country	Literacy Rate	Life Expectancy	Infant Mortality (per 1,000 births)	GDP per capita
Canada	99%	79	5	50,345
Mexico	86.4%	74	24	10,047
United States	99%	78	6	48,112

Based on the information in the table, which nation MOST LIKELY has the highest standard of living?

- A. Canada
- B. Mexico
- C. United States
- D. Not enough information

You are the governor of New South Wales, Australia. Living in Sydney, you have learned that surfing has a huge impact on your state's local economy. As governor, you have two economic goals:

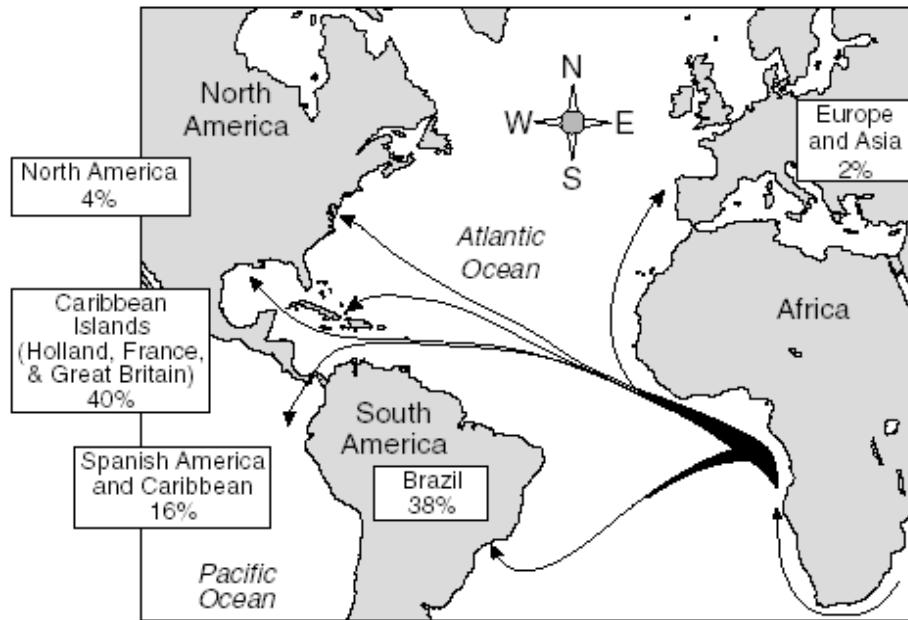
- *Protecting local Australian surfboard manufacturers from foreign competition.*
- *Generating more tax revenue for your state government.*

What type of trade barrier could you use that would accomplish both of these goals?

- A. embargo
- B. quota
- C. exchange rate
- D. tariff

What role did Francisco Pizarro play in the history of Latin America?

- A. He led a small Spanish force to defeat the Inca Empire.
- B. He conquered the Aztecs by creating alliances with their enemy.
- C. He led a revolt that resulted in Haitian independence from France.
- D. He started a independence movement in Bolivia by appealing to the working class.



According to the map, the largest percentage of enslaved Africans were taken to the Caribbean region. What effect did this have on people living in the Caribbean?

- A. the Caribbean region became strongly influenced by African culture
- B. Caribbean plantations became highly industrialized as a result of new agricultural techniques brought by Africans
- C. Portuguese became the most widely spoken language
- D. most Indigenous people of the region lost their jobs

When comparing the economic systems of Germany, Russia, and the United Kingdom, which is correct?

- A. businesses in all three countries operate with increased freedom and no government intervention
- B. the governments in all three countries is highly involved in the production decisions
- C. only limited private entrepreneurship exists in all three countries
- D. private businesses and consumers make many production decisions with little or increased levels of government intervention

In majority of the countries in Europe, including the United Kingdom, the central government assigns power and duties to the smaller units of governments within a country. Which of the following term BEST represents how power is distributed in these European countries?

- A. Unitary
- B. Federal
- C. Confederacy
- D. Autocracy

Use the statements in the box to answer the next question:

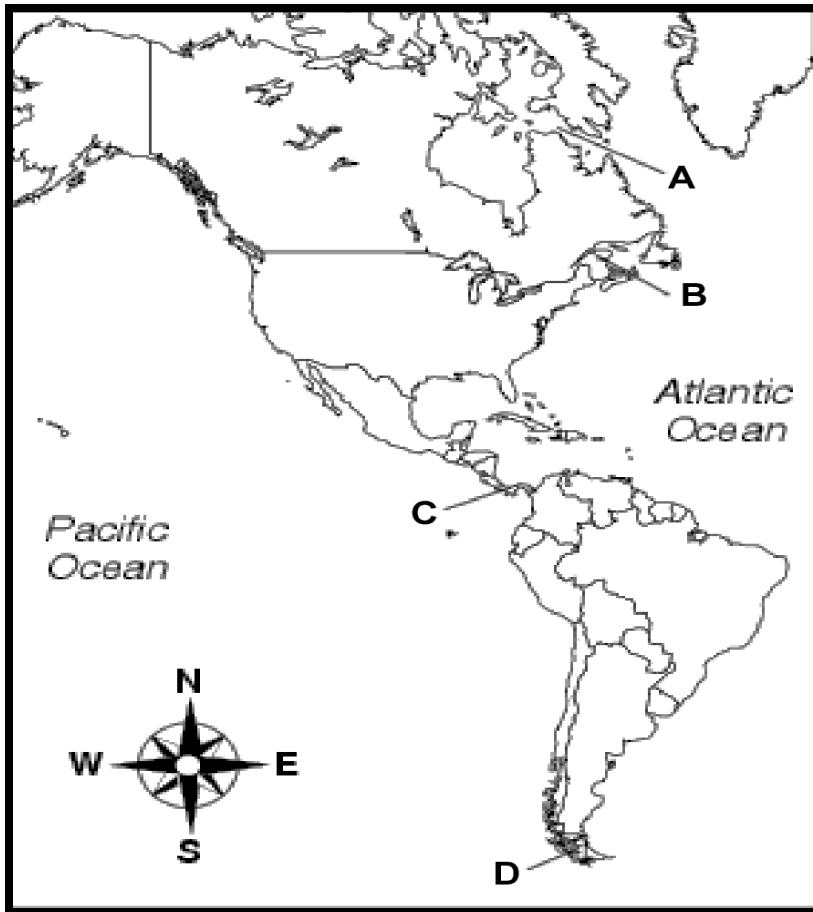
- A monarch acts as the head of state within the limits of the constitution.
- Power is shared or divided between the central authority and its smaller units of government within the region.
- The leader is elected by the members of the legislature

The statements in the box BEST describe the government of

- A. United Kingdom
- B. Australia
- C. Canada
- D. Both B and C

About 80 percent of Canada's population lives within 100 miles of its southern border. Which statement DOES NOT provide a reason why so many Canadians live in their country's southern region?

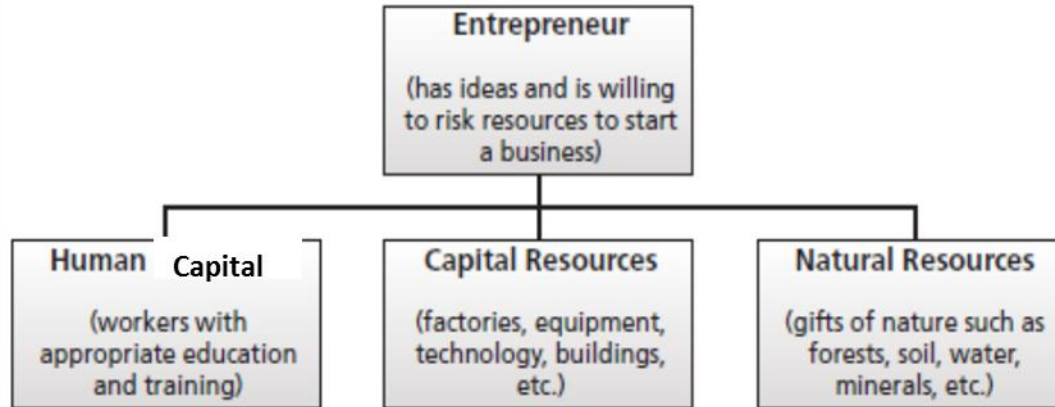
- A. More jobs are available in Canada's southern region.
- B. Canada's Parliament encourages people to live in its southern region.
- C. Much of Canada's northern region is very cold.
- D. Canada's southern region has a milder climate than its northern region.



Which letter points to the location of the St. Lawrence River?

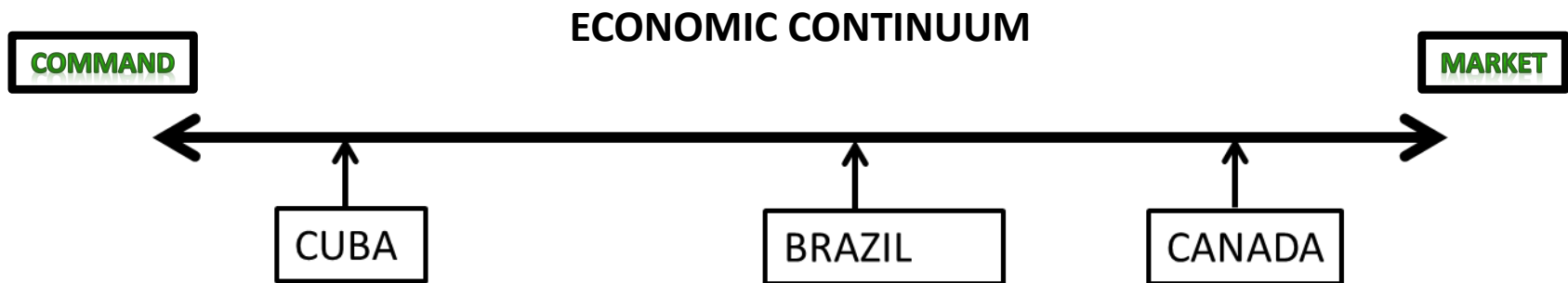
- A. A
- B. B
- C. C
- D. D

The Role of Entrepreneurs in a Business



The box for “Entrepreneur” is at the top of the diagram MOST LIKELY because an entrepreneur is

- A. First in the alphabet compared to the other words.
- B. Dependent on other people to make the business successful.
- C. Most important in organizing all other resources for a successful business.
- D. Interested in making sure that the people in the business are well trained for the job.



Which of the following statements BEST describes the placement of the three countries on the economic continuum?

- A. All three countries have an economic system that is a combination of privately-owned industry and government control.
- B. All prices and wages in the three countries are regulated by the government.
- C. All three countries have an economic system that is based on supply and demand with no government interference.
- D. The economic system in all of the three countries is closer to the market end of the continuum than the command.

In the 1400s, this man helped Portugal take an early lead in exploration by providing money to study navigation, develop better boats, and encourage voyages along the coast of Africa. Who was he?

- A. Prince Henry
- B. Christopher Columbus
- C. Francisco Pizarro
- D. James Cook

Which of the following statements DOES NOT describe the origins and culture of the Aboriginal people of Australia?

- A. no written language, thus relied on song and word of mouth to pass information from one generation to the next
- B. nomadic hunters and gatherers from Southeast Asia
- C. belief in a very strong connection to land and nature
- D. achievements include huge stone structures and advanced farming methods



Which of the following features is represented by number 3?

- A. Ayers Rock
- B. Great Victoria Desert
- C. Indian Ocean
- D. Coral Sea

Mexico City has 18 million citizens. Due to the large number of people, the streets are filled with traffic which has caused

- A. a lack of gasoline for cars
- B. air pollution
- C. high taxes for street building
- D. too many car dealerships

Why would Mexico's oil industry need a large investment in human capital?

- A. The technology in the oil industry is very complicated and requires specific skills.
- B. investing in the latest oil drilling technology would increase productivity.
- C. Most Mexicans do not like to work in the oil industry.
- D. The oil fields in Mexico is a dangerous place to work.

A major cause of the Russian Revolution of 1917 was the

- A. defeat of Germany in WWI
- B. marriage of Czar Nicholas II to a German princess
- C. existence of sharp economic differences between social classes
- D. appeal of communism to the Russian nobility

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