

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

GRADE 5

ELEMENTARY-LEVEL SOCIAL STUDIES TEST

BOOKLET 1

OBJECTIVE AND CONSTRUCTED-RESPONSE QUESTIONS

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Student Name _____

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Print your name and the name of your school on the lines above.

The test has three parts. Parts I and II are in this test booklet; Part III is in Booklet 2.

Part I contains 35 multiple-choice questions. Record your answers to these questions on the separate answer sheet. Use only a No. 2 pencil on your answer sheet.

Part II consists of several short-answer questions. Write your answers to Part II in this test booklet.

You will have $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours to answer the questions in Booklet 1.

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Part I

DIRECTIONS

There are 35 questions on Part I of this test. Each question is followed by four choices, labeled A–D. Read each question carefully. Decide which choice is the correct answer. On the separate answer sheet, mark your answer in the row of circles for each question by filling in the circle that has the same letter as the answer you have chosen. Use a pencil to mark the answer sheet.

Read the **sample question** below:

Sample Question

Which city is the capital of New York State?

- A Utica
- B Albany
- C New York City
- D Buffalo

The correct answer is **Albany**, which is next to letter **B**. On your answer sheet, look at the box showing the row of answer circles for the sample question. Since choice **B** is the correct answer for the sample question, the circle with the letter **B** has been filled in.

Answer all 35 questions on Part I of this test. Fill in only one circle for each question. Be sure to erase completely any answer you want to change. You may not know the answers to some of the questions, but do the best you can on each one.

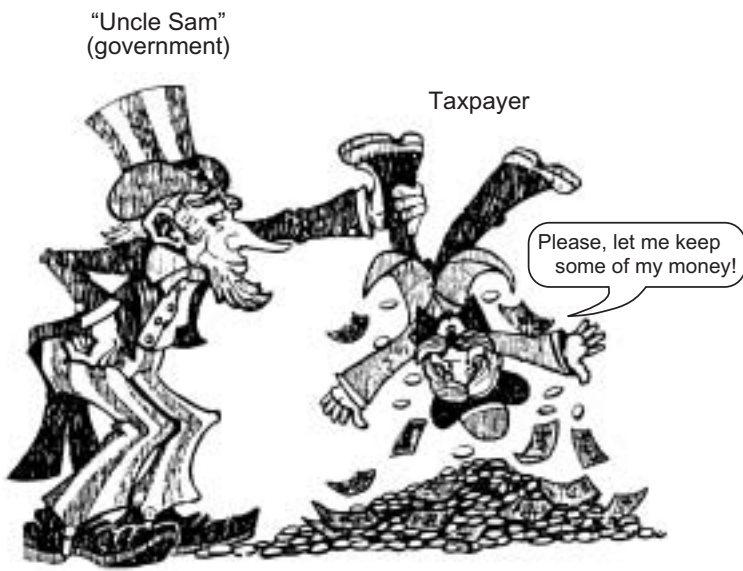
When you have finished Part I, go on to Part II.

Part I

Answer all questions in this part.

- 1 Which term best defines the customs, traditions, and arts of a group of people?
A interdependence C culture
B democracy D confederation
- 2 Which statement about the Iroquois (Haudenosaunee) is an opinion?
A The Iroquois lived in long rectangular buildings called longhouses.
B Women grew, gathered, and cooked food.
C The Seneca were the best tribe in the Iroquois Confederacy.
D Men provided food by hunting and fishing.
- 3 Which European group had the greatest influence in settling the lower Hudson Valley of New York State?
A French C Spanish
B Dutch D Portuguese
- 4 A main reason for the colonial rebellion against the British during the American Revolution was
A shortage of tea
B religious freedom
C absence of British soldiers
D taxation without representation
- 5 In the United States, freedom of the press is guaranteed by the
A Declaration of Independence
B Articles of Confederation
C Bill of Rights
D Pledge of Allegiance
- 6 The first factories in New York State were built near rivers and streams because
A most factories had depended on railroads for transportation
B good farmland was nearby
C all of the raw materials were near the water
D factories used water to power machines
- 7 The building of the Erie Canal made it easier and cheaper to ship goods from Albany to
A Philadelphia
B Boston
C Buffalo
D Washington, D.C.
- 8 The capital city of a state or country is important because it
A has many buildings
B is the center of government
C is a good place to live
D has many museums
- 9 In the United States, Veterans Day is celebrated as a national holiday to honor
A people who have served in the United States Armed Forces
B retired senior citizens
C special former presidents
D the people who signed the Declaration of Independence

Base your answer to question 10 on the cartoon below.



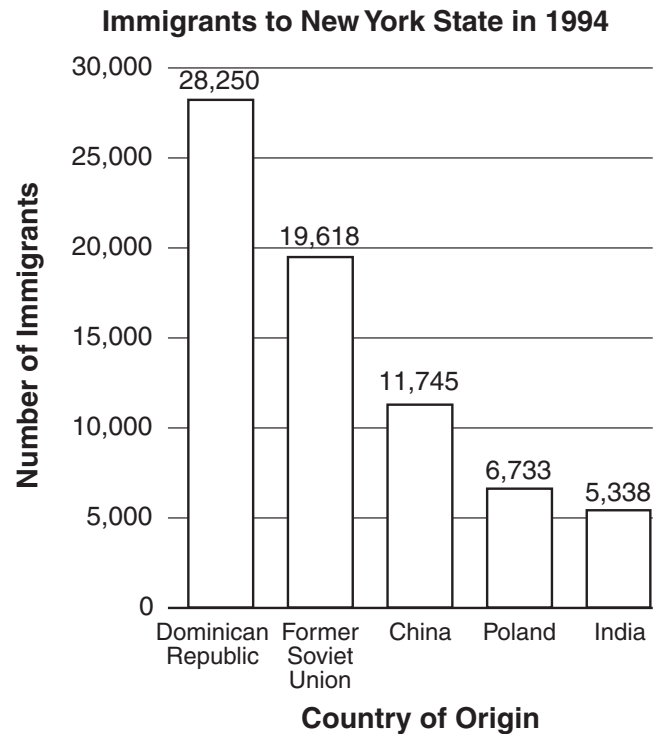
- 10 What is the main idea of this cartoon?
- A Federal taxes are too high.
 - B The federal government needs money to pay its bills.
 - C Federal taxes take money the states should have.
 - D Taxpayers should invest their money more wisely.

Base your answer to question 11 on the partial outline below.

- I. _____
- A. President
 - B. King
 - C. Emperor
 - D. Prime Minister

- 11 Which heading belongs after roman numeral I?
- A Titles of Family Leaders
 - B Titles of Musical Groups
 - C Titles of National Leaders
 - D Titles of Business Leaders

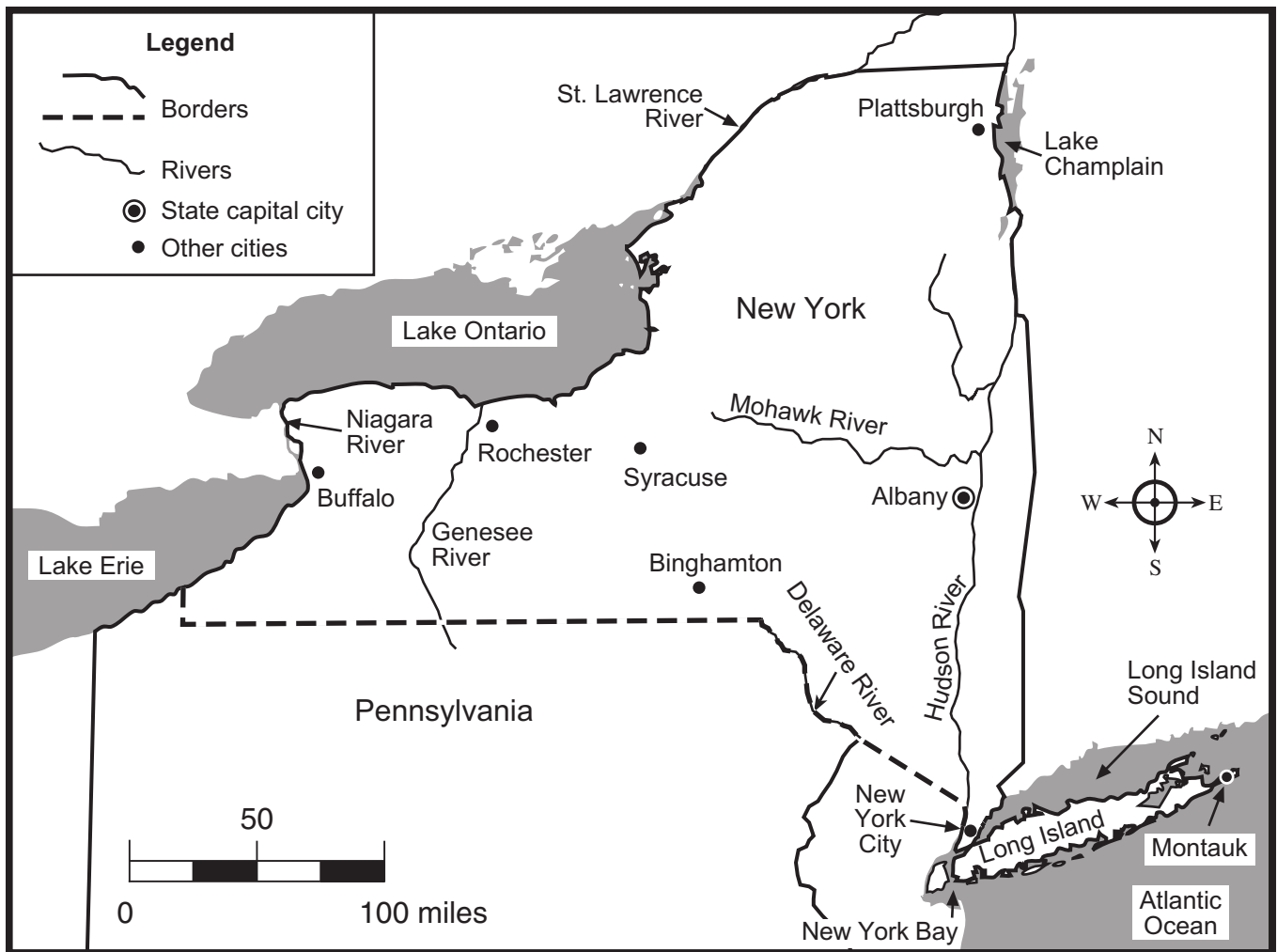
Base your answers to questions 12 and 13 on the graph below.



Source: U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, *Statistical Yearbook*

- 12 In 1994, almost 20,000 immigrants came to New York State from
- A the Dominican Republic
 - B the former Soviet Union
 - C China
 - D Poland
- 13 Which type of information about immigrants can be found in this graph?
- A the number of immigrants who came to the United States
 - B the countries that some of New York State's immigrants came from
 - C the number of male and female immigrants
 - D the number of immigrants who found jobs in New York State

Base your answers to questions 14 and 15 on the map below.



14 Which river forms part of the boundary between Pennsylvania and New York State?

- A Delaware River
- B Mohawk River
- C Hudson River
- D Niagara River

15 Which two cities are located on the Hudson River?

- A Plattsburgh and Albany
- B Montauk and New York City
- C New York City and Albany
- D Plattsburgh and New York City

16 Which imaginary line circles Earth at 0° latitude?

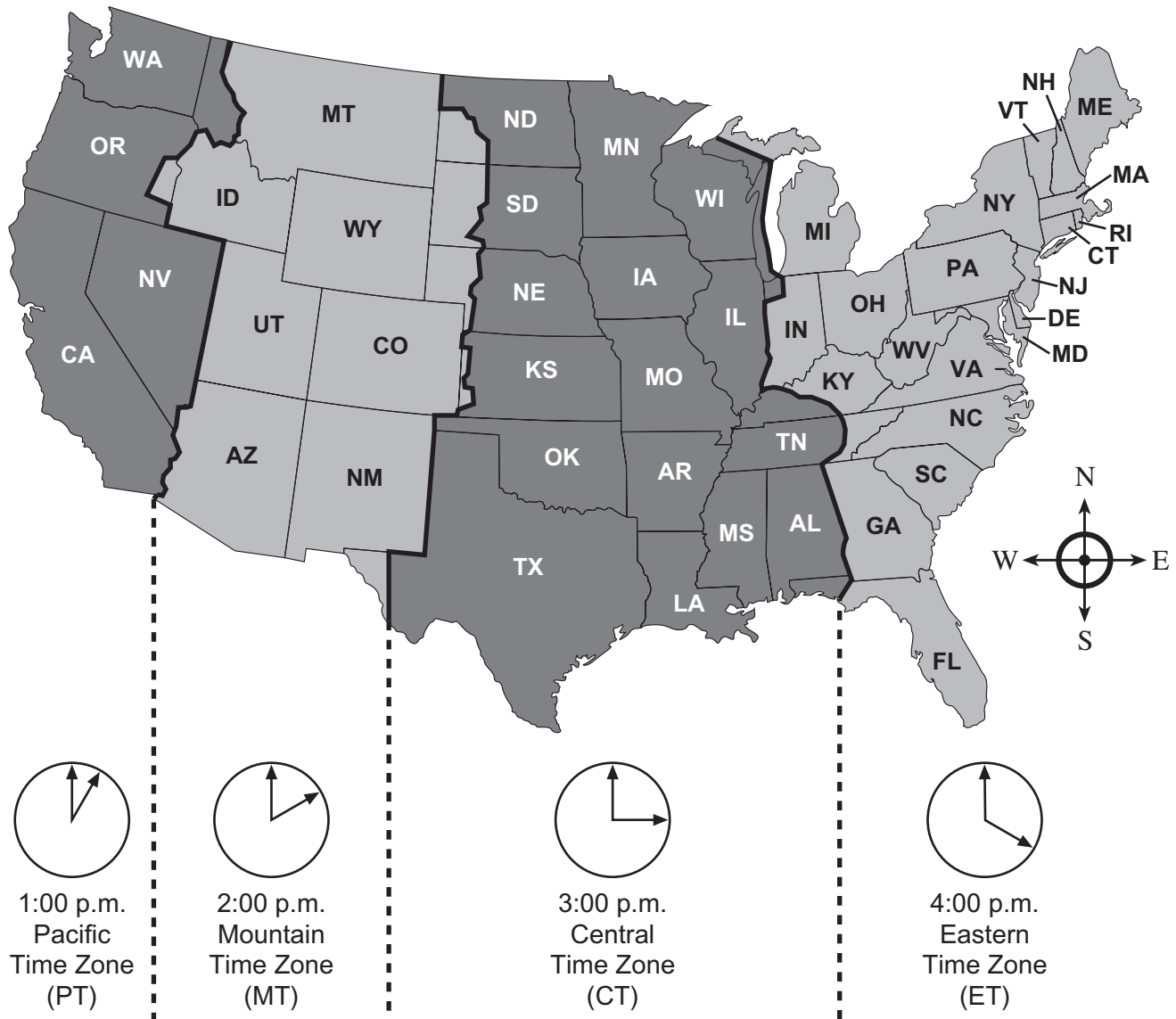
- A tropic of Cancer
- B equator
- C tropic of Capricorn
- D prime meridian

17 The main purpose of a physical map is to show

- A landforms
- B political boundaries
- C streets and highways
- D products

Base your answers to questions 18 and 19 on the map below which shows time zones of the United States.

Time Zones of the United States



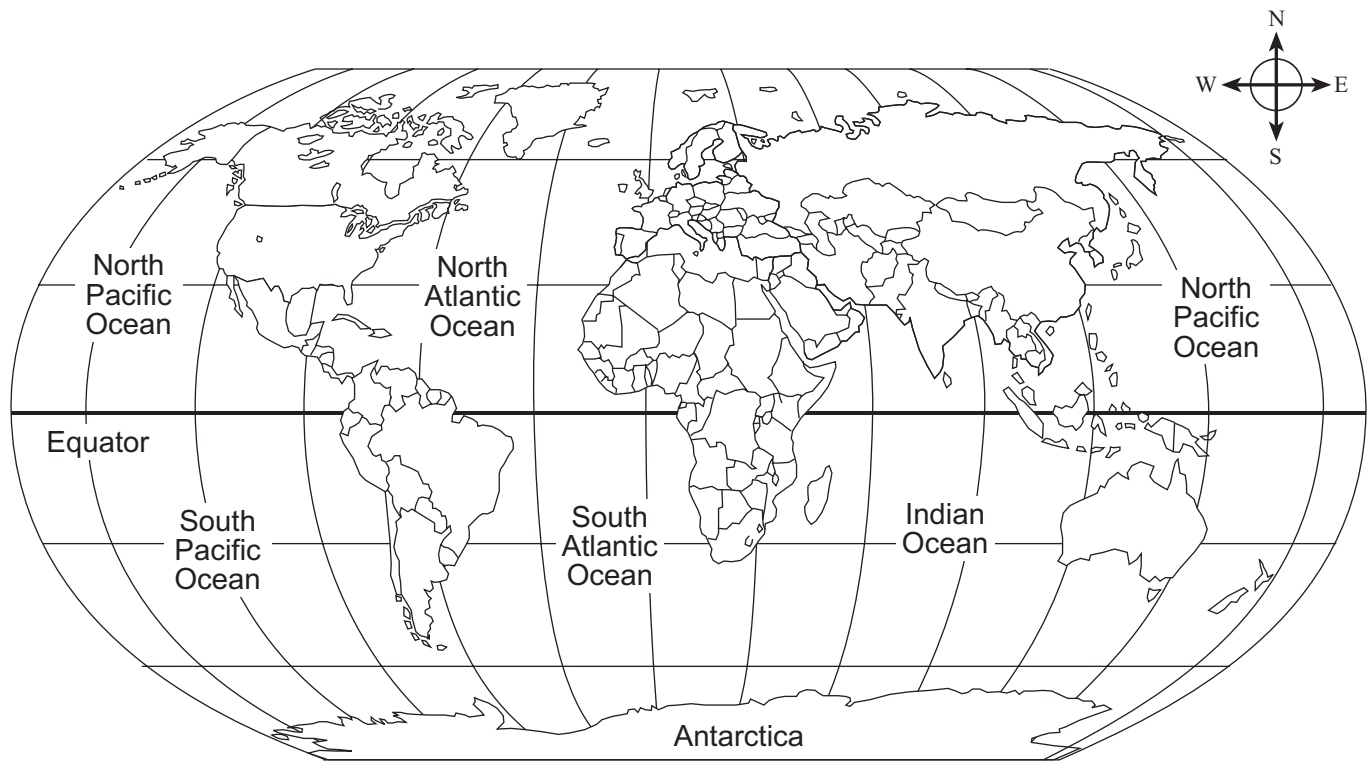
18 If it is 2:00 p.m. in New York (NY), what time is it in most of Texas (TX)?

- A 1:00 p.m.
- B 2:00 p.m.
- C 3:00 p.m.
- D 12:00 p.m.

19 Which time zone is New York State in?

- A Pacific
- B Mountain
- C Central
- D Eastern

Base your answers to questions 20 and 21 on the map below.



20 Which ocean is located off the west coast of the continental United States?

- A North Atlantic Ocean
- B North Pacific Ocean
- C South Atlantic Ocean
- D South Pacific Ocean

21 Which continent is located completely in the Northern Hemisphere?

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| A Europe | C South America |
| B Africa | D Australia |

The three homes shown below are found in different regions of the world.

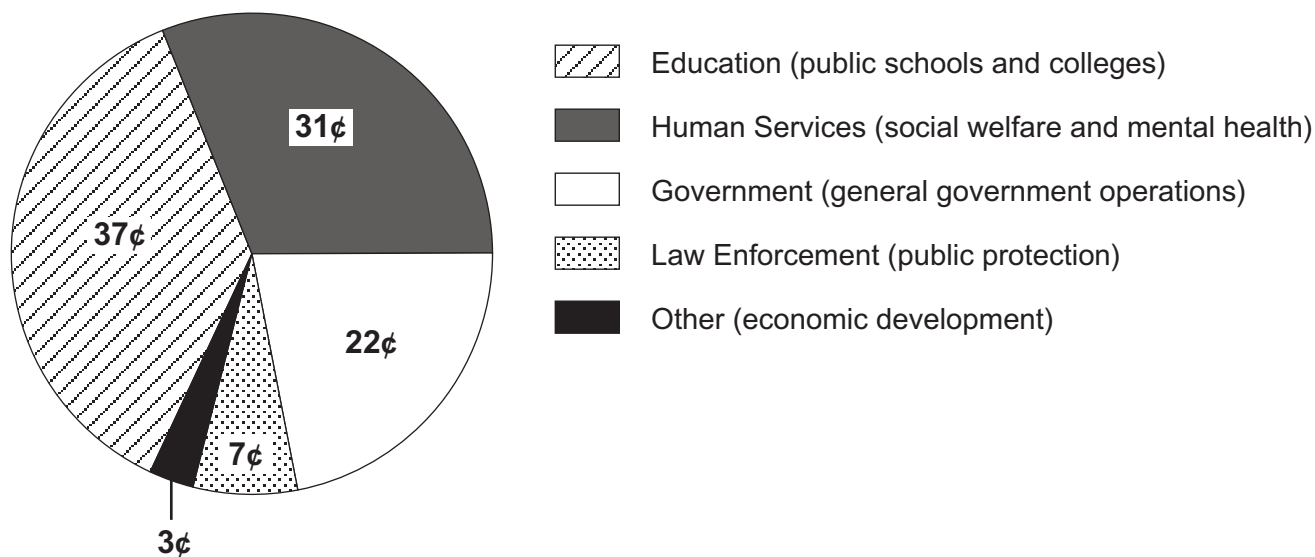


22 The builders probably chose to construct these houses differently because the builders had

- A different natural resources available to them
- B different ideas of what was beautiful
- C different amounts of space in their homes
- D different amounts of money to spend

Base your answers to questions 23 and 24 on the chart below.

Where Each New York State Dollar Goes



- 23 The largest amount of money from each New York State dollar is spent on
- A public protection
 - B social welfare and mental health
 - C public schools and colleges
 - D economic development

- 24 How much of each New York State dollar is spent on government operations?
- A 7¢
 - B 22¢
 - C 31¢
 - D 37¢

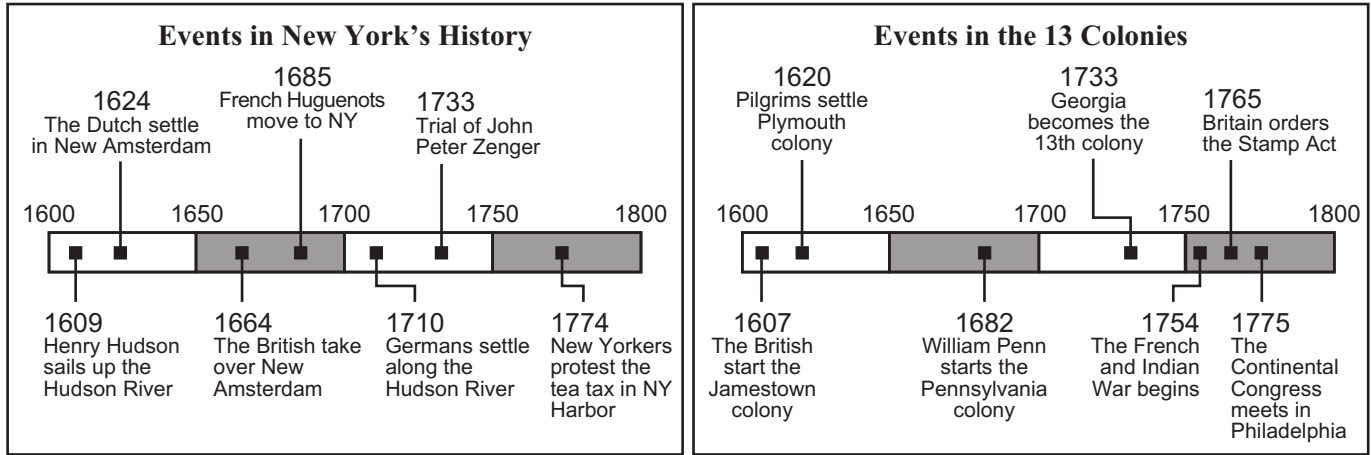
- 25 The money a person earns for working is called
- A taxes
 - B savings
 - C income
 - D expenses

- 27 An example of a basic need is a
- A compact disc player
 - B television
 - C camera
 - D place to live

- 26 A town would most likely use its tax money to
- A pay the campaign costs for a new town supervisor
 - B provide services to keep the people of the town safe
 - C pay the salaries of the members of the local sports team
 - D build new churches

- 28 Mrs. Smith received a notice in the mail to report to the county courthouse for jury duty. Jury duty is her responsibility as a
- A woman
 - B citizen
 - C customer
 - D worker

Base your answers to questions 29 and 30 on the two time lines below that cover the same historical period.



29 When did the French Huguenots move to New York?

- A 1624
- B 1664
- C 1685
- D 1733

30 Which event happened in New York within five years of the Pilgrims settling the Plymouth colony?

- A The French Huguenots moved to New York.
- B Henry Hudson sailed up the Hudson River.
- C The Dutch settled in New Amsterdam.
- D The trial of John Peter Zenger took place.

31 Giovanni Verrazano, Jacques Cartier, and Henry Hudson were all

- A governors of New York State
- B famous American inventors
- C explorers of New York State
- D generals in the Revolutionary War

32 Each star on the United States flag represents a

- A state
- B large city
- C colony
- D former president

33 Which event happened first?

- A Henry Ford built automobiles.
- B Airline travel became popular.
- C The Erie Canal opened.
- D Railroads became popular.

34 A settlement that is ruled by another country is called

- A a state
- B a hemisphere
- C a colony
- D an island

35 Which list shows the order in which three important documents were written, from the earliest to the most recent?

- A Declaration of Independence → United States Constitution → Mayflower Compact
 - B Mayflower Compact → Declaration of Independence → United States Constitution
 - C United States Constitution → Mayflower Compact → Declaration of Independence
 - D Mayflower Compact → United States Constitution → Declaration of Independence
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Part II

Directions: Write your answers to the questions that follow in the spaces provided in this test booklet.

Base your answers to questions 1 through 3 on the picture below of Guangzhou, China.



- 1 Identify **one** type of transportation used by the people of the Asian community shown in this picture. [1]

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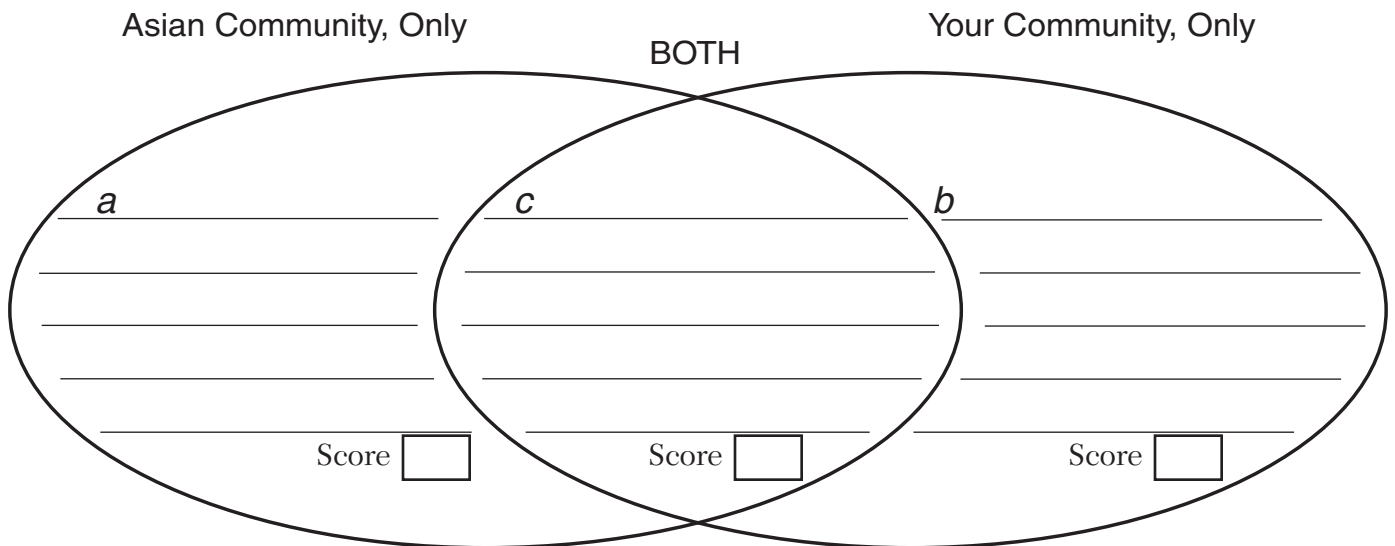
2 State **two** reasons the river is important to the people of this Asian community. [2]

a _____ Score

b _____ Score

3 Complete the Venn diagram below by answering the following three questions.

- a* What is **one** way this Asian community is **different** from your community? [1]
- b* What is **one** way your community is **different** from this Asian community? [1]
- c* What is **one** way both your community and this Asian community are **similar**? [1]



Base your answers to questions 4 through 6 on the passage below.

China’s Mid-Autumn Festival honors the harvest, a full moon, and a woman called the Moon Maiden.

The festival is a national holiday in China. It is celebrated in big cities and in the countryside. On this day families gather and share a festive meal. After the meal, everyone goes outdoors to look at the bright moon. They eat small round treats called mooncakes.

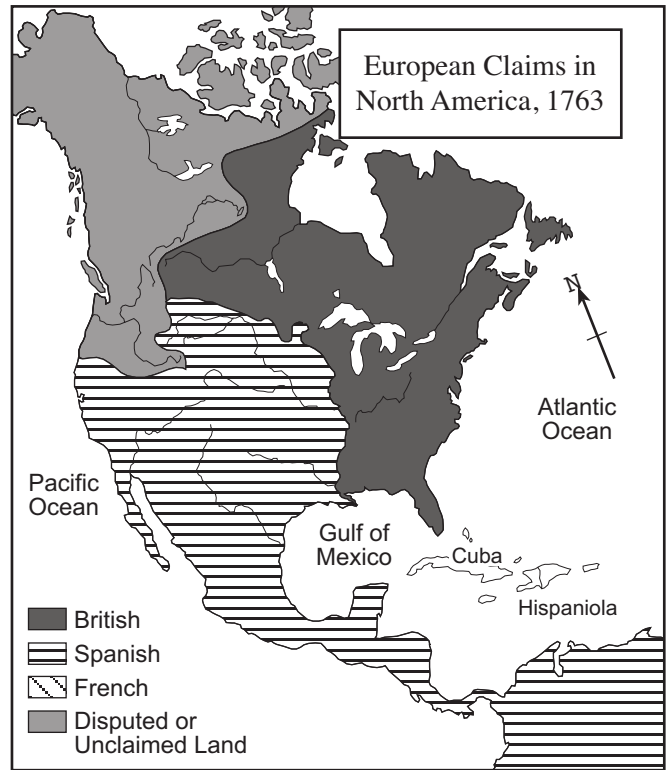
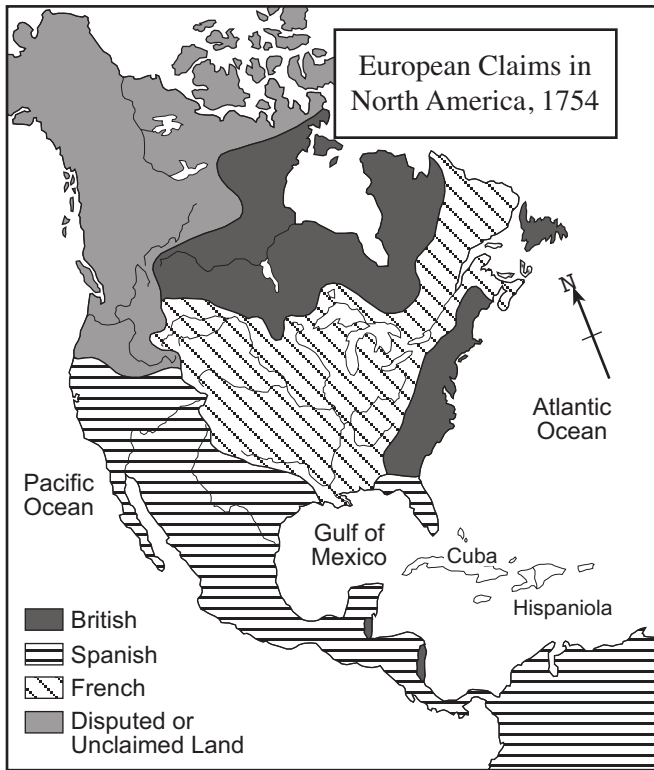
The Mid-Autumn Festival is more than 2000 years old. No one is quite sure how it got started. But at one time, it was probably a festival to give thanks for the rice harvest. Many Chinese also think of this holiday as a time to honor the Moon Maiden. They believe she was the wife of a god.

— *Harvest*, Lois Markham (adapted)

There are similarities and differences between Thanksgiving in the United States and China’s Mid-Autumn Festival. Compare Thanksgiving in the United States to China’s Mid-Autumn Festival by filling in boxes 4 through 6 below. [3]

| Compare | China’s Mid-Autumn Festival | Thanksgiving in the United States |
|---------------------------|---|---|
| Purpose of Holiday | Give thanks for the rice harvest | 4 _____ _____ _____ Score <input type="text"/> |
| Traditional Food | 5 _____ _____ _____ Score <input type="text"/> | Turkey |
| What People Do | Share a festive meal | 6 _____ _____ _____ Score <input type="text"/> |

Base your answers to questions 7 through 9 on the maps of North America below.



7 What **three** European countries claimed parts of North America in 1754? [3]

a _____
Score

b _____
Score

c _____
Score

8 In 1754, which country claimed the **least** amount of land in North America? [1]

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9 Describe **two** ways that European land claims changed between 1754 and 1763. [2]

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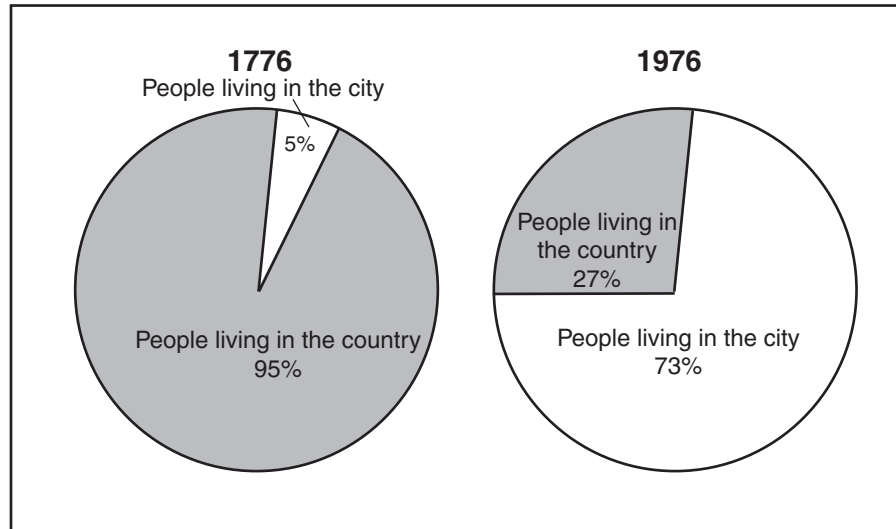
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Base your answers to questions 10 through 12 on the graphs below.

Comparing Types of Communities in the United States (1776 and 1976)



10 State the type of community in which most people lived in **1976**. [1]

Score

11 What job did most people have in **1776**? [1]

Score

12 What general statement can be made about the change in where people lived in **1776** and **1976**? [1]

Score

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