

## Chapter 1: *Inquiry and Social Sciences*

### Part I: Multiple Choice

Write the letter of the **BEST** response for each of the following items.

- \_\_\_\_ 1. Which of the following best describes “geography”?
- the study of different types of government
  - the story of the past that shapes our world today
  - the study of physical features and how humans interact with them
  - the study of how decisions about distribution of resources are made
- \_\_\_\_ 2. What of the following BEST describes the difference between relative and absolute location?
- Relative location uses a grid system, while absolute location gives an estimated location.
  - Absolute location uses street numbers, while relative location is the region where a place is located.
  - Absolute location describes where a place is, while relative location uses latitude and longitude.
  - Relative location describes where a place is compared to others, while absolute location uses latitude and longitude.
- \_\_\_\_ 3. What of the following is NOT a characteristic of human geography?
- belief systems
  - mountain height
  - spoken languages
  - customs practiced

### Use the information below to answer the following question.

Michael is a farmer in northern Louisiana. He grows many different types of vegetables. Michael has an expensive irrigation system to help water his crops. Michael, however, would like to expand his farm into the neighboring forest land.

- \_\_\_\_ 4. How will Michael’s decision to expand his farm affect the environment?
- Michael’s decision will not impact the environment at all.
  - Michael’s decision will help the environment by using more water to irrigate his crops.
  - Michael’s decision will hurt the environment because he will be planting more vegetables.
  - Michael’s decision will hurt the environment by decreasing the amount of forest land available.

### Use the information below to answer the following question.

- Common history
- Similar geography
- Shared culture
- Similar dialect

- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. What would be the BEST title for the list above?
- A. Characteristics of Regions
  - B. Characteristics of Economics
  - C. Characteristics of Political Science
  - D. Characteristics of Physical Geography
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Which of the following is an example of an activity in an individual's personal life rather than their civic life?
- A. voting in an election for governor
  - B. reading to young children at the public library
  - C. buying a new pair of shoes from an online store
  - D. signing a petition to change the date of the first day of school
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Which of the following is the BEST example of scarcity?
- A. Sasha buys more clothes because they are on sale, and she was able to find her size quickly.
  - B. John goes to the store to buy new shoes. After searching through many boxes, he finds the pair he wants in the correct size.
  - C. Cameron anxiously waits for the new video game to be released. On the day it is released, he goes to the store and buys it.
  - D. Jill waits in line for three hours to get the newest smartphone only to find out that they sold out before she reached the register.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Which of the following BEST explains why specialization is important for trade?
- A. Specialization makes sure that there is never a scarcity.
  - B. Geography influences the items people are able to trade.
  - C. People and countries produce everything that they need to easily.
  - D. Countries focus on what they do best and trade for what they need.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Which of the following best describes "history"?
- A. the study of different types of government
  - B. the story of the past that shapes our world today
  - C. the study of physical features and how humans interact with them
  - D. the study of how decisions about distribution of resources are made
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Which BEST describes the relationship between humans and their environment?
- A. Humans must adapt to their environment.
  - B. Humans are not influenced by their environment.
  - C. The environment is not influenced by humans and their actions.
  - D. The environment never changes, so humans do not need to adapt to it.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. Which of the following is a description of a place using relative location?

- A.  $32^{\circ}25'29''N$ ;  $92^{\circ}53'51''W$
- B. the corner of Main Street and First Avenue
- C. 4745 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, Natchitoches, LA
- D. across the street from Bill's Garage and next to Antoine's Bakery

\_\_\_\_\_ 12. Which of the following BEST describes the difference between latitude and longitude?

- A. Latitude runs north to south, while longitude runs east to west.
- B. Longitude describes temperature, while latitude describes climate.
- C. Latitude measures distance from the Equator, while longitude measures distance from the Prime Meridian.
- D. Longitude measures distance from the Equator, while latitude measures distance from the Prime Meridian.

\_\_\_\_\_ 13. Which of the following best describes "absolute location"?

- A. locating a place using road intersections
- B. using latitude and longitude to find a location
- C. locating an address with a street number and zip code
- D. describing the location of a place in relation to another place

\_\_\_\_\_ 14. Which of the following would be considered a physical geography characteristic of Louisiana?

- A. Cajun culture
- B. Mississippi River length
- C. diverse traditions and customs
- D. densely populated urban areas

\_\_\_\_\_ 15. How has technology changed how people and ideas travel?

- A. Technology has made travel easier and faster.
- B. Technology has made travel easier and slower.
- C. Technology has made travel more difficult and faster.
- D. Technology has made travel more difficult and slower.

**Use the information below to answer the following question.**

*A History of Pizza*

Flat breads were part of Italian culture thousands of years ago! Did you know that when tomatoes first arrived in Italy from South America in the 16<sup>th</sup> century many people believed they were poisonous? It took a while for people to realize that eating tomatoes was not fatal and putting tomatoes on flat breads was a good idea. It wasn't until 1889, however, that the first pizza with tomatoes and cheese was invented! The first pizzeria in America was opened by an Italian immigrant in 1905 in New York City.

\_\_\_\_\_ 16. Which of the following statements from the above text is the BEST example of how people and ideas travel?

- A. people refusing to eat tomatoes

- B. the invention of the pizza in 1889
- C. the opening of a pizzeria in New York City
- D. people combining flat breads and tomatoes

Use the information below to answer the following question.



- \_\_\_\_\_ 17. Which of the following would be the BEST title for the above map?
- A. States in Louisiana
  - B. Regions of Louisiana
  - C. Climate Zones in Louisiana
  - D. Political Divisions of Louisiana
- \_\_\_\_\_ 18. Which of the following best describes “civic life”?
- A. how a citizen’s actions affect the community
  - B. how a citizen’s decisions affect their own lives
  - C. the government that controls a region or country
  - D. the process through which a person makes a decision
- \_\_\_\_\_ 19. Which of the following BEST describes political science?
- A. the study of different types of government
  - B. the story of the past that shapes our world today
  - C. the study of physical features and how humans interact with them
  - D. the story of how decisions about distribution of resources are made
- \_\_\_\_\_ 20. Which of the following BEST describes “economics”?
- A. the study of different types of government
  - B. the story of the past that shapes our world today
  - C. the study of physical features and how humans interact with them
  - D. the study of how decisions about distribution of resources are made
- \_\_\_\_\_ 21. Which of the following BEST describes “government”?
- A. the people and institutions that govern a school or college
  - B. the group of people that represent a country but have no real power
  - C. the group of people that are always elected to make decisions for people

- D. the people and institutions that have the authority to make and enforce laws
- \_\_\_\_\_ 22. Which of the following is the BEST example of how government and civic life are related?
- Citizens volunteer at their church.
  - Citizens read the newspaper daily.
  - Citizens elect members to Congress.
  - Citizens decide to create a community garden.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 23. Which of the following BEST describes “trade” in economics?
- when a country focuses on producing what it does best
  - the way people make decisions about which goods to buy
  - when there is not enough of an item and the price increases
  - the voluntary exchange of goods and services among people and countries
- \_\_\_\_\_ 24. What does the term “domestic” mean in economics?
- imported goods
  - produced locally
  - from a different country
  - shortages of goods in a country

**Part II: Constructed Response**

Use the information in the map below to answer the following question.



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25. How does the map show both human and physical geography? Give at least two examples of each type of geography.