



NATIONAL SOCIAL STUDIES LEAGUE - 2015

Grade 3 and Grade 4 Contest

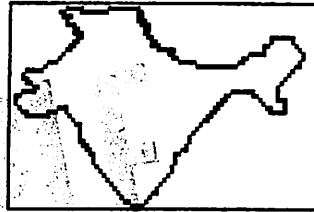
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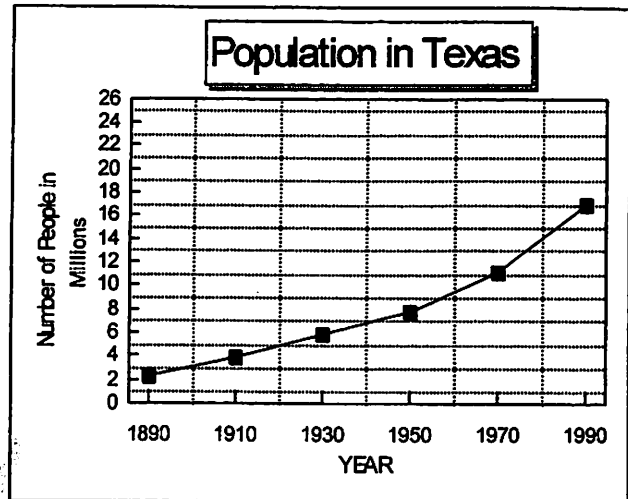
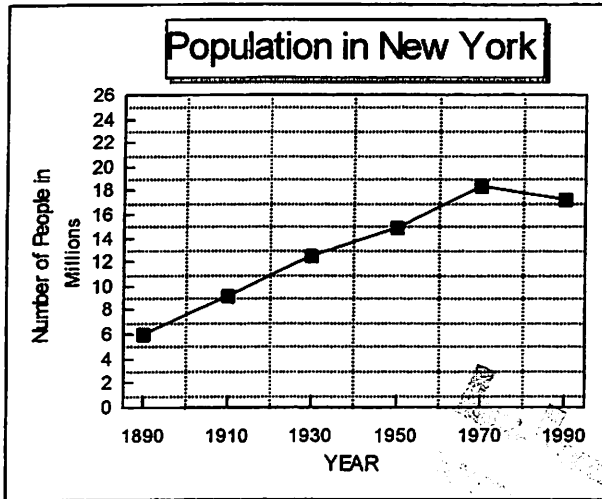
DIRECTIONS: On the answer sheet, write the letter of the choice that best answers or completes the question.

1. The Himalayan Mountains, the tallest mountains in the world, are located on the northern border of this country. What country is it?
- A. Brazil
 - B. India
 - C. Argentina
 - D. North Africa



2. An area of flat land that is higher than the surrounding land is known as a _____.
- A. plateau
 - B. canyon
 - C. basin
 - D. valley
3. Which of these events took place on July 4, 1776?
- A. The American Revolution began.
 - B. The United States Constitution was signed.
 - C. The Declaration of Independence was signed.
 - D. Lincoln gave his Gettysburg Address.
4. The state with the smallest number of square miles is _____.
- A. Connecticut
 - B. Rhode Island
 - C. New Jersey
 - D. Alaska
5. Lines of longitude tell how far east or west you are of the _____.
- A. Equator
 - B. Tropic of Cancer
 - C. North Pole
 - D. Prime Meridian
6. Which city was the first capital of the United States?
- A. Philadelphia
 - B. Boston
 - C. Washington, D.C.
 - D. New York City
7. Which of these is a true statement about the oceans of the world?
- A. The Pacific Ocean is about two times the size of the Atlantic Ocean.
 - B. The Atlantic Ocean is the largest ocean.
 - C. The Indian Ocean and the Arctic Ocean are the same size.
 - D. The Arctic Ocean is the deepest ocean.
8. The first Spanish settlement and the oldest city in the United States is _____.
- A. Plymouth
 - B. Richmond
 - C. St. Augustine
 - D. Jamestown

USE THE FOLLOWING LINE GRAPHS TO ANSWER QUESTIONS 9 AND 10:



9. These graphs can be used to tell about _____.
- the size of New York and the size of Texas
 - the number of people in New York and Texas from 1890 to 1990
 - the reason population grew so much in New York but not as much in Texas
 - the number of people that moved from New York to Texas from 1890 to 1990
10. According to these two graphs, the population of _____.
- New York was greater in 1970 than it was in 1990
 - New York decreased after 1950 and then increased after 1970
 - Texas increased after 1910 but decreased after 1930
 - Texas was always greater than the population in New York
11. Baton Rouge is to Louisiana as Helena is to _____.
- Minnesota
 - Wisconsin
 - Washington
 - Montana
12. This statue was a gift to America from France. It tells everyone that the United States is a country of freedom and hope. In which harbor of these cities would you find this famous statue that welcomes immigrants to America?
- New York City
 - Philadelphia
 - Washington, D.C.
 - San Francisco

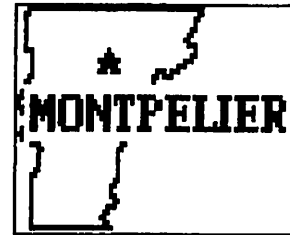


USE THIS SCHEDULE TO ANSWER QUESTION 13:

Sea World Daily Show Schedule

	<u>Dolphin</u>	<u>Whale</u>	<u>Walrus</u>
Sunday	10:00 A.M.	9:00 A.M.	11:00 A.M.
Monday	9:00 A.M.	11:00 A.M.	4:00 P.M.
Tuesday	1:00 P.M.	2:00 P.M.	9:00 A.M.
Wednesday	2:00 P.M.	1:00 P.M.	3:00 P.M.
Thursday	11:00 A.M.	4:00 P.M.	2:00 P.M.
Friday	3:00 P.M.	3:00 P.M.	10:00 A.M.
Saturday	4:00 P.M.	10:00 A.M.	1:00 P.M.

13. According to this schedule, _____.
- the only day with no shows in the afternoon is Tuesday
 - the whale show is in the morning every day of the week
 - the only day with no shows in the morning is Wednesday
 - the dolphin show is the first show on Sunday
14. Known as the Green Mountain State, its capital, Montpelier, is the largest producer of maple syrup in the United State. The world's largest stone finishing plant is in this state. What state is it?
- New Hampshire
 - Vermont
 - California
 - Colorado



15. A treeless plain, usually covered by tall grass is called a _____.

- mesa
- marsh
- delta
- prairie

16. In this type of government all adult citizens have the right to vote in elections. It is run by the people and their elected representatives. What type of government is this?

- an empire
- a dictatorship
- a democracy
- a monarchy

17. The best book to use to help you find out which state borders Kansas would be _____.

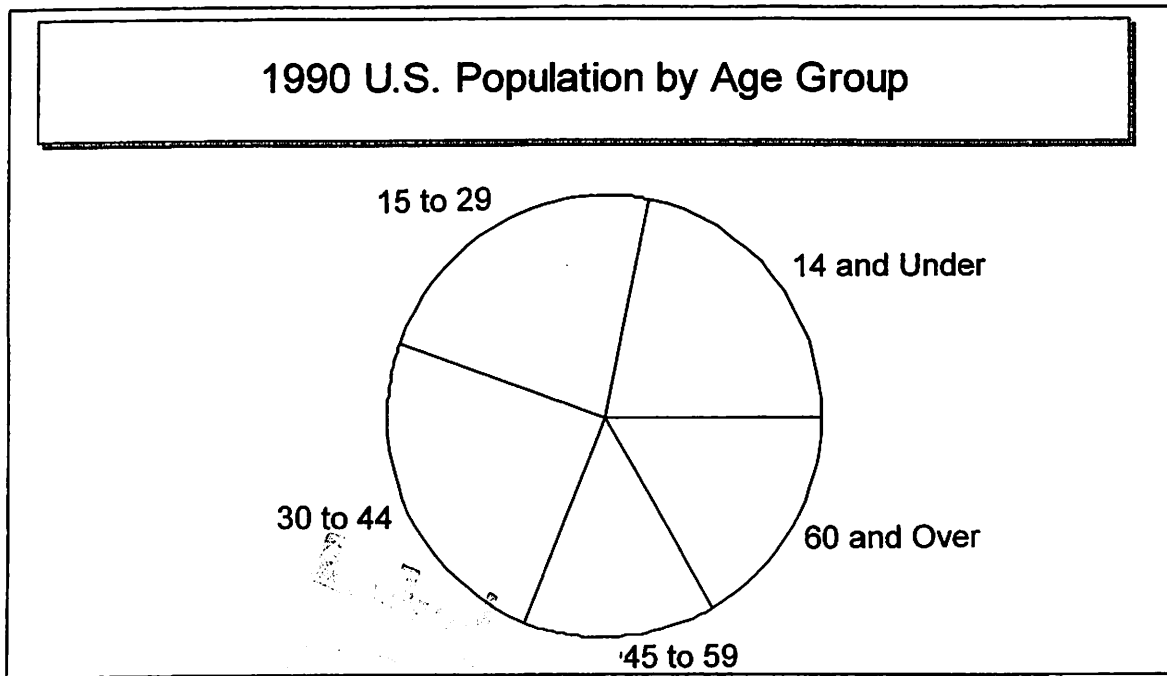
- a dictionary
- an encyclopedia
- an almanac
- an atlas

18. In what type of community would you find this type of building?

- rural
- urban
- suburban
- megalopolis



USE THE FOLLOWING CIRCLE GRAPH TO ANSWER QUESTIONS 19 AND 20:



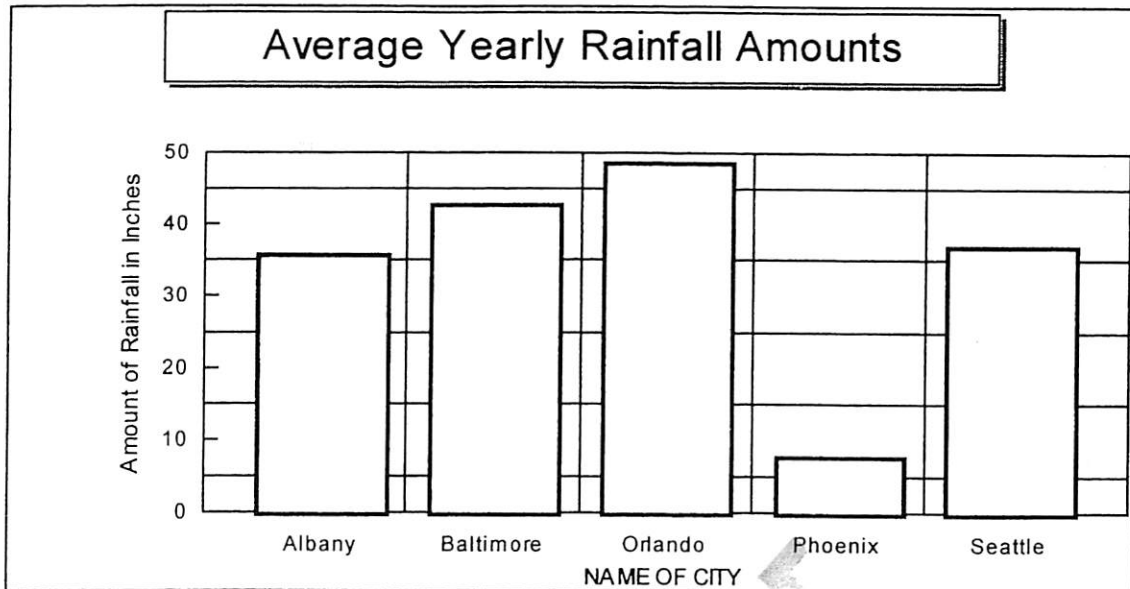
19. According to this circle graph for 1990, _____.
- there were more people 45 to 59 than 14 and Under
 - there were more people 60 and Over than 30 to 44
 - there were more people 15 to 29 than 45 to 59
 - the same number of people were 45 to 59 as were 30 to 44
20. This circle graph can be used to determine _____.
- the total population from 1990 to 2000 in each age group
 - why the population is made up of different age groups
 - where the people in each age group live
 - the number of people in each age group in 1990
21. This country borders the United States for more than 1,800 miles. Its closest neighbors in the United States are Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, and California. What country is it?
- Belize
 - Mexico
 - Canada
 - Guatemala
22. President Abraham Lincoln's order that granted freedom to all the slaves was known as the _____.
- Emancipation Proclamation
 - Bill of Rights
 - Mayflower Compact
 - Constitution
23. The President of the United States is part of which branch of our government?
- Judicial
 - Legislative
 - Parliament
 - Executive

USE THE FOLLOWING MAP TO HELP YOU ANSWER QUESTIONS 24 AND 25:



24. Mr. Olson will be spending the month of July traveling to the capital cities of four different states. First he plans to leave from his home in Austin, Texas and go to Albany, New York. From there he will go to Salem, Oregon. Then he will leave to visit Pierre, South Dakota. After that he will head back home. In what directions will he have to travel to complete the trip?
- southwest, east, west, and then north
 - northeast, west, east, and then south
 - south, east, northwest, and then north
 - north, southwest, east, and then south
25. Which state is south of Kentucky, west of North Carolina, east of Arkansas, and north of Alabama?
- Mississippi
 - Georgia
 - Missouri
 - Tennessee
26. Which of these could NOT be found in Washington, D.C.?
- Washington Monument
 - Liberty Bell
 - Lincoln Memorial
 - Jefferson Memorial
27. A product that is sent out of a country for sale is _____.
- a natural resource
 - an import
 - an export
 - foreign aid
28. The Yellow River, the Yangtze River, and the Hsi River are all in this country. What country is it?
- China
 - Taiwan
 - Japan
 - Korea

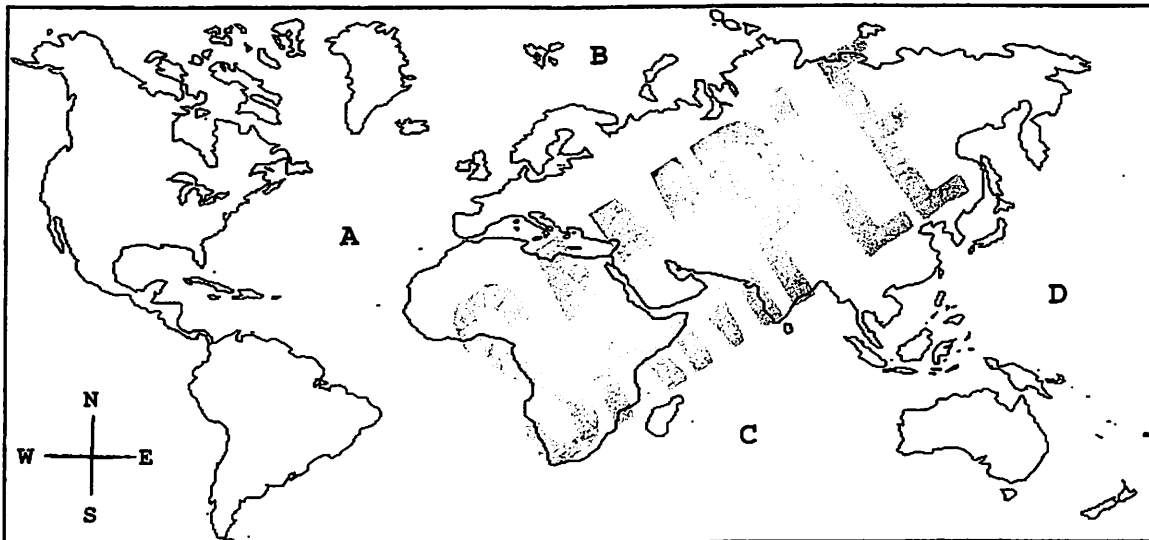
USE THE FOLLOWING BAR GRAPH TO ANSWER QUESTION 29:



29. From this bar graph we can see that _____.
- Phoenix has a greater amount of rainfall than Seattle
 - Orlando and Seattle have about the same amount of rainfall
 - Albany and Seattle have about the same amount of rainfall
 - Baltimore has a smaller amount of rainfall than Albany
30. This state has a longer coastline than all the other 49 states put together. Its coastline is 6,640 miles long. What state is it?
- Texas
 - Hawaii
 - California
 - Alaska
31. The longest river in South America is 4,080 miles long. It is the world's second longest river. It contains one-fifth of all the fresh water that covers the earth. What river is it?
- Nile
 - Amazon
 - Mississippi
 - Ganges
32. I was the youngest man to be elected president, the first who was a Roman Catholic, and the youngest to die in office. I served from 1961 until I was assassinated in 1963. During my presidency the United States sent its first astronaut to orbit the earth. Who am I?
- Richard Nixon
 - Lyndon Johnson
 - John F. Kennedy
 - Harry Truman



USE THE FOLLOWING MAP AND YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF SOCIAL STUDIES TO ANSWER QUESTION 33:



33. The letter D on the above map marks the location of the _____.
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| A. Indian Ocean | B. Pacific Ocean |
| C. Atlantic Ocean | D. Arctic Ocean |
34. Which of these rivers forms the southwest border of Texas?
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| A. Mississippi River | B. Potomac River |
| C. Rio Grande River | D. Hudson River |
35. Which natural wonder is correctly matched with the state in which it can be found?
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| A. Grand Canyon in Colorado |
| B. Mojave Desert in California |
| C. Mount St. Helens in Wyoming |
| D. Carlsbad Caverns in Virginia |