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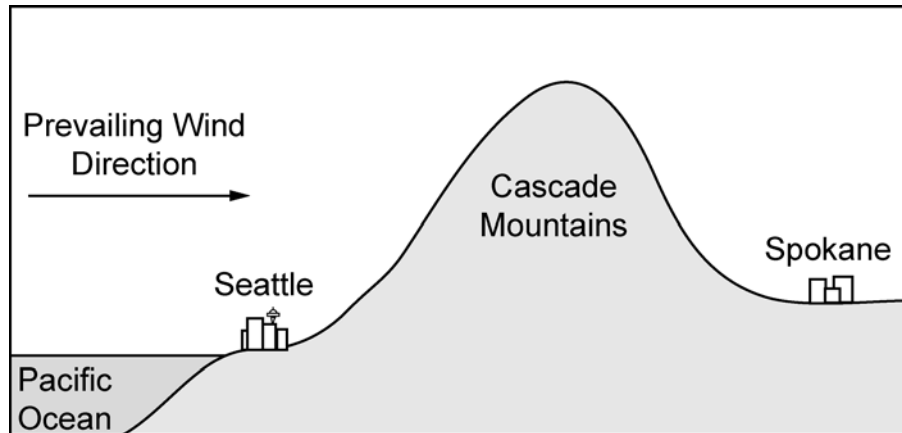
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1 Expectation: G.4(A)

The diagram below shows the positions of the cities of Seattle and Spokane, Washington. Both cities are located at approximately 48° North latitude, and they are separated by the Cascade Mountains.



How does the climate of Seattle compare with the climate of Spokane?

- A** Seattle — hot and humid
Spokane — cool and dry
- B** Seattle — cool and dry
Spokane — warm and humid
- C** Seattle — hot and dry
Spokane — cool and humid
- D** Seattle — cool and humid
Spokane — warm and dry

2 Expectation: G.9(A)

Which statement best describes an impact of topography on eastern Europe?

- F** Neighbors who were more powerful could not invade the region.
- G** An extensive single-crop agricultural system emerged.
- H** A Russian czar ruled the area as a single empire.
- J** Many different languages, religions, and customs developed.

3 Expectation: G.14(B)

In the following passage, which type of government is Simon Bolivar proposing for Venezuela?

"... Give Venezuela such an executive power in the person of a president chosen by the people or their representatives, and you will have taken a great step toward national happiness. No matter what citizen occupies this office, he will be aided by the Constitution, and therein being authorized to do good, he can do no harm, because his ministers will cooperate with him only insofar as he abides by the law. If he attempts to infringe upon the law, his own ministers will desert him, thereby isolating him from the Republic, and they will even bring charges against him in the Senate. The ministers, being responsible for any transgressions committed, will actually govern, since they must account for their actions...."

— Simon Bolivar, 1819

- A** Dictatorship
 - B** Monarchy
 - C** Democracy
 - D** Theocracy
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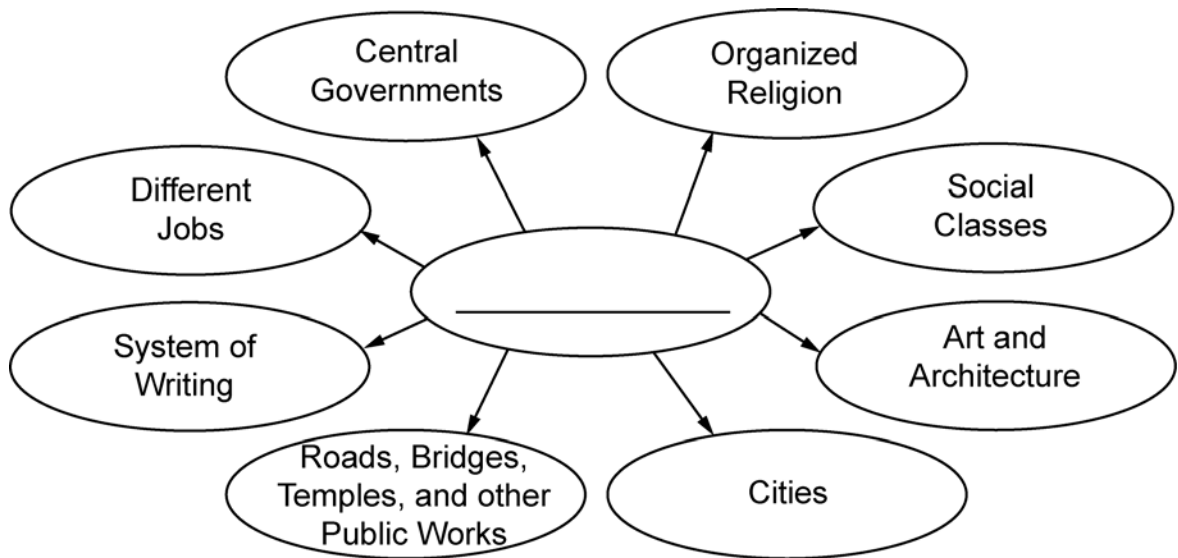
4 Expectation: G.11(C)

The Persian Gulf, the Strait of Hormuz, and the Suez Canal are strategically important because they are —

- F** under the control of Communist nations.
- G** the cause of friction between Israel and its Arab neighbors.
- H** trade routes for petroleum exports to nations around the world.
- J** at the center of the world's major illegal drug trade.

5 Expectation: G.16(B)

Look at the diagram below.



Source: *Guide to the Essentials of World History*, Prentice-Hall

Which title best completes this diagram?

- A Features of a Nomadic Lifestyle
- B Basic Components of the Paleolithic Age
- C Human Life 50,000 Years Ago
- D Elements of a Civilization

6 Expectation: G.16(C)

Which statement most likely represents the view of a citizen of ancient Athens visiting Sparta?

- F "The government and society in Sparta are so strict. The people have little voice in government."
- G "I feel as though I have never left home. Everything here is the same as it is in Athens."
- H "I have never heard of a society like Sparta that believes in only one God."
- J "This society allows for more freedom of expression than I have ever experienced in Athens."

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7 Expectation: G.20(A)

The chart below describes international Internet usage in 1995.

Internet Usage				
Heavy Use – 200 People or Less to a Connection				
Canada	United States	Iceland	Australia	Switzerland
Norway	Sweden	Finland	New Zealand	
Medium Use				
Chile	Argentina	Costa Rica	Bermuda	Hong Kong
Britain	France	Ireland	Czech Republic	Israel
Denmark	Netherlands	Belgium	Slovenia	Singapore
Luxembourg	Germany	Austria	Estonia	Korea
Liechtenstein	Spain	Portugal	Slovakia	Taiwan
South Africa	Greece	Italy	Poland	Hungary
Japan				
Some Use – 5,000 or More People to a Connection				
Mexico	Nicaragua	Panama	Peru	Puerto Rico
Colombia	Ecuador	Venezuela	Brazil	Zimbabwe
Jamaica	Senegal	Guinea	Tunisia	Lithuania
Algeria	Egypt	Turkey	Philippines	Latvia
Cyprus	Saudi Arabia	Kuwait	Indonesia	Bulgaria
Iran	India	Macau	Malaysia	Romania
China	Russia	Kazakhstan	Fiji	Ukraine
Croatia	Moldova			
Source: based on <i>Time</i> chart, p. 81, Spring 1995.				

Prentice Hall, *Global Issues Workbook*, p. 21

Which conclusion about Internet usage can be drawn from this chart?

- A Developing nations have easier access to the Internet than developed nations.
- B Eastern Hemisphere nations use Internet connections more than Western Hemisphere nations.
- C A high standard of living in a nation is linked to high Internet usage.
- D Internet usage limits international cooperation.



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1	2	Readiness	G.4(A)	G.21 (C)	D
2	2	Readiness	G.9(A)	G.22 (C)	J
3	1	Supporting	G.14(B)	G.21 (A)	C
4	4	Readiness	G.11(C)		H
5	3	Readiness	G.16(B)	G.21 (A)	D
6	3	Supporting	G.16(C)		F
7	4	Supporting	G.20(A)	G.21 (A)	C

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