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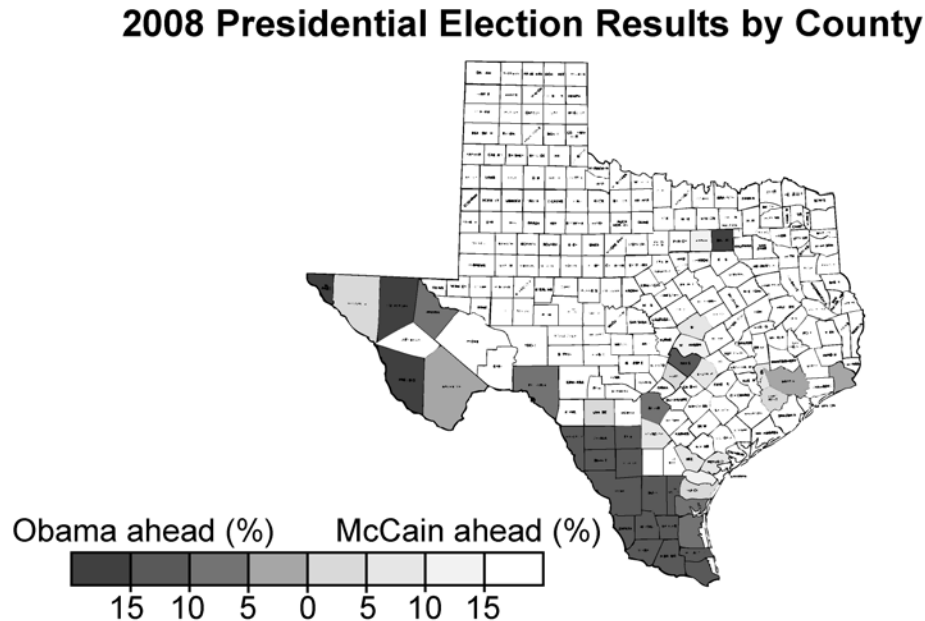
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**1 Expectation: G.13(B)**

In the 2008 presidential election, the Republican candidate, John McCain, won the state of Texas over the Democratic candidate, Barack Obama. The results of the election in each county in Texas are displayed on the map below.



Based on this map, which of the following is most likely true?

- A** Latino voters overwhelmingly supported John McCain.
- B** Voters in Texas's urban centers favored John McCain.
- C** John McCain won a vast majority of the vote in Texas's rural areas.
- D** John McCain won the majority of votes in counties along the Mexican border.

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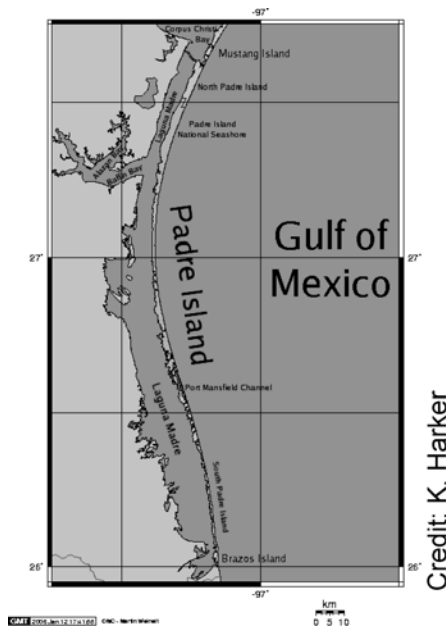
**2 Expectation: G.11(C)**

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.

**3 Expectation: G.3(B)**

Padre Island is a 130-mile-long barrier island on Texas's Gulf Coast.



The southern end of Padre Island is continuously undergoing changes. The island has gradually moved westward, farther into Laguna Madre. Which of the following physical processes best explains this change?

- A** Crustal uplift is exposing new land on the west side of the island.
- B** Storm surges and wind deposit sand from the seaward side of the island into the lagoon.
- C** Seafloor spreading is creating new land from exposed magma on the west side of the island.
- D** The tectonic plate underneath the island is drifting westward.

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**4 Expectation: G.1(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.

5 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.				

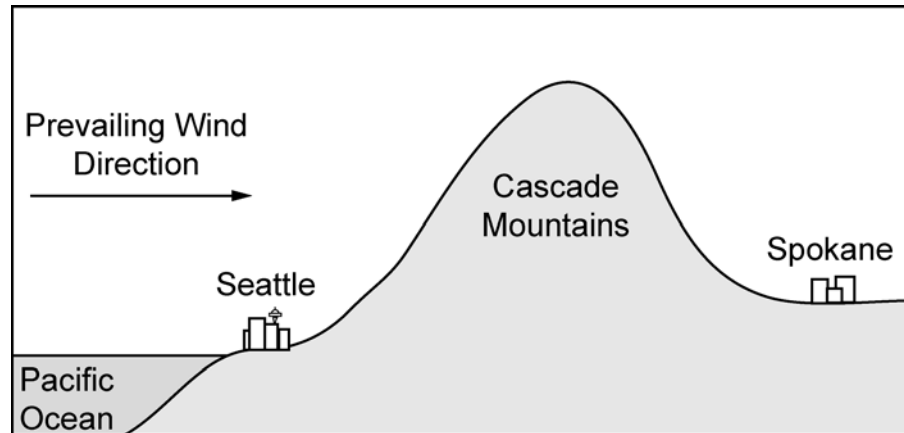
Prentice Hall, *Global Issues Workbook*, p. 21

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

- A Developing nations had easier access to the Internet than developed nations.
- B A high standard of living in a nation was linked to high Internet usage.
- C Eastern Hemisphere nations used Internet connections more than Western Hemisphere nations.
- D Internet usage limited international cooperation.

6 Expectation: G.4(A)

The diagram below shows the positions of the cities of Seattle and Spokane, Washington. Both cities are located at approximately latitude  $48^{\circ}$  north, and they are separated by the Cascade Mountains.



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

- F** Seattle — hot and humid  
Spokane — cool and dry
- G** Seattle — cool and dry  
Spokane — warm and humid
- H** Seattle — hot and dry  
Spokane — cool and humid
- J** Seattle — cool and humid  
Spokane — warm and dry

**7 Expectation: G.16(C)**

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

- A** "The government and society in Sparta are so strict. The people have little voice in government."
  - B** "I feel as though I have never left home. Everything here is the same as it is in Athens."
  - C** "I have never heard of a society like Sparta that believes in only one God."
  - D** "This society allows for more freedom of expression than I have ever experienced in Athens."
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**8 Expectation: G.14(B)**

In the following quotation, 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

- F** Dictatorship
- G** Monarchy
- H** Democracy
- J** Theocracy



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Item Number	Reporting Category	Readiness or Supporting	Content Student Expectation	Process Student Expectation	Correct Answer
1	1	Supporting	G.13(B)	G.21 (C)	C
2	4	Readiness	G.11(C)		H
3	2	Readiness	G.3(B)	G.21 (C)	B
4	1	Readiness	G.1(A)	G.22 (C)	J
5	4	Supporting	G.20(A)	G.21 (A)	B
6	2	Readiness	G.4(A)	G.21 (C)	J
7	3	Supporting	G.16(C)		A
8	1	Supporting	G.14(B)	G.21 (A)	H

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