

VIRGINIA STANDARDS OF LEARNING

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**Directions**

Read each question and choose the best answer. Then fill in the circle on your answer document for the answer you have chosen.

**Sample**

**Which action will the government take when it needs more money?**

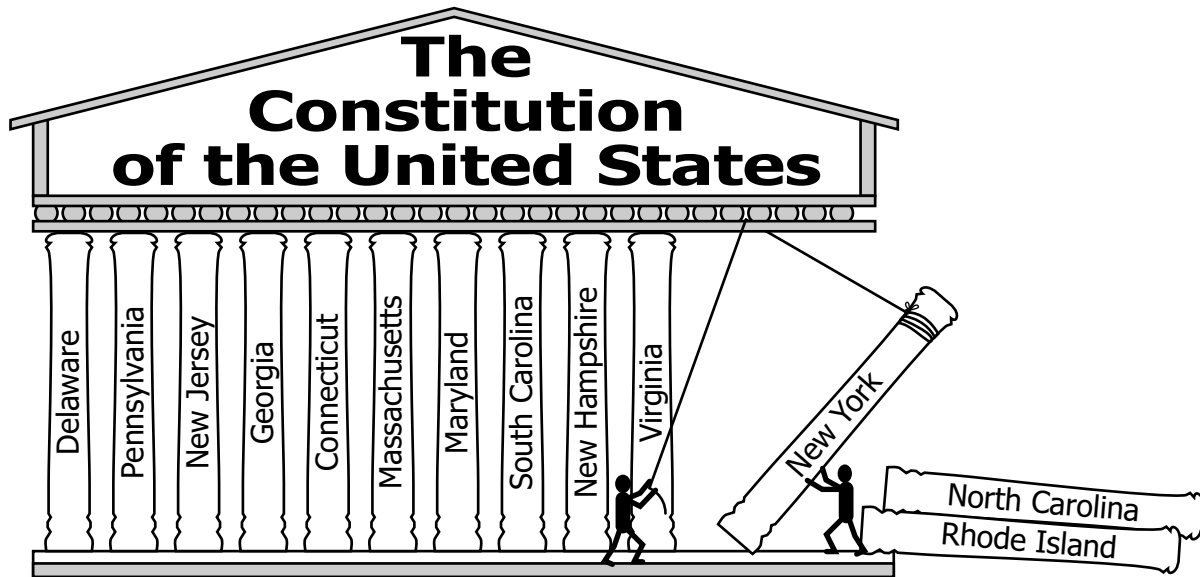
- A** Hold elections
- B** Lower prices
- C** Increase taxes
- D** Hire workers

**1 Why were the charters of the Virginia Company of London important?**

- A** They created a federal court system.
- B** They established a national banking system.
- C** They guaranteed the colonists' rights as Englishmen.
- D** They stated the colonists' grievances against the English king.

**2 In order for a United States citizen to receive a fair trial, other citizens must —**

- F** evaluate judges
- G** vote in elections
- H** pay poll taxes
- J** serve on juries



**Which goal of the Preamble to the Constitution of the United States is illustrated by this cartoon?**

- A** Provide defense
- B** Ensure domestic peace
- C** Establish justice
- D** Form a union

**4 Which is necessary to amend the Constitution of the United States?**

- F** Majority vote by the Electoral College
- G** Unanimous vote by both houses of Congress
- H** Ratification by legislatures or conventions in the states
- J** Recommendation by the executive and judicial branches in the states

5 Which drawing shows a freedom guaranteed in the 1st Amendment?

A



C



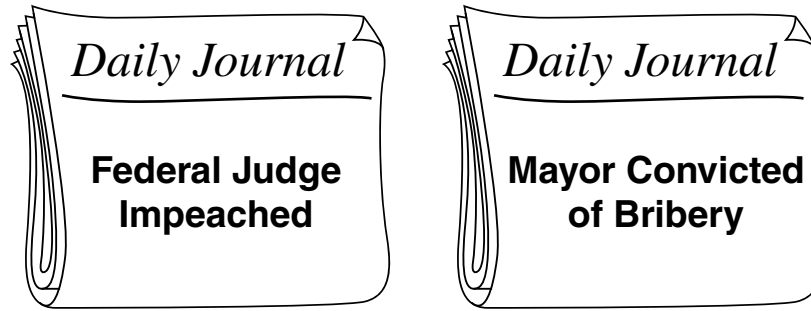
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**These headlines best illustrate the concept of —**

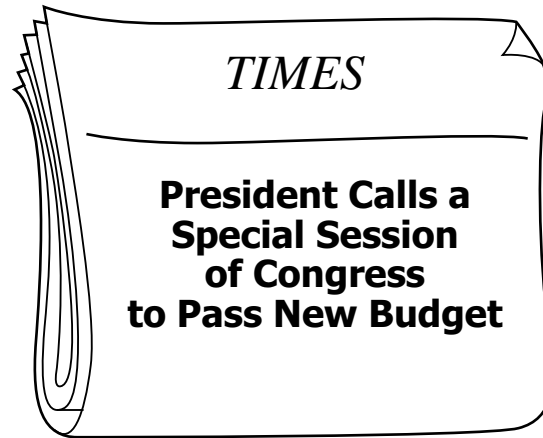
- F** democracy
- G** consent of the governed
- H** rule of law
- J** popular sovereignty

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Aiko and Ian know that some children at their school lack school supplies. With the support of their principal, parents, and teachers, they organize a district-wide school supply drive.

**By starting this school supply drive, Aiko and Ian are —**

- A** engaging in community service
- B** demonstrating a civic duty
- C** fulfilling their duties as students
- D** engaging in patriotic acts



The principle of United States government that is best illustrated in this headline is —

- F** popular sovereignty
- G** representative democracy
- H** concurrent and reserved powers
- J** checks and balances



**This headline illustrates a power of which branch of government?**

- A** State executive
- B** State legislative
- C** Federal legislative
- D** Federal judicial



**State of the Union Address**

**In this situation, the President is acting as the —**

- F** chief citizen
- G** chief diplomat
- H** chief legislator
- J** chief executive

**11 According to the 10th Amendment of the Bill of Rights, powers not specifically delegated are reserved to the people or —**

- A** local governments
- B** the courts
- C** political parties
- D** the states

**12 Which level of government can declare war on foreign nations?**

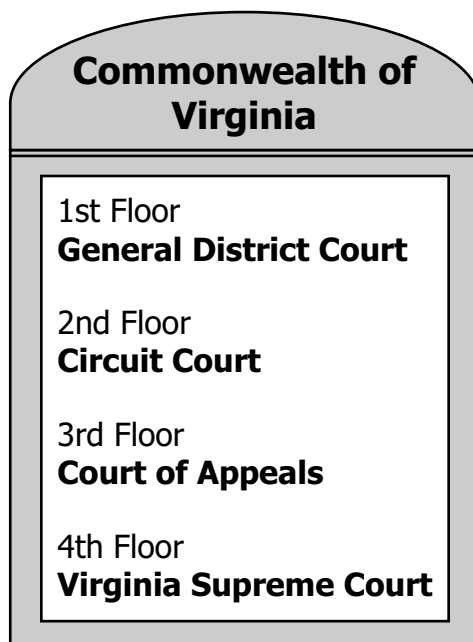
- F** City
- G** State
- H** County
- J** Federal

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**One way for Mrs. Jones to gain this office is to be elected by —**

- A** members of the Governor's cabinet
- B** legislative representatives of the county
- C** members of the General Assembly
- D** registered voters of the city



**Which floor would a teenager go to for misdemeanor charges?**

- F** 1st
- G** 2nd
- H** 3rd
- J** 4th

**15 Which action by the Governor of Virginia is an example of maintaining public safety?**

- A** Delivering a speech to the General Assembly of Virginia
- B** Sending Virginia's National Guard to help after a disaster
- C** Working on Virginia's budget with the Secretary of Finance
- D** Attending a meeting on the Virginia economy



**Which legal process does this headline describe?**

- F** Legislative proceeding
- G** Civil trial
- H** Judicial review
- J** Criminal prosecution

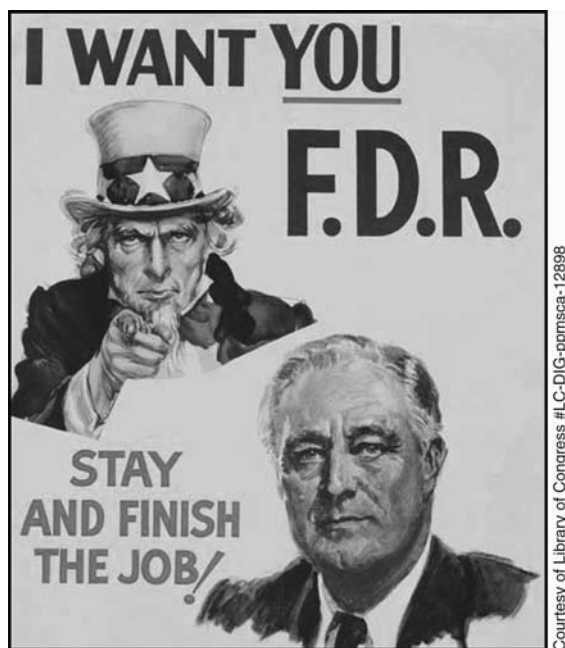
**17 Political parties distribute literature about their candidates in order to —**

- A** recruit individuals to run for office
- B** educate the electorate about campaign issues
- C** help new residents register to vote
- D** assist people in getting to their polling places

**18 In order to win an election, a major party is most likely to —**

- F** appeal to the political center
- G** propose cuts to popular programs
- H** divide campaign funds between candidates equally
- J** organize leaders of special interest groups

**19**



**This campaign poster is most likely trying to —**

- A** introduce a concern about the President
- B** persuade voters to reelect the candidate
- C** emphasize certain issues about the President
- D** identify a fact relating to the candidate

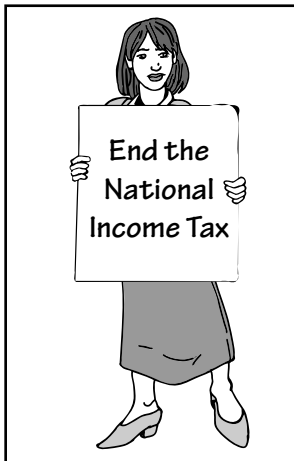
1. Bill is debated
2. Bill is proposed
3. Bill is voted on by both houses
4. Bill is worked on in committees

**What is the correct sequence for the law-making process in the General Assembly?**

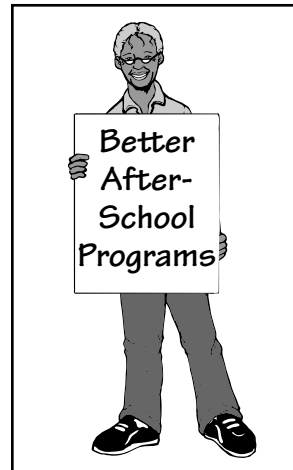
- F** 1, 3, 4, 2  
**G** 2, 4, 1, 3  
**H** 1, 4, 3, 2  
**J** 2, 1, 4, 3

**21 Which person has the best chance of influencing local legislation?**

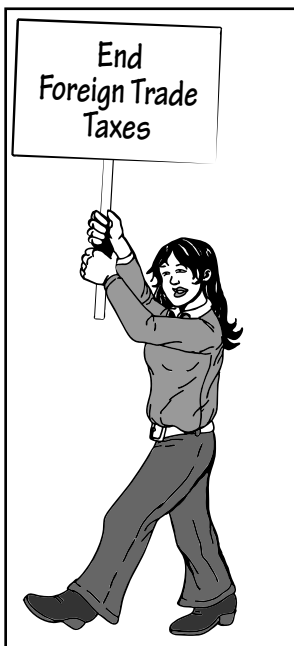
**A**



**C**



**B**



**D**



**State Criminal Court  
Notice of Arraignment**

Defendant: Cyrus Phillippe

Attorney: Hilda Oskray

Date: September 18

Time: 9:00 A.M.

**Which action is most likely to occur at this event?**

- F** Entering of a plea
- G** Filing of an appeal
- H** Reading of a verdict
- J** Selection of a jury





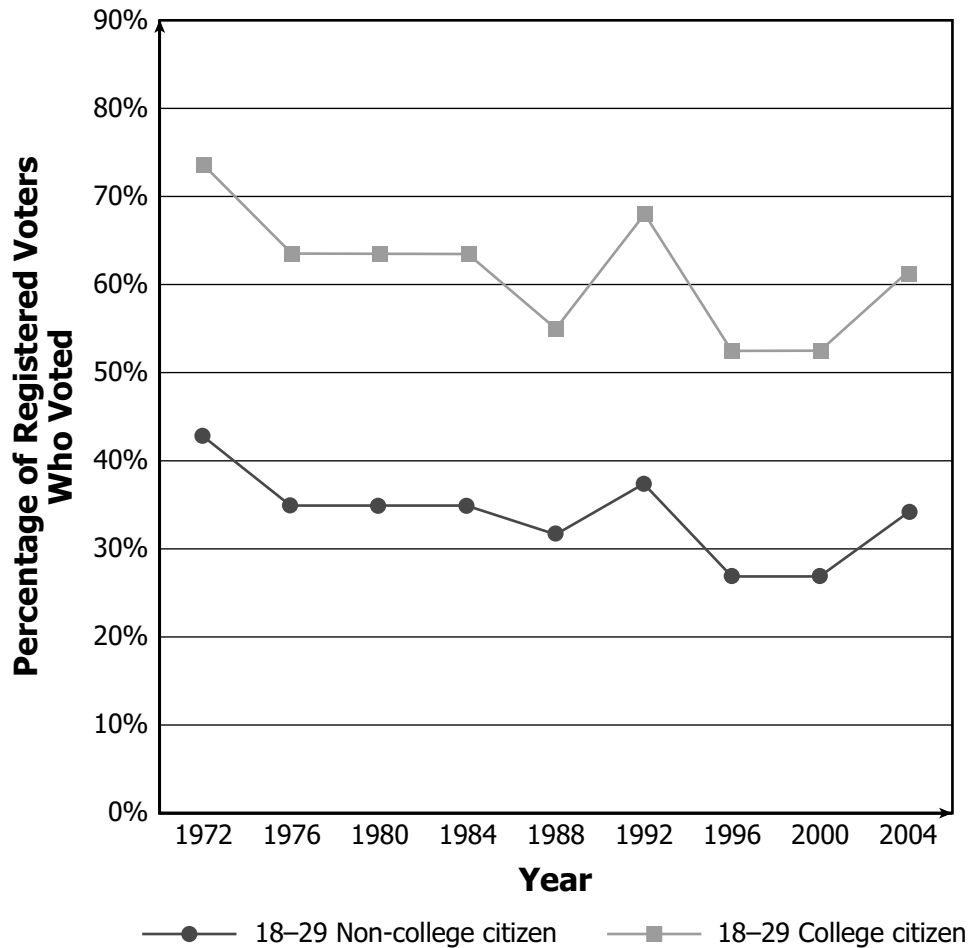
**This cartoon illustrates how government officials use the media to —**

- A** communicate with other countries
- B** approve federal legislation
- C** influence political lobbyists
- D** communicate with the public

**24 Local governments preparing a response for an international health crisis would most likely —**

- F** end visits by international travellers
- G** develop a public safety plan for the city
- H** shut down international airline flights
- J** ask the military to police the city

**18–29-Year-Old Citizen Voter Turnout  
by Education Level, Presidential Years**



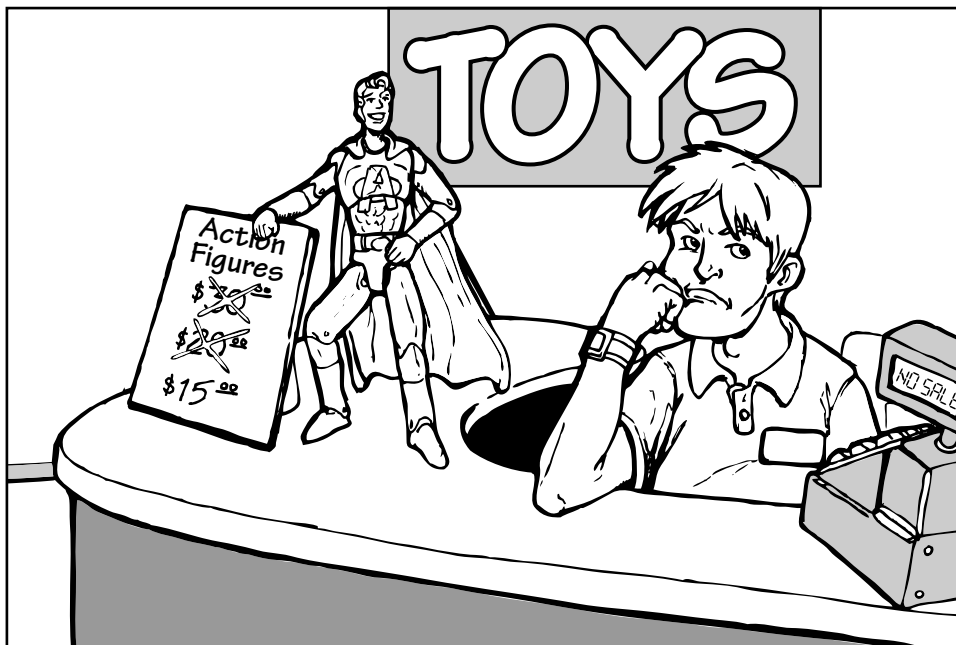
**Based on this graph, which statement is most accurate?**

- A** The number of college- and non-college-educated voters increased between 1972 and 2004.
- B** The percentage of voter turnout remained the same for both groups between 1972 and 2004.
- C** The number of registered voters in both groups declined each year in all elections.
- D** The college-educated voters were more likely to vote than were non-college-educated voters.

	Dear Representative Shelby,
	I represent the Verne County Historic
	Preservation Society. Please consider
	voting in favor of Proposition 118 which
	will ensure the protection of historic
	sites in Verne County.
	Sincerely,
	Ellis Frankwell

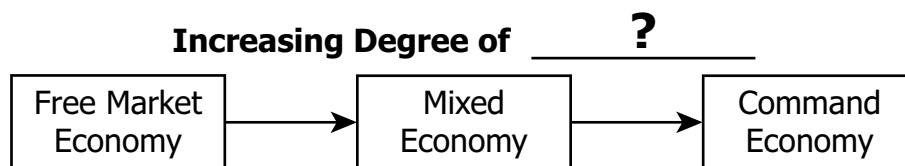
**This letter is an example of —**

- F** demonstrating
- G** lobbying
- H** policymaking
- J** campaigning



Which economic factor has most likely determined the price in this picture?

- A Capital
- B Scarcity
- C Demand
- D Consumption



**Which phrase best completes the title of this diagram?**

- F** Government Regulation
- G** Industrial Productivity
- H** Business Profit
- J** Consumer Choice

An economy in which communities use simple tools and methods to harvest and hunt for food often results in little economic growth.

**Which type of economy is being defined?**

- A** Command
- B** Free market
- C** Mixed
- D** Traditional

**30 Advances in technology have increased the number of people needed to —**

- F** develop computer software
- G** teach children in schools
- H** work on assembly lines
- J** serve in the military

**31**

**Clerk Needed**

No experience necessary  
Hours Mon–Fri from 4 P.M.–7 P.M.

**During the school year, which student would be the best match for this job?**

- A** Lisa goes to school every day and is often late.
- B** Juanita has good attendance and good work skills.
- C** Mike studies hard and plays in all afterschool programs.
- D** Shawn will graduate early and attend an out-of-state college.

**32 What is the first step in career planning?**

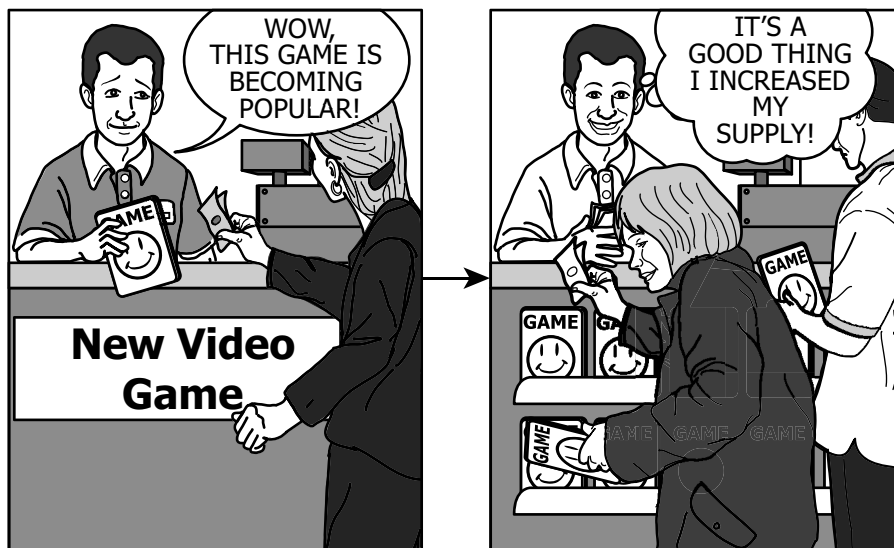
- F** Marketing
- G** Self-assessment
- H** Interviewing
- J** Job search

**33**

Level of Education	Average Salary
Doctoral Degree	\$89,400
Master's Degree	\$62,300
Bachelor's Degree	\$52,200
Associate's Degree	\$38,200
Some College	\$36,800
High School Graduate	\$30,400
Some High School	\$23,400

**This table supports the conclusion that a salary —**

- A** doubles once a college level is attained
- B** stays the same for the high school levels
- C** grows at the same rate for each level of education
- D** increases as the level of education increases



**Next Week**

**Which economic concept is illustrated in these drawings?**

- F** Consumer sovereignty
- G** Profit margin
- H** Opportunity cost
- J** Central planning

**35 What term describes a company that is authorized to operate as a legal person?**

- A** Proprietorship
- B** Entrepreneur
- C** Corporation
- D** Partnership



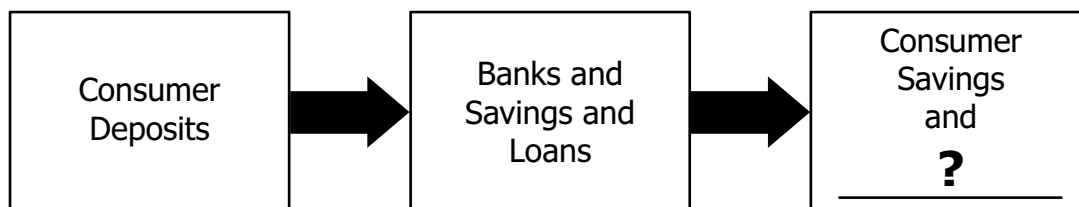
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A plastics company cuts costs and gains control of the plastics market in the United States.

**The federal government would investigate this company's practices in order to —**

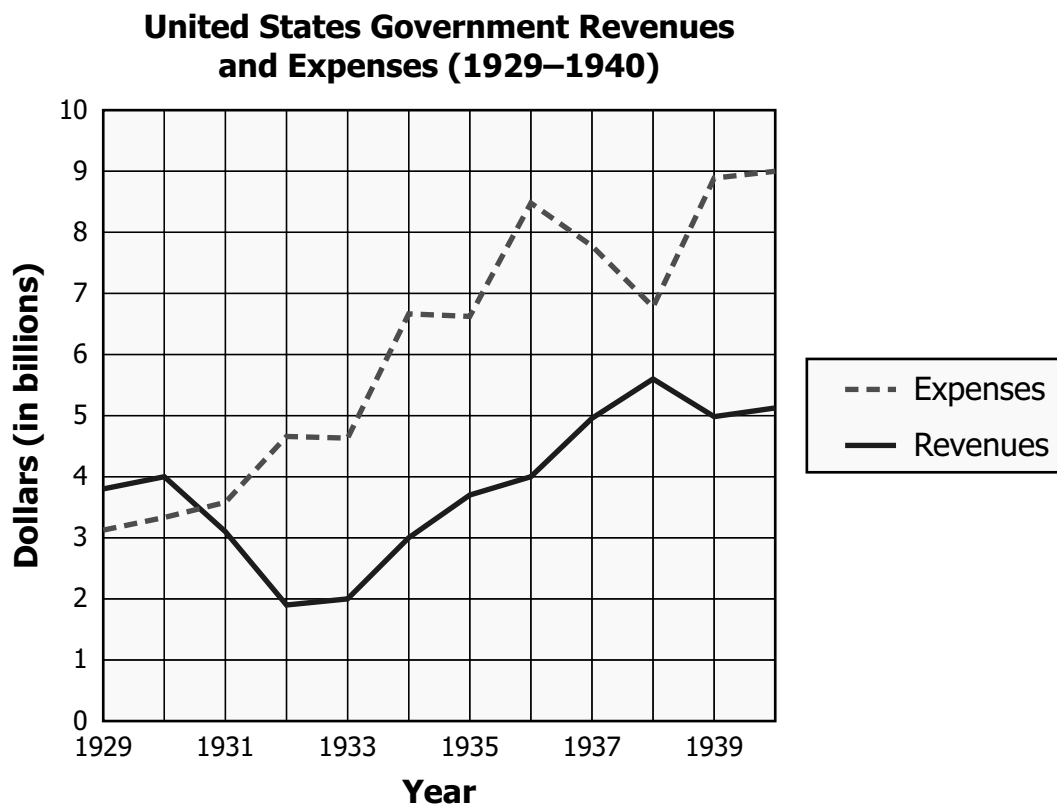
- F** preserve competition
- G** conserve resources
- H** protect workers' rights
- J** safeguard international trade

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**Which incentive best completes this diagram?**

- A** Dividend payments
- B** Interest payments
- C** Bonuses
- D** Salaries



**This graph shows that from 1931 to 1939, the —**

- F** government received more money than was spent
- G** amount of money spent decreased every year
- H** government spent more money than it received
- J** amount of money collected increased every year



**This cartoon shows that the Federal Reserve System is —**

- A** the federal government's bank
- B** responsible for legislative purchases
- C** the federal government's tax collector
- D** accountable for legislative actions

40 Which picture shows a service usually provided by the government?

F



H



G



J

