

## AMERICAN STUDIES BLIZZARD BAG #1

1. During World War II, Japanese troops occupied much of China. This weakened the Chinese government, and in 1949, communist forces overthrew the government and established a communist state. What effect did the Chinese Communist Revolution have on the development of the Cold War?

- A. It decreased tensions, because it led to the formation of the Warsaw Pact.
- B. It increased tensions, because it strengthened the independence movement in India.
- C. It increased tensions, because it increased Western fears of communist expansion.
- D. It decreased tensions, because it led to the collapse of communism in the Soviet Union.

2. In a certain country, all decisions concerning the production of goods and services are made by the government. However, following a political revolution, a new economic system is set up in which some decisions regarding production of goods and services are made by the government and others are made by individuals and private companies. How has the economy of this country changed?

- A. from a mixed economy to a market economy
- B. from a command economy to a mixed economy
- C. from a market economy to a traditional economy
- D. from a traditional economy to a command economy

3. In the United States, reporters' exercise of freedom of the press may be legally restricted under what circumstances?

- A. when reporters disagree with official government policies
- B. when reporters are granted interviews with leaders of other countries
- C. when reporters discover that elected officials have engaged in illegal activities
- D. when reporters have information that could threaten national security if published

4. What method is typically used by citizens in parliamentary and presidential democracies to achieve governmental change?

- A. elections
- B. revolution
- C. civil war
- D. secession

5. A town decides to build a new park.

The mayor appoints a committee to review possible designs. After two months, the committee issues a report with its recommendations. Which factor contributes to the credibility of the report?

- A. the length of the report
- B. the cost of the report to the city
- C. the number of tables and charts included
- D. the qualifications of the committee members

6. A newspaper prints an article about a bill in the U.S. Senate. What would indicate that the article is biased in favor of the bill?

- A. It quotes the entire text of the bill.
- B. It is printed before the final vote on the bill.
- C. It quotes only senators who support the bill.
- D. It indicates that the president will likely veto the bill.

**7.** A government was chosen by the majority party in the legislature. The people revolted and established a new government in which the ruler was chosen by religious elders and used power to enforce religious law. How did the system of government change?

- A.** from a theocracy to an absolute monarchy
- B.** from a presidential democracy to a dictatorship
- C.** from a dictatorship to a constitutional monarchy
- D.** from a parliamentary democracy to a theocracy

**8.** In recent years, information about foods and food preparation around the world has had a wide audience on U. S. television and on internet websites. People who are eager to try new recipes have created a demand for ingredients not usually produced in the United States. To meet this demand, U.S. supermarkets have been stocking goods formerly unknown to U.S. buyers. What has been the cultural effect of the trend described above?

- A.** a decrease in religious restrictions on particular foods
- B.** a reduction in the numbers of people "eating out" in restaurants
- C.** the inclusion of additional international food choices in the U.S. diet
- D.** people in foreign countries eating more foods produced in the United States

**9.** The authors of many history books provide bibliographies that indicate the sources for information provided in the text. Why would providing the reader with this information make a book more credible?

- A.** It allows the reader to check the reputation of the writer.
- B.** It allows the reader to find other books on the same topic.
- C.** It allows the reader to form his or her own opinions on the topic.
- D.** It allows the reader to determine the thoroughness of the author's research.

**10.** Enlightenment philosophers such as John Locke and Jean Jacques Rousseau wrote that the relationship between citizens and their government was a social contract. Which statement describes the impact of the idea of government as a social contract on the French Revolution in 1789?

- A.** The king granted women the right to vote.
- B.** French citizens claimed their natural rights.
- C.** The king raised taxes to pay off the public debt.
- D.** French citizens supported the king against the nobles.

**11.** One development in the U.S. economy that occurred as a result of industrialization was the growth of business monopolies.

- Explain one advantage of monopolies from a business perspective.
- Explain one reason why Progressives in the early 1900s sought government action to control monopolies. Write your answer in the in complete sentences. (4 points)