

US History Regents Exam Questions: Interpreting Graphs

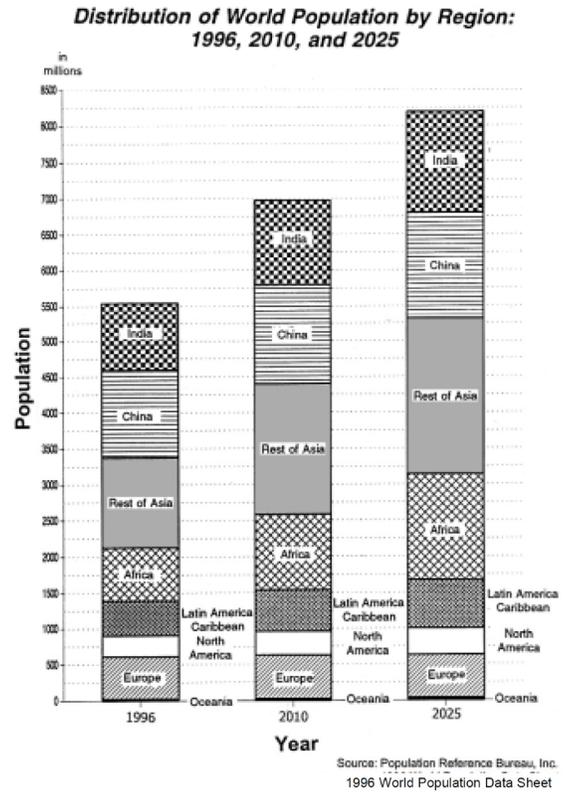
1 Base your answer on the graphs below and your knowledge of social studies.



Based on the information provided in the graphs, which conclusion about Brazil's balance of trade is valid?

- 1) Brazil depends on manufactured goods from the United States, only.
- 2) Brazil trades with the United States, only.
- 3) Brazil exports more to the United States than it imports from there.
- 4) Brazil is the main trading partner of the United States.

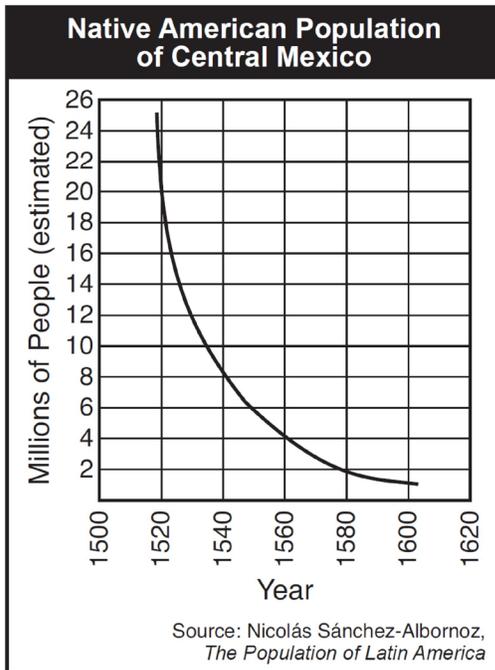
2 Base your answer on the graph below and your knowledge of social studies.



What does the graph predict about world population?

- 1) China's population will double before 2025.
- 2) Europe's population will remain relatively stable between 1996 and 2025.
- 3) India's population will triple between 1996 and 2025.
- 4) Africa's population will decrease by 2025.

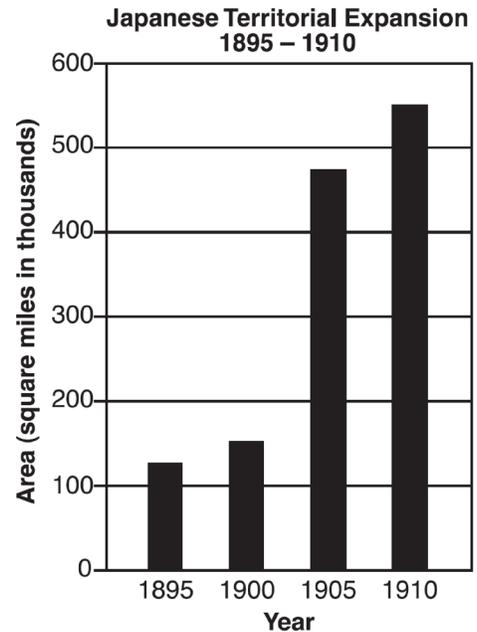
3 Base your answer on the chart below and your knowledge of social studies.



Between 1540 and 1580, what happened to the native population of Central Mexico?

- 1) It decreased by approximately 6 million people.
- 2) It increased to a high of 26 million people.
- 3) It increased by approximately 2 million people per year.
- 4) It decreased to 8 million people.

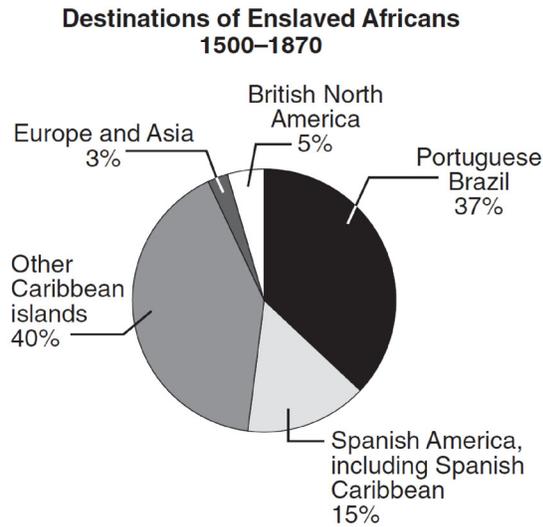
4 Base your answer on the bar graph below and your knowledge of social studies.



What conclusion can be drawn from the information on this graph?

- 1) Japan stopped its territorial expansion before 1910.
- 2) By 1905, Japan had acquired less than 400,000 square miles of additional territory.
- 3) Japanese territorial expansion increased most rapidly between 1900 and 1905.
- 4) Most of Japan's territory was acquired between 1895 and 1900.

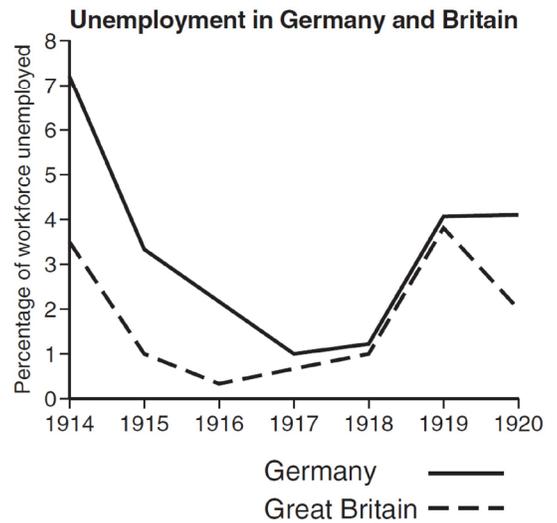
5 Base your answer on the chart below and your knowledge of social studies.



Which area received the largest number of captured Africans as slaves between 1500 and 1870?

- 1) British North America
- 2) Spanish America
- 3) Europe and Asia
- 4) other Caribbean islands

6 Base your answer on the graph below and your knowledge of social studies.

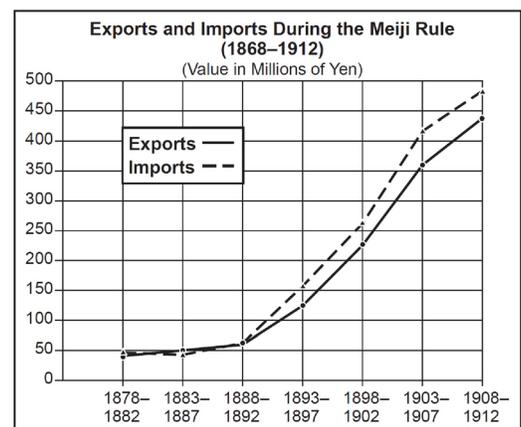


Source: European Historical Statistics, 1750–1975

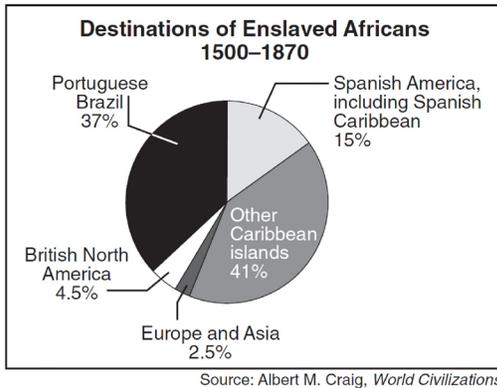
According to the graph, in what year was the difference between British and German unemployment levels the greatest?

- 1) 1914
- 2) 1915
- 3) 1919
- 4) 1920

7 According to this graph, what economic change occurred during the Meiji rule?



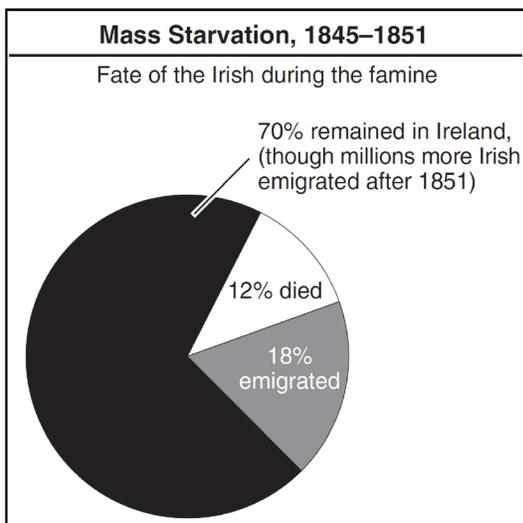
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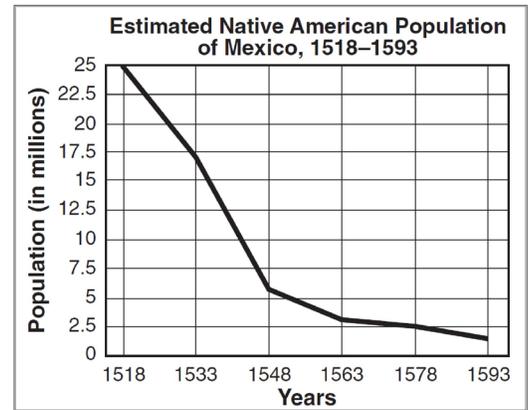
Which idea is best supported by this graph?

- 1) Slavery had its greatest effect on Europe and Asia.
- 2) Slavery was more important in North America than it was in South America.
- 3) The Portuguese made early efforts to outlaw the slave trade.
- 4) Many slaves were transported to the Caribbean islands.

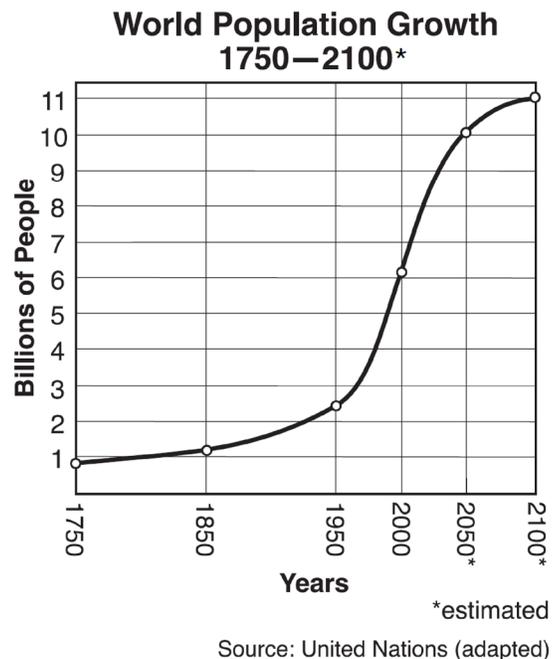
9 According to this graph, state **one** impact of the mass starvation on the Irish population between 1845 and 1851.



10 Based on this document, identify **one** population change that took place in Mexico during the Age of Exploration.



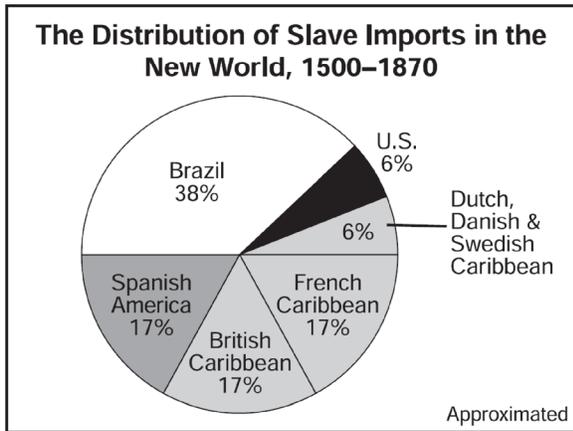
11 Base your answer on the graph below and on your knowledge of social studies.



The graph shows that between 1950 and 2000 the world's population increased by approximately

- 1) 1 billion
- 2) 4 billion
- 3) 6 billion
- 4) 8 billion

12 Base your answer on the graph below and on your knowledge of social studies.

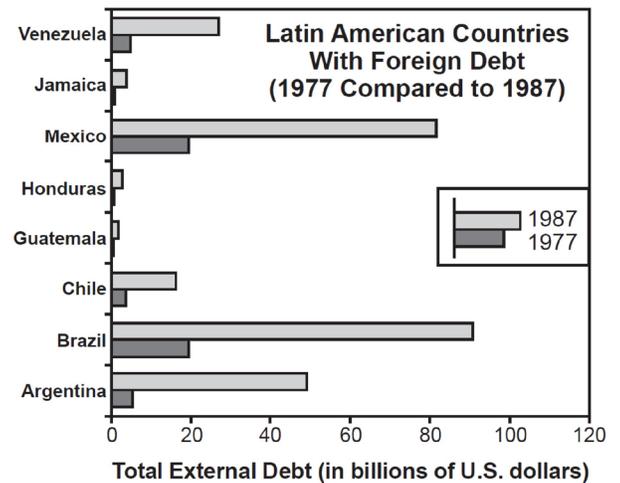


Source: R. W. Fogel and S. L. Engerman, *Time on the Cross: The Economics of American Negro Slavery*, Little, Brown and Company (adapted)

Which statement is supported by the graph?

- 1) Little trade in enslaved Africans took place before the 1500s.
- 2) Slavery was most widely practiced in Sweden, Denmark, and Holland.
- 3) Conditions of slavery in Brazil were less harsh than those in the United States.
- 4) Most enslaved Africans were sent to the Caribbean and Spanish America.

13 Base your answer on the graph below and on your knowledge of social studies.

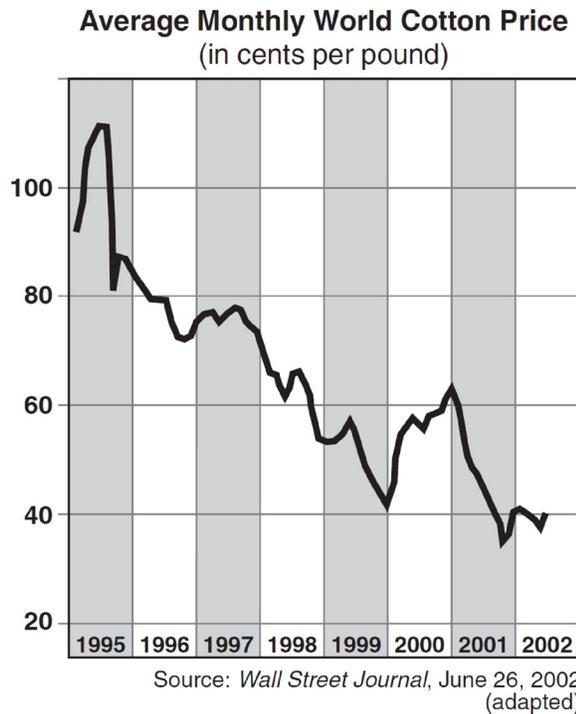


Sources: *World Bank Development Report, 1979* and *World Bank Development Report, 1989* (adapted)

According to information provided by the graph, which Latin American nation had the greatest ten-year increase in foreign debt in billions of U.S. dollars between 1977 and 1987?

- 1) Brazil
- 2) Argentina
- 3) Mexico
- 4) Venezuela

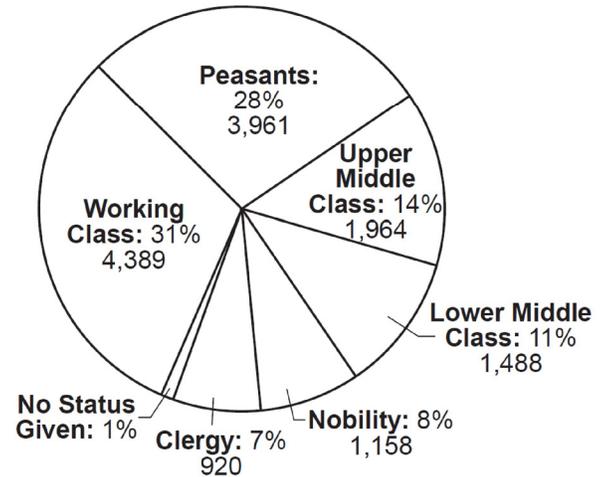
14 Base your answer on the graph below and on your knowledge of social studies.



- This graph suggests a potential problem for nations
- 1) with a favorable balance of trade
 - 2) with both industrial and agricultural exports
 - 3) that rely on a cash crop to support their economy
 - 4) whose economies have been diversified

15 Base your answer on the chart below and on your knowledge of social studies.

Executions During the Reign of Terror

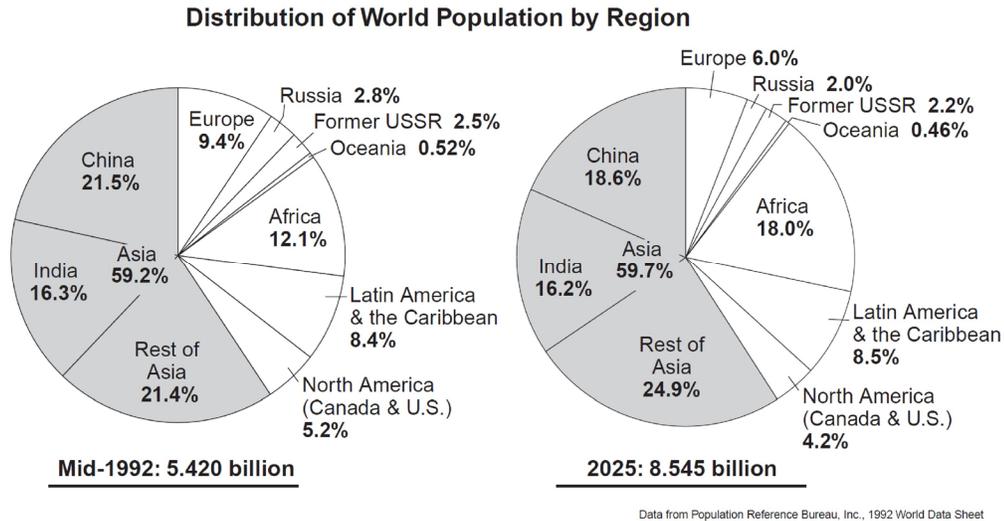


Source: Dennis Sherman et al., eds., *World Civilizations: Sources, Images, and Interpretations*, McGraw-Hill (adapted)

Which statement is best supported by information found in this chart?

- 1) Clergy were spared from the Reign of Terror.
- 2) The Reign of Terror affected all classes equally.
- 3) The Reign of Terror crossed social and economic boundaries.
- 4) Peasants were the most frequent victims of the Reign of Terror.

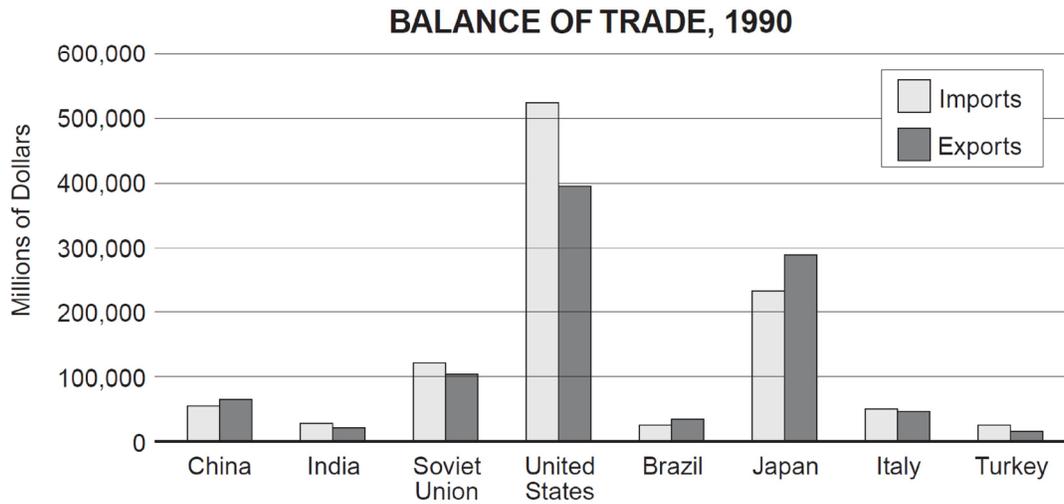
16 Base your answer on the charts below and your knowledge of social studies.



Which conclusion about world population in the next 25 years is supported by the information in these charts?

- 1) Technological improvements will cause a population decline throughout Asia.
- 2) Developed nations will be home to a majority of the world's population.
- 3) Efforts to curb population growth in developing nations will be successful.
- 4) Africa may experience problems with overpopulation.

Base your answer to the next two questions on the graph below and your knowledge of social studies.



Source: Department of International Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations, 1991.

- 17 According to the graph, which of these nations had a favorable balance of trade in 1990?
- 1) India
 - 2) Soviet Union
 - 3) United States
 - 4) China

- 18 According to the graph, which nation has the largest trade imbalance?
- 1) India
 - 2) United States
 - 3) Brazil
 - 4) Japan

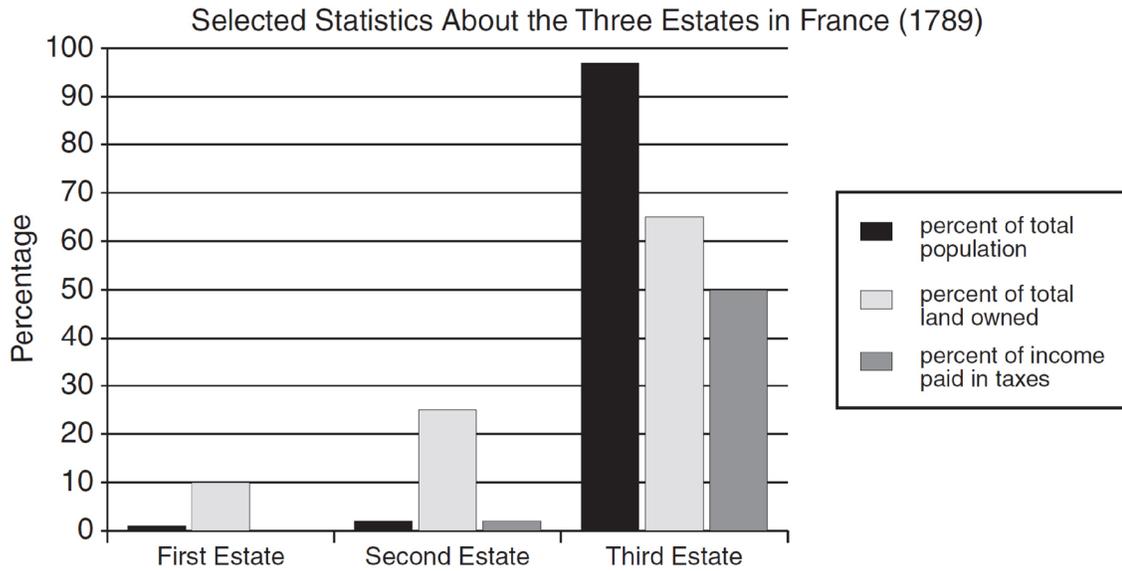
19 Base your answer on the graph below and your knowledge of social studies.



What is a major reason for the trend illustrated by the graph?

- | | |
|---|---|
| 1) the fall of communist governments in Eastern Europe | 3) an increase in global interdependence resulting from modern technology and expanded trade agreements |
| 2) the formation of oil cartels, such as the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) | 4) a general decline in the standard of living for people in developing countries |

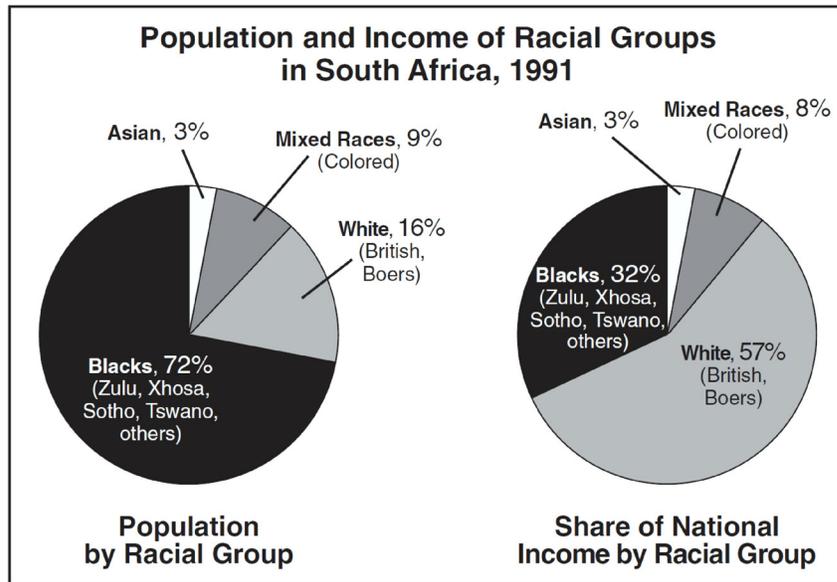
Analyze the graph below and answer the two questions that follow.



20 What percentage of income did a person in the Third Estate pay in taxes?

21 How does the tax burden of the Third Estate compare to that of the Second Estate?

22 Base your answer on the graph below and on your knowledge of social studies.

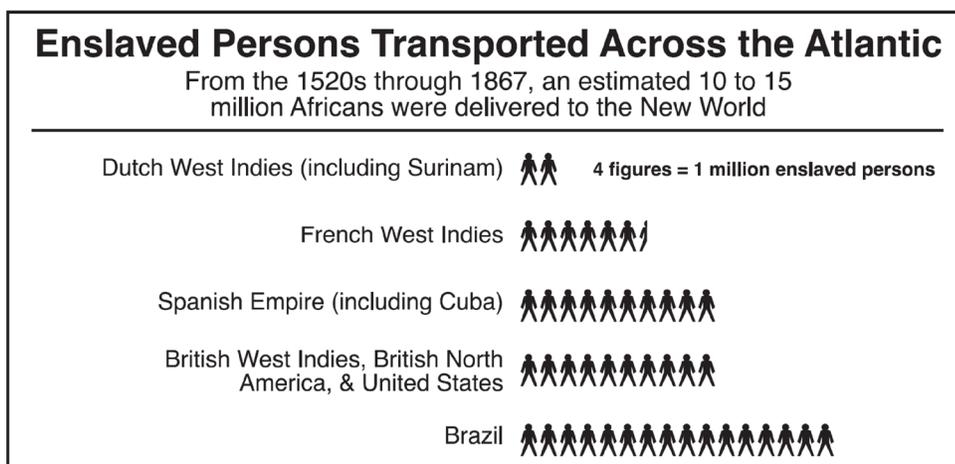


Source: Killoran, Zimmer, and Jarrett, *The Key to Understanding Global History*, Jarrett Publishing Co.

The best conclusion that can be drawn from these graphs is that in 1991

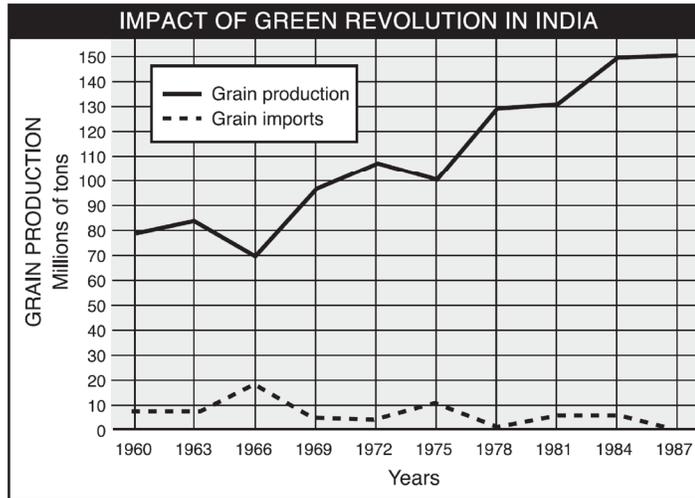
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| 1) the Boers outnumbered the British in South Africa | 3) Asians controlled a greater proportion of income in comparison to their population |
| 2) the black population has decreased due to emigration | 4) whites continued to control the largest amount of income after the end of apartheid |

23 Based on this document, identify **one** population change in the Americas that began during the Age of Exploration.



Source: Sue Ann Kime and Paul Stich, *Global History*, N & N Publishing (adapted)

24 Base your answer on the chart below and on your knowledge of social studies.

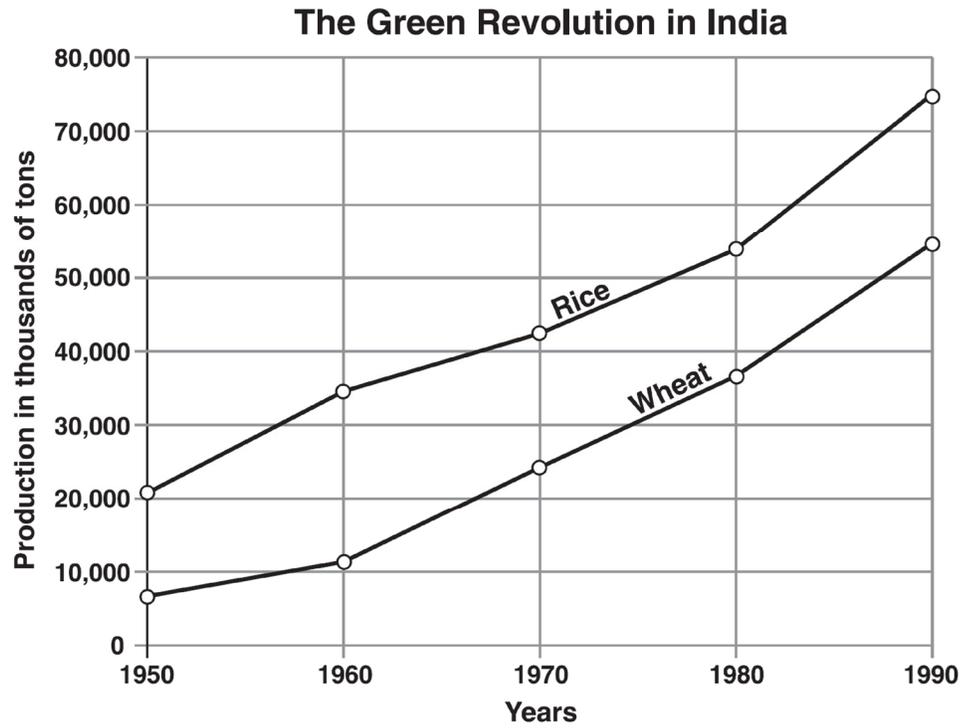


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Between 1960 and 1987, a major effect of the Green Revolution on India was

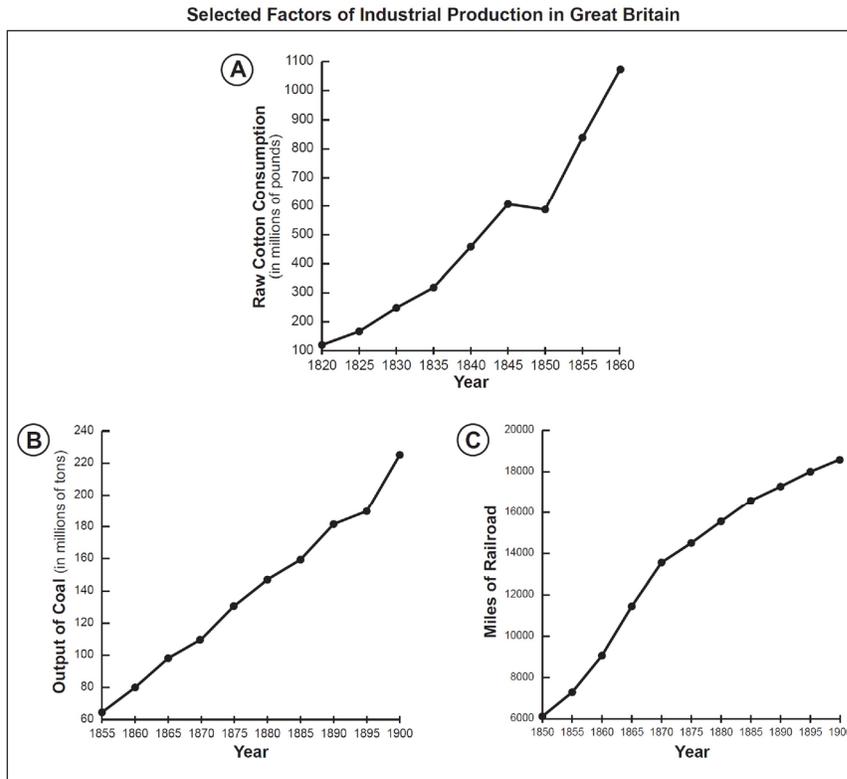
- 1) a decrease in the production of grain after 1975
- 2) an increase in grain imports after 1984
- 3) an overall increase in the production of grain since 1966
- 4) a steady decrease in grain imports from 1960 to 1966

25 Based on this document, state **one** way the Green Revolution affected India.



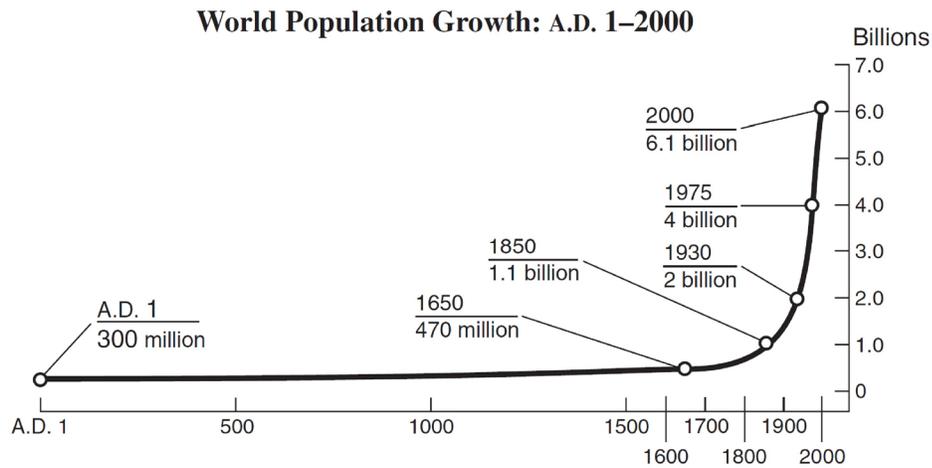
Source: Library of Congress, Federal Research Division (adapted)

26 What do these graphs imply about the effect of steam-powered machinery on industrial production in Great Britain?



Source: Brian Mitchell, *Abstract of British Historical Statistics*, Cambridge University Press, 1962 (adapted)

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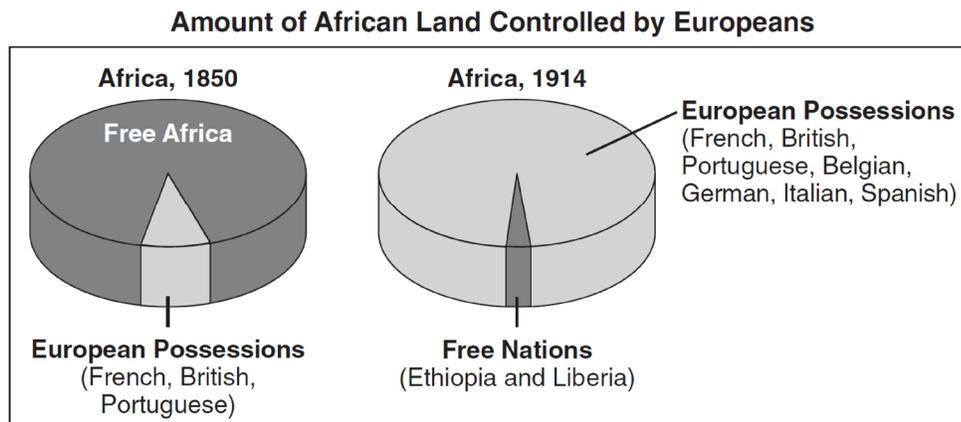


Source: Population Reference Bureau and de Blij and Murphy, *Human Geography: Culture, Society, and Space*, John Wiley & Sons, 1999 (adapted)

Which statement can be supported by the information in the graph?

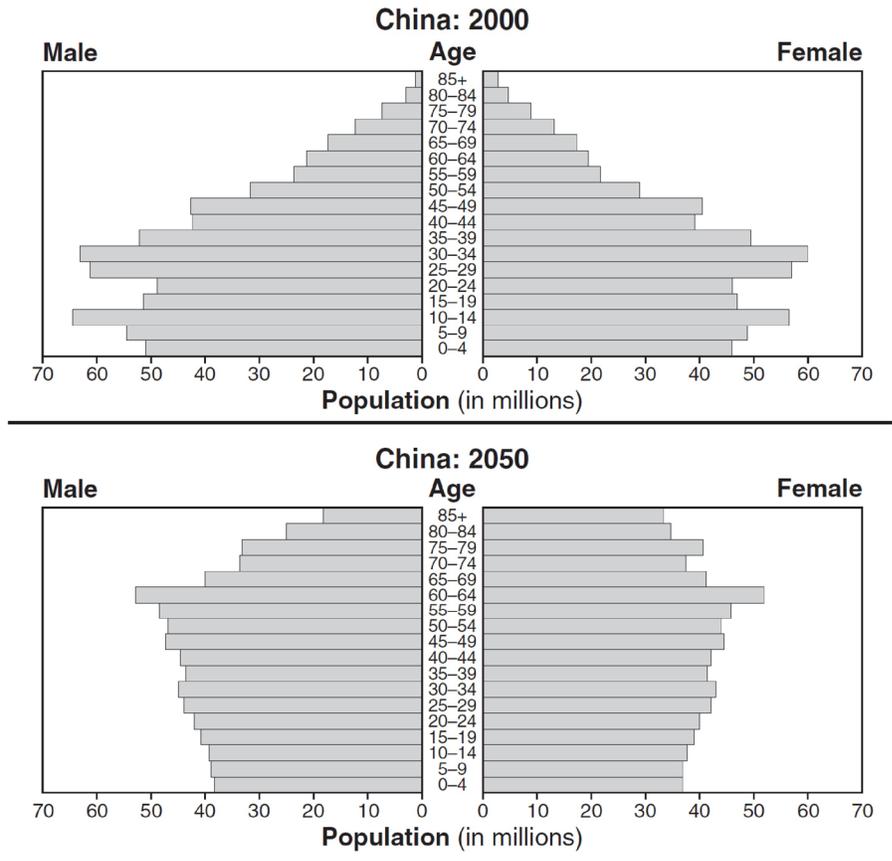
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| <p>1) The population of the world remained the same from A.D. 1 to A.D. 1650.</p> <p>2) Most of the world's population growth took place during the period from 1000 to 1500.</p> | <p>3) The population growth rate decreased during the period from 1650 to 1800.</p> <p>4) The world's population tripled between 1930 and 2000.</p> |
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28 Based on these graphs, state **one** change that occurred in Africa between 1850 and 1914.



Source: *World History, Connections to Today*, Core Support, Prentice Hall, 2001 (adapted)

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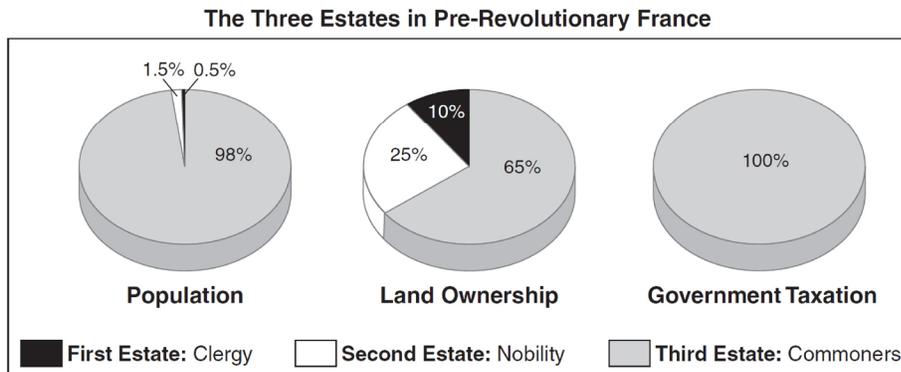


Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, *International Data Base* (adapted)

In 2050, which concern will the Chinese government have to address as a result of the shift in the makeup of its population?

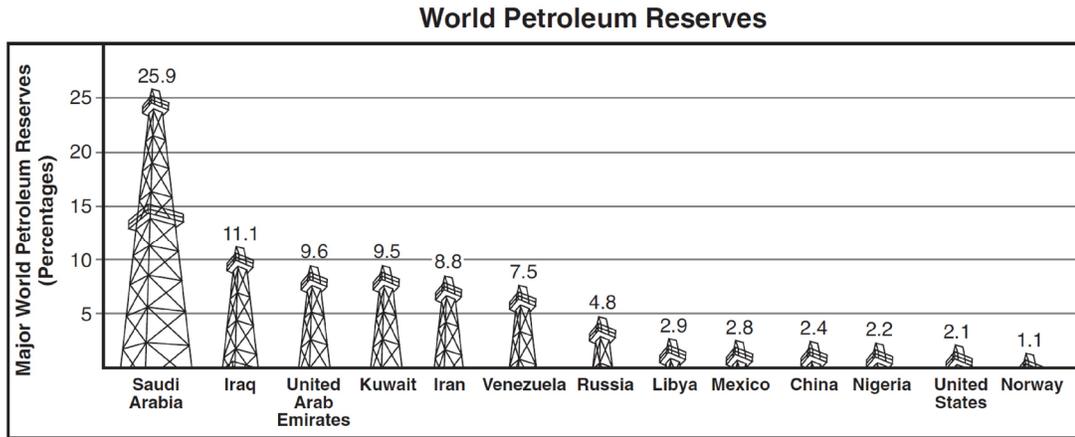
- 1) military defense spending
- 2) production of consumer goods
- 3) needs of an aging population
- 4) education of young people

30 Based on the information in these graphs, identify **one** cause of the French Revolution.



Source: Jackson J. Spielvogel, *World History*, Glencoe/McGraw-Hill, 2003 (adapted)

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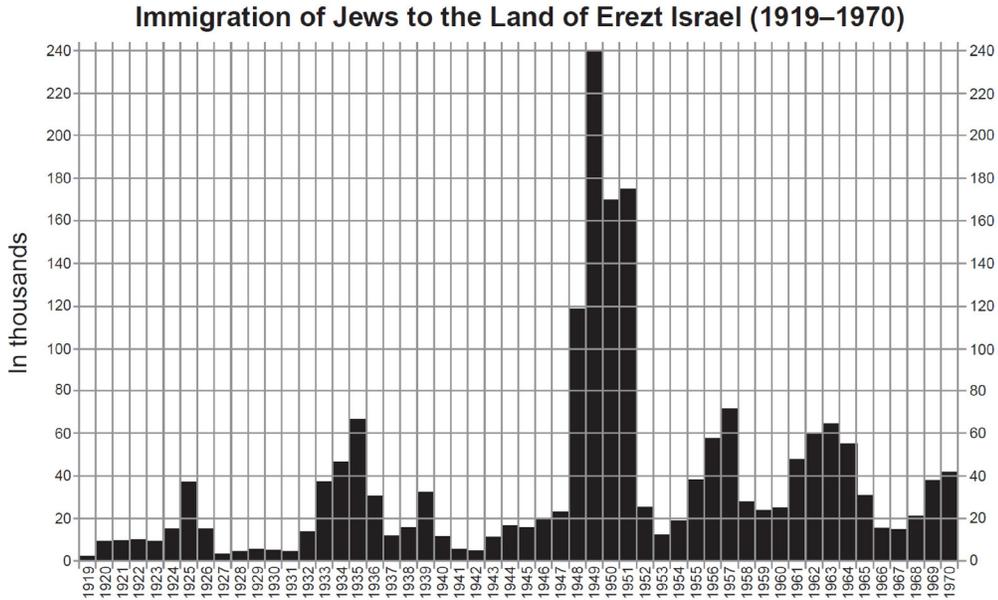


Source: John T. Rourke, *International Politics on the World Stage*, McGraw-Hill, 2003 (adapted)

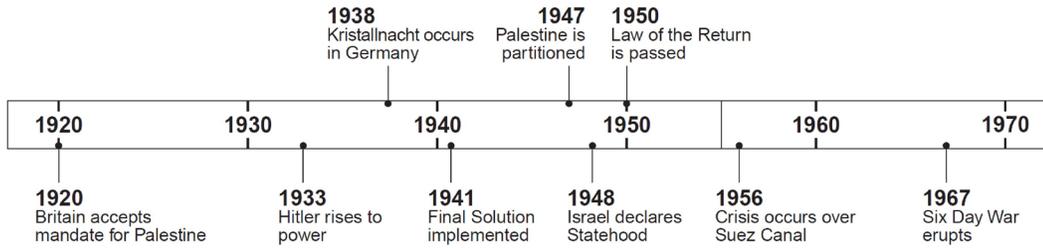
Which conclusion is best supported by the information provided on this graph?

- 1) The United States has adequate petroleum reserves to meet future needs.
- 2) Nations lacking major petroleum reserves cannot industrialize.
- 3) Overproduction of petroleum products has caused inflation in the Middle East.
- 4) Most of the world's largest petroleum reserves are located in the Middle East.

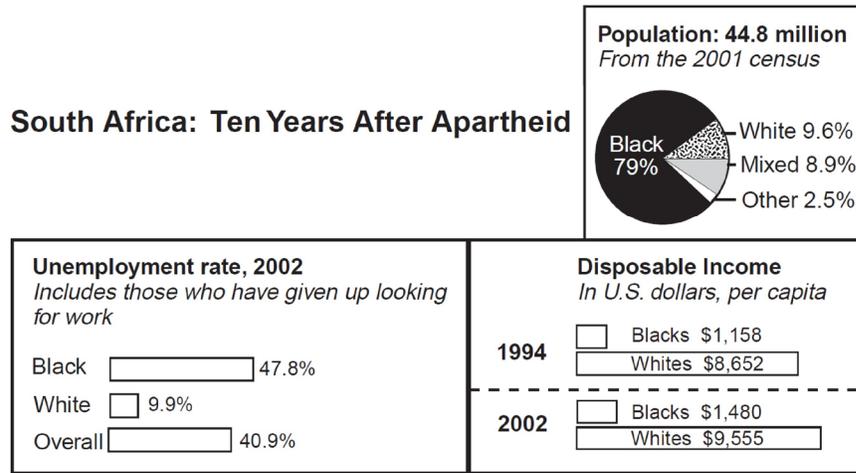
32 Based on these documents, identify *two* specific reasons large numbers of Jewish immigrants moved to the Palestinian/Israeli region between 1920 and 1970.



Source: *Encyclopaedia Judaica*, Volume 9, Keter Publishing House Jerusalem (adapted)



33 Base your answer on the chart below and on your knowledge of social studies.



Source: *New York Times*, April 26, 2004 (adapted)

Which conclusion about South Africa's economy can be drawn from this chart?

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|---|---|
| 1) Since the end of apartheid, most blacks have gained economic equality. | 3) Despite the end of apartheid, many blacks continue to struggle economically. |
| 2) In some sectors of the economy, blacks earn more than whites. | 4) Economic opportunity for blacks is directly related to education reform. |

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1 ANS: 3 REF: 089918gh

2 ANS: 2 REF: 080044gh

3 ANS: 3 REF: 060123gh

4 ANS: 3 REF: 060126gh

5 ANS: 4 REF: 080118gh

6 ANS: 1 REF: 080130gh

7 ANS:

imports and exports increased during Meiji rule; trade greatly increased during Meiji rule

REF: 0102IIIA2gh

8 ANS: 4 REF: 080214gh

9 ANS:

12% died; 12% starved to death; 18% emigrated; only 70% remained in Ireland; Irish emigrated; the Irish population declined

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10 ANS:

Native American population of Mexico went down; native population of Mexico dropped by millions

REF: 0603IIIA6agh

11 ANS: 2 REF: 080337gh

12 ANS: 4 REF: 060427gh

13 ANS: 1 REF: 010542gh

14 ANS: 3 REF: 010644gh

15 ANS: 3 REF: 080648gh

16 ANS: 4 REF: 060034gh

17 ANS: 4 REF: 080042gh

18 ANS: 2 REF: 080043gh

19 ANS: 3 REF: 010148gh

20 ANS:

50%; Half of the Third Estate's income was paid in taxes

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21 ANS:

The Third Estate paid a higher percentage of their income in taxes compared to the Second Estate.

REF: 0101IIIA11bus

22 ANS: 4 REF: 010343gh

23 ANS:

the number of African slaves in the new world increased; more African slaves went to Brazil than to other places

REF: 0603IIIA6bgh

24 ANS: 3 REF: 080340gh

25 ANS:
output/production of crops increased; rice and/or wheat production increased

REF: 0104IIIA7gh

26 ANS:
encouraged the growth of more railroads; led to an increase in coal production; increased textile production; increased demand for more cotton; industrial production increased

REF: 0805IIIA6gh

27 ANS: 4 REF: 010646gh

28 ANS:
there are fewer free nations in Africa in 1914; Europeans control most of Africa in 1914; France, Britain, and Portugal are not the only European nations to have possessions in Africa in 1914; Ethiopia and Liberia are the only free nations left in Africa in 1914; the number of independent nations in Africa declined; European possessions in Africa increased

REF: 0106IIIA6gh

29 ANS: 3 REF: 010737gh

30 ANS:
the third estate paid 100% of government taxation; the first and second estates paid no government taxes; the first and second estates owned land but paid no taxes; the third estate was not treated equally; commoners made up 98% of the population but owned only 65% of the land; taxes were not divided equally among the three estates

REF: 0107IIIA2gh

31 ANS: 4 REF: 080736gh

32 ANS:
Hitler's rise to power; Kristallnacht; Final Solution; creation of Israel; partition of Palestine; the Law of the Return was passed; result of Six Day War

REF: 0808IIIA4gh

33 ANS: 3 REF: 061034gh