

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

GRADE 5

ELEMENTARY-LEVEL SOCIAL STUDIES TEST

BOOKLET 1

MULTIPLE-CHOICE AND CONSTRUCTED-RESPONSE QUESTIONS

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Student Name _____

School Name _____

Print your name and the name of your school on the lines above.

The test has three parts. Parts I and II are in this test booklet; Part III is in Booklet 2.

Part I contains 35 multiple-choice questions. Record your answers to these questions on the separate answer sheet. Use only a No. 2 pencil on your answer sheet.

Part II consists of several short-answer questions. Write your answers to Part II in this test booklet.

You will have $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours to answer the questions in Booklet 1.

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Part I

DIRECTIONS

There are 35 questions on Part I of this test. Each question is followed by four choices, labeled A–D. Read each question carefully. Decide which choice is the correct answer. On the separate answer sheet, mark your answer in the row of circles for each question by filling in the circle that has the same letter as the answer you have chosen. Use a pencil to mark the answer sheet.

Read the **sample question** below:

Sample Question

Which city is the capital of New York State?

- (A) Utica
- (B) Albany
- (C) New York City
- (D) Buffalo

The correct answer is **Albany**, which is next to letter **B**. On your answer sheet, look at the box showing the row of answer circles for the sample question. Since choice **B** is the correct answer for the sample question, the circle with the letter **B** has been filled in.

Answer all 35 questions on Part I of this test. Fill in only one circle for each question. Be sure to erase completely any answer you want to change. You may not know the answers to some of the questions, but do the best you can on each one.

When you have finished Part I, go on to Part II.

Part I

Answer all questions in this part.

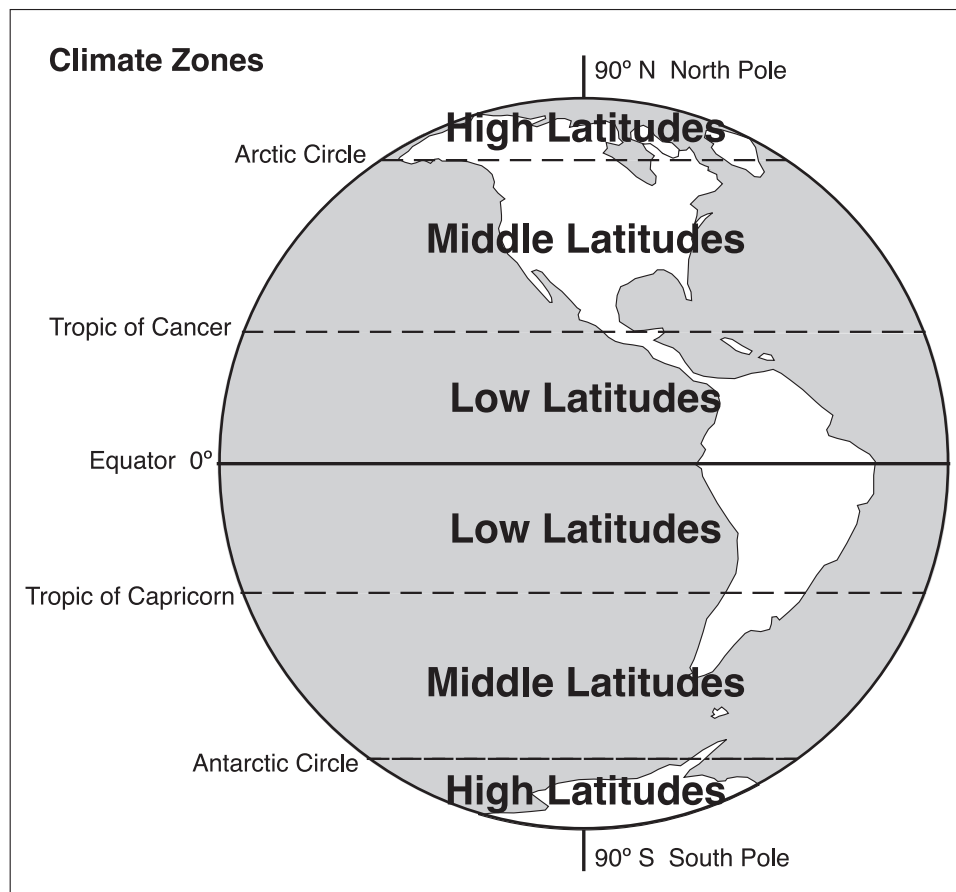
- 1 The language, customs, and beliefs that a group of people share are part of its
(A) economy (C) culture
(B) environment (D) government

- 2 For thousands of years, people have passed on their values, ideas, and traditions through
(A) radio and television (C) books and movies
(B) newspapers and magazines (D) legends and folktales

- 3 Both the United States and Mexico are located on the continent of
(A) North America (C) Africa
(B) South America (D) Europe

- 4 What is the name given to the study of climate, landforms, bodies of water, and natural resources of a specific place?
(A) civics (C) economics
(B) geography (D) history

Base your answers to questions 5 and 6 on the climate zone map below and on your knowledge of social studies.



Source: Stephanie A. Hirsh, ed., *The United States: Its History and Neighbors*, Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, 1988 (adapted)

- 5** In which part of the world will you find the coldest weather?
- (A) between the tropic of Cancer and the equator
 - (B) between the Antarctic Circle and the South Pole
 - (C) between the Arctic Circle and the tropic of Cancer
 - (D) between the equator and the tropic of Capricorn
- 6** In which climate zone is the continental United States located?
- (A) northern middle latitudes
 - (B) northern low latitudes
 - (C) southern high latitudes
 - (D) southern middle latitudes
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Base your answer to question 7 on the drawings and information below and on your knowledge of social studies.

Jessica's Breakfast



Cantaloupe from
Guatemala



Corn flakes and milk
from the United States



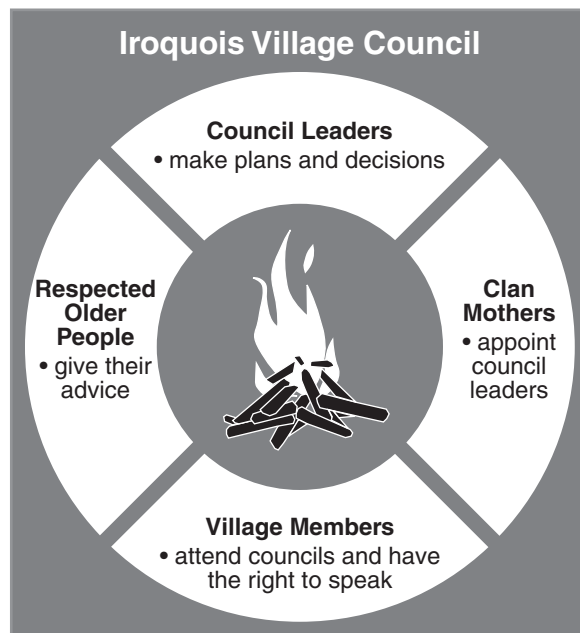
Cocoa from
Ghana



Banana from
Ecuador

- 7** The foods included in Jessica's breakfast show that people in her community
- (A) depend on other world communities to meet their needs and wants
 - (B) often live with people from other cultural groups
 - (C) rely on local products
 - (D) have many different customs and traditions
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- 8** The money a worker is paid is called a
- (A) tax
 - (B) wage
 - (C) price
 - (D) barter
- 9** The elected official in charge of running a city is called a
- (A) duchess
 - (B) governor
 - (C) mayor
 - (D) prime minister
- 10** Local governments are important because they make decisions for the
- (A) community
 - (B) state
 - (C) nation
 - (D) world

Base your answer to question 11 on the chart below and on your knowledge of social studies.



Source: James A. Banks, et al., *New York: Adventures in Time and Place*, Macmillan/McGraw-Hill, 1998 (adapted)

11 As part of the Iroquois (Haudenosaunee) village council, village members have the right to

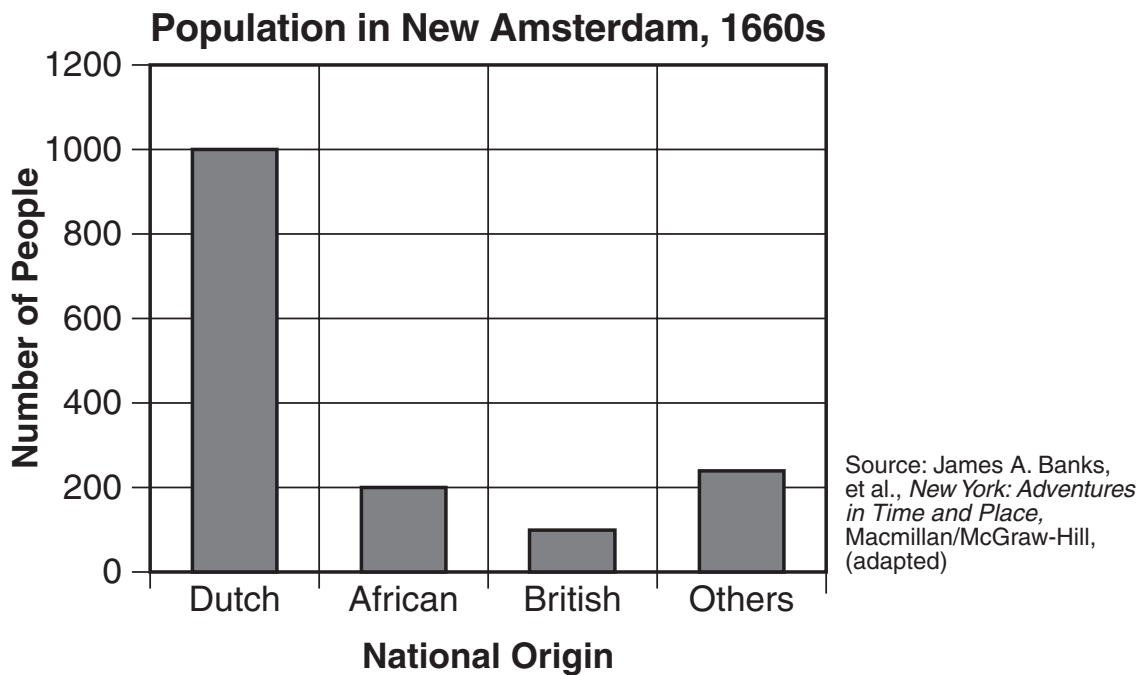
- (A) appoint council leaders
- (B) make decisions
- (C) make council plans
- (D) speak at council meetings

12 Europeans, including Verrazano and Cartier, explored North America because they were trying to

- (A) claim land for England
- (B) find out who lived there
- (C) find a shorter trade route to Asia
- (D) trade with Native American Indians

- 13** Early Iroquois (Haudenosaunee) villages were usually located near
- (A) streams
 - (B) deserts
 - (C) mountains
 - (D) oceans
- 14** In which type of home did the early Iroquois (Haudenosaunee) most often live?
- (A) igloo
 - (B) teepee
 - (C) cabin
 - (D) longhouse
- 15** Which term is defined as a settlement ruled by another country?
- (A) state
 - (B) village
 - (C) region
 - (D) colony
- 16** Which person wrote much of the Declaration of Independence, was a political leader during the Revolution, and later became president of the United States?
- (A) Benjamin Franklin
 - (B) Thomas Jefferson
 - (C) Patrick Henry
 - (D) Abraham Lincoln
- 17** What was the main reason there were many Africans in the early colonies?
- (A) They were forced to come to America as slaves.
 - (B) They wanted farmland that was not available to them in Africa.
 - (C) They were searching for religious freedom in America.
 - (D) They wanted to live in a place that had a democracy.

Base your answers to questions 18 and 19 on the graph below and on your knowledge of social studies.



18 In the 1660s, approximately how many British settlers lived in New Amsterdam?

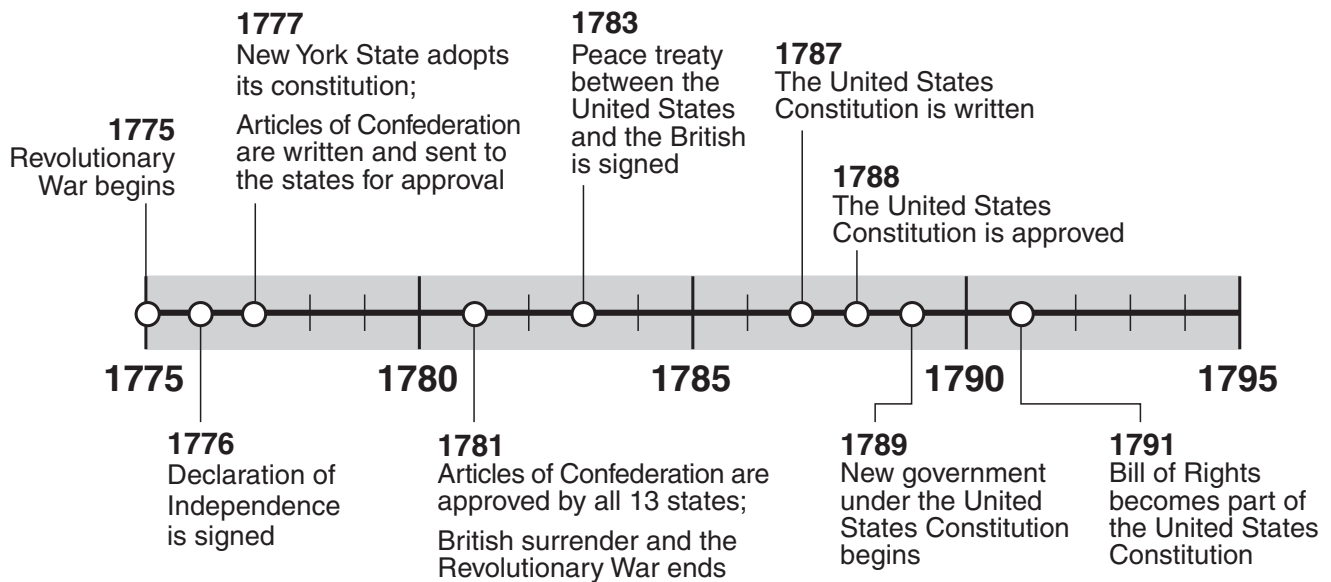
- (A) 1000
- (B) 220
- (C) 150
- (D) 100

19 In the 1660s, most people living in New Amsterdam came from

- (A) Africa
- (B) The Netherlands
- (C) Great Britain
- (D) France

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Base your answers to questions 20 and 21 on the time line below and on your knowledge of social studies.



Source: Robert M. Goldberg, *New York State History*, Globe Book Company (adapted)

20 In which year did New York State adopt its constitution?

- (A) 1777
- (B) 1787
- (C) 1789
- (D) 1791

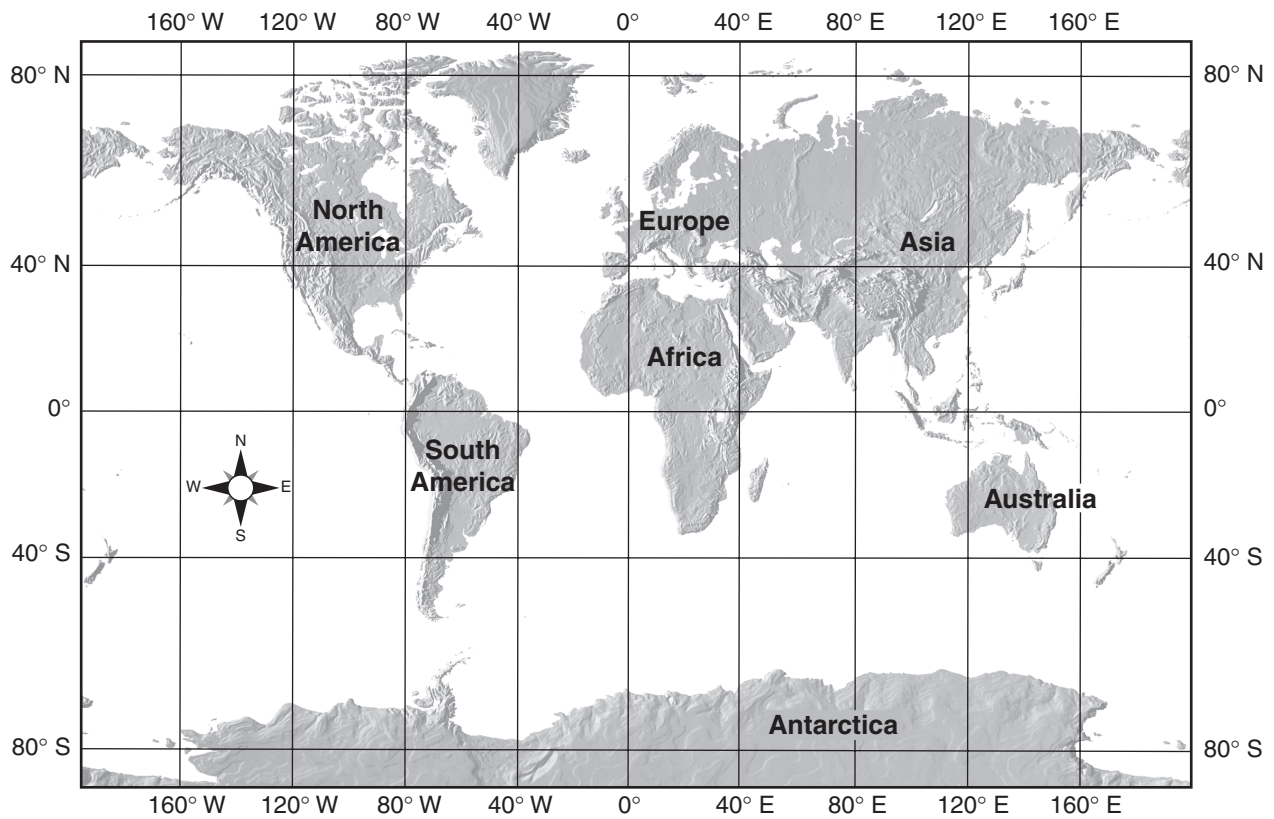
21 Based on the information provided by this time line, which statement is true?

- (A) The Declaration of Independence was signed before the Revolutionary War began.
- (B) The Bill of Rights was included in the original United States Constitution.
- (C) The Americans and the British signed the peace treaty to end the Revolutionary War before the Constitution was written.
- (D) The Articles of Confederation and the Constitution were approved the same year.

- 22** What is one way to help conserve New York’s resources?
- (A) driving a car instead of walking
 - (B) washing a car every day
 - (C) shutting the light off when leaving a room
 - (D) using air conditioners on hot days
- 23** Why was the Erie Canal important to the United States?
- (A) It connected the Great Lakes to the St. Lawrence River.
 - (B) It gave immigrants an easier route to New York City.
 - (C) It was supported by Governor De Witt Clinton.
 - (D) It provided an easier, faster, and more direct way to ship goods.
- 24** In which order, from earliest to latest, did transportation in New York State develop?
- (A) steamboat → automobile → train → plane
 - (B) steamboat → train → automobile → plane
 - (C) train → steamboat → plane → automobile
 - (D) automobile → steamboat → plane → train
- 25** What do the stripes on the United States flag symbolize?
- (A) strength and character
 - (B) honesty and commitment
 - (C) the original thirteen colonies
 - (D) the months of the year
- 26** On which day does the United States especially honor the soldiers who died for their country in wartime?
- (A) Memorial Day
 - (B) Independence Day
 - (C) Labor Day
 - (D) Martin Luther King, Jr., Day

- 27** A census is taken every ten years in the United States to determine a state's
- (A) location
 - (B) customs
 - (C) traditions
 - (D) population
- 28** The highest and most important court in the United States is called the
- (A) District Court of Northern New York
 - (B) United States Court of Appeals
 - (C) United States Supreme Court
 - (D) New York State Court of Appeals
- 29** Saying the Pledge of Allegiance, respecting the American flag, and celebrating on the Fourth of July are all examples of
- (A) disloyalty
 - (B) sectionalism
 - (C) patriotism
 - (D) poor citizenship
- 30** Our national, state, and local governments are called representative governments. What is the role of citizens in a representative government?
- (A) They participate directly in all government decisions.
 - (B) They have no say in government decisions.
 - (C) They elect federal judges who then appoint government leaders.
 - (D) They elect government officials who make decisions for them.

Base your answer to question 31 on the world map below and on your knowledge of social studies.



Source: *Mountain High Maps*, Digital Wisdom, 1995 (adapted)

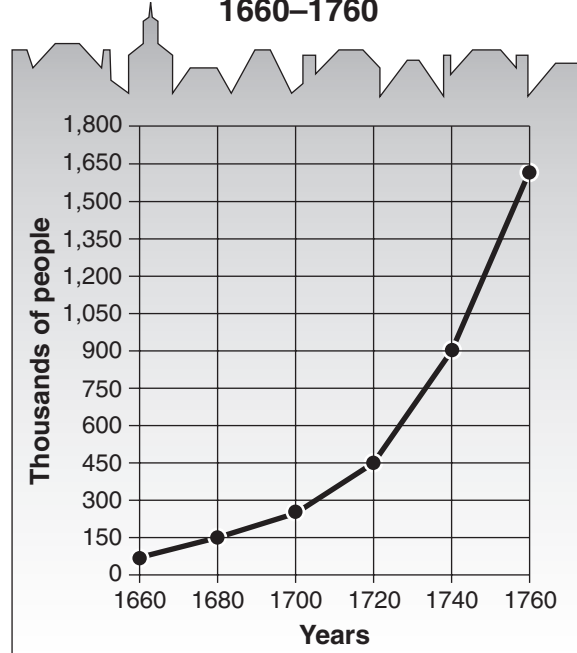
31 Which two continents are entirely south of the equator?

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|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| (A) Europe and Africa | (C) Australia and Antarctica |
| (B) Africa and Australia | (D) Asia and South America |

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Base your answers to questions 32 and 33 on the graph below and on your knowledge of social studies.

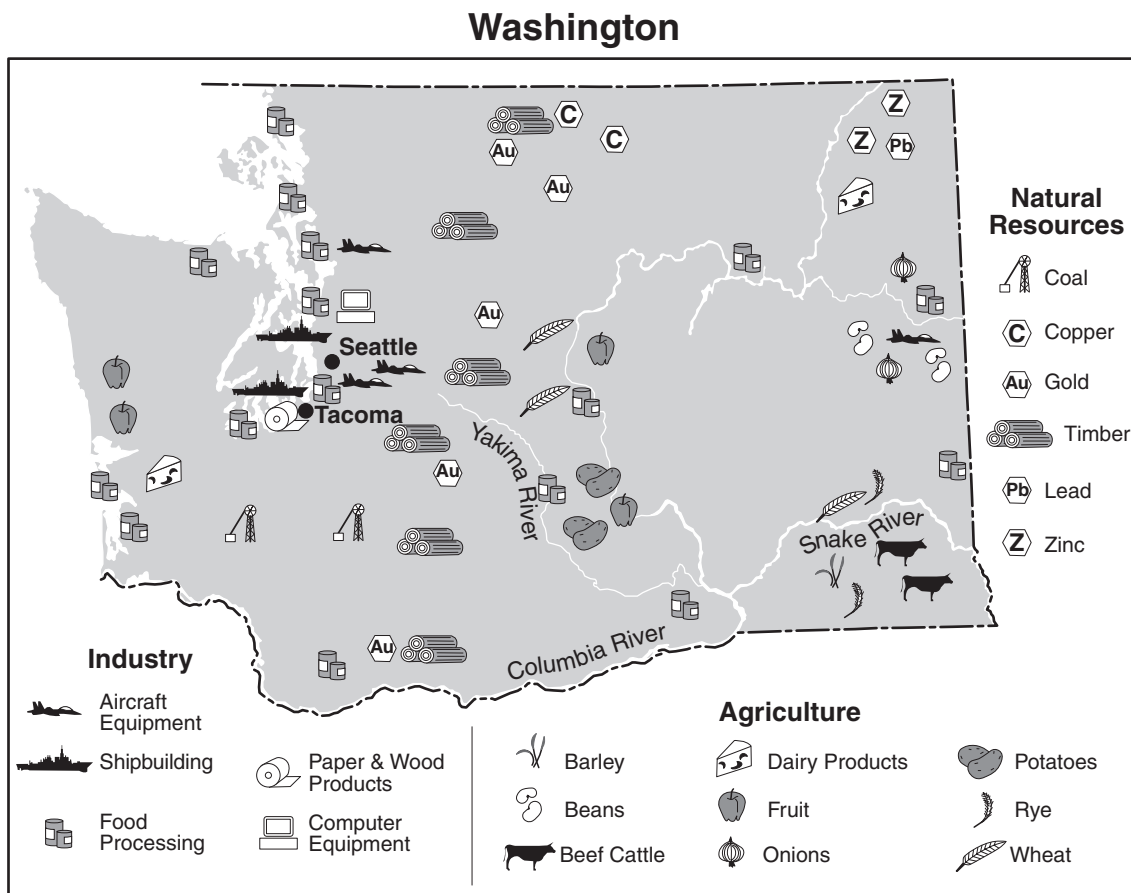
**Population of the 13 English Colonies,
1660–1760**



Source: James A. Banks, et al., *United States: Adventures in Time and Place*, Macmillan/McGraw-Hill (adapted)

- 32** In which year was the population of the thirteen colonies 450,000?
- (A) 1680 (C) 1720
(B) 1700 (D) 1760
- 33** During which twenty-year period did the number of people in the thirteen colonies increase the most?
- (A) 1680–1700 (C) 1720–1740
(B) 1700–1720 (D) 1740–1760
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Base your answer to question 34 on the map below and on your knowledge of social studies.



Source: Rebecca Steffo, *Celebrate the States: Washington*, Benchmark Books, 1999 (adapted)

- 34** The information on this map is mostly about
- (A) landforms and latitude
 - (B) products and resources
 - (C) elevation
 - (D) population

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Base your answer to question 35 on the passage below and on your knowledge of social studies.

... The United States Constitution can be changed by adding new laws called amendments. Three-fourths of the states must ratify [approve] an amendment for it to be added to the Constitution. The first ten amendments are called the Bill of Rights. People should know what each amendment means. I believe the Bill of Rights contains the most important amendments to the Constitution. . . .

Source: James A. Banks, et al., *New York: Adventures in Time and Place*, Macmillan/McGraw-Hill, 1998

35 Which one of these sentences from the passage is an opinion?

- (A) The United States Constitution can be changed by adding new laws called amendments.
 - (B) Three-fourths of the states must ratify an amendment for it to be added to the Constitution.
 - (C) The first ten amendments are called the Bill of Rights.
 - (D) I believe the Bill of Rights contains the most important amendments to the Constitution.
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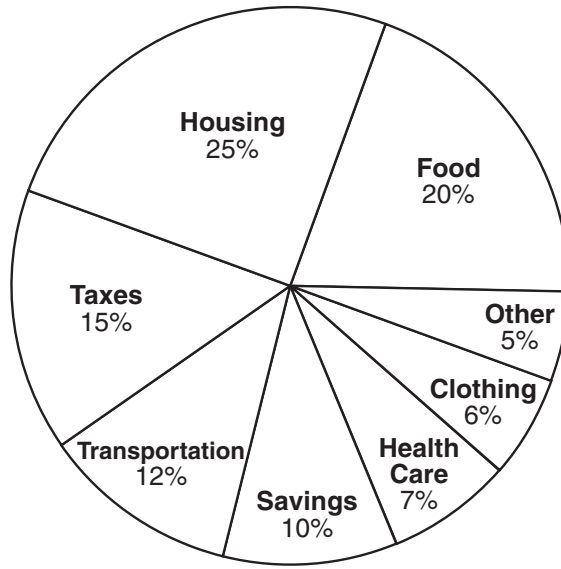
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Part II

Directions: Write your answers to the questions that follow in the spaces provided in this test booklet.

Base your answers to questions 1 through 3 on the graph below, which shows how a family uses the money they earn to buy goods they need, and on your knowledge of social studies.



1 On which item did the family spend most of their money? [1]

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2 Name **three** items that, when combined, use more than half of the family's money. [1]

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3 All people have basic needs. Identify **three** basic needs from the circle graph. [3]

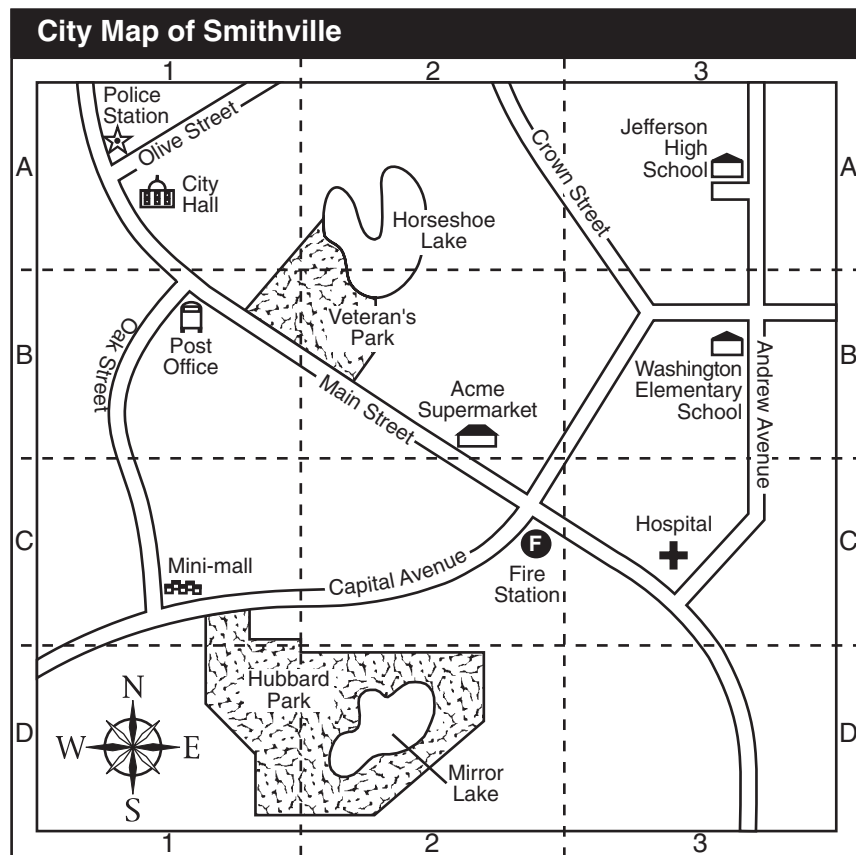
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b _____

c _____

Score

Base your answers to questions 4 through 7 on the map and grid below and on your knowledge of social studies.



Source: *Communities Activity Book*, Harcourt Brace & Co. (adapted)

4 Name the **two** streets that intersect [come together] in section A-1. [1]

_____ AND _____

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5 Using the letters **and** numbers from the map grid, identify the section where the hospital is located. [1]

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6 In which main direction would a person travel to go from Washington Elementary School to Jefferson High School? [1]

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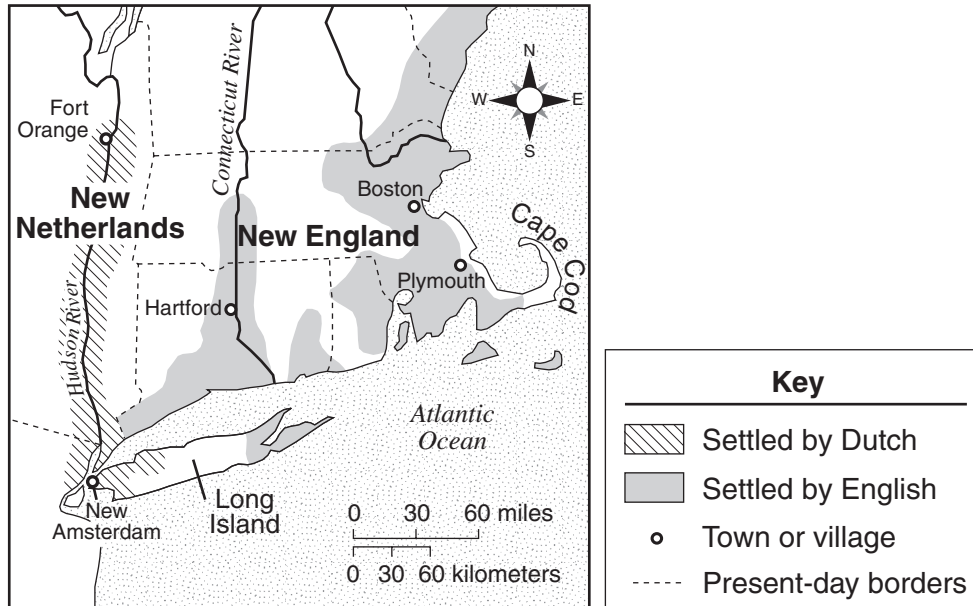
7 Using the shortest route, on which two streets would a person travel to get *from* the Acme Supermarket *to* the Mini-mall? [1]

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Base your answers to questions 8 through 10 on the map below and on your knowledge of social studies.

Dutch and English Settlement, 1650



Source: James A. Banks, et al., *New York: Adventures in Time and Place*, Macmillan/McGraw-Hill (adapted)

8 Along which river did the Dutch build settlements? [1]

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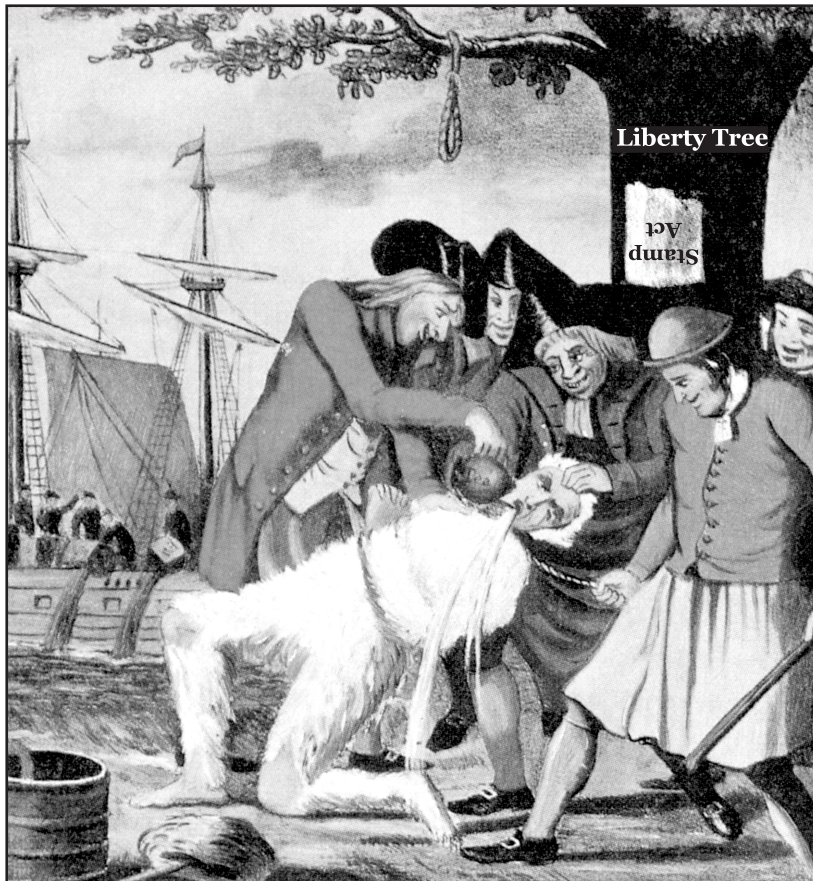
9 About how many miles is Boston from Plymouth? [1]

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10 State *one* major reason these early settlements were located on or near water. [1]

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Base your answers to questions 11 through 13 on the drawing below and on your knowledge of social studies.



The Sons of Liberty, a group of patriots, protesting what they believed to be unfair taxation, tar and feather a British tax collector.

Source: Library of Congress (adapted)

11 Which country does the tax collector represent? [1]

Score

12 Why did the Sons of Liberty tar and feather the tax collector? [1]

Score

13 These actions by the Sons of Liberty and other patriots helped lead to which war? [1]

Score

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Part II Score _____

Maximum Score is 15

