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SOCIAL STUDIES SKILL-BASED TEST 1

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Directions: Read each question carefully and select the best answer. Mark your answer choice in the appropriate place on your answer.

- 1 All of the following statements about the Renaissance are true *except* —
- A the economy of Western Europe changed from a barter economy to a money economy
 - B women gained significant prestige and individual rights
 - C classical works both helped and hindered scientific development
 - D leading artists brought the visual arts to new heights
- 2 Which philosopher most likely wrote this statement?

“... and in the actions of men, and especially of princes, ... the end justifies the means.”

- F Baron de Montesquieu
- G Niccolo Machiavelli
- H Desiderius Erasmus
- J John Locke

Use the picture below and your knowledge of social studies to answer question 3.



- 3 The artist responsible for the sculpture shown above is —
- A Raphael
 - B da Vinci
 - C Michelangelo
 - D Donatello
- 4 A major cause of the Reformation was the —
- F lack of wealth of the Church
 - G strict and pious behavior of the clergy
 - H lack of power and political influence of the Church
 - J abuse of power and wealth by the clergy
- 5 The spread of the Protestant Reformation throughout Europe is attributed to —
- A the caravel
 - B the printing press
 - C trade
 - D warfare

Use the quote below and your knowledge of social studies to answer question 6.

"The Pope is no judge of matters pertaining to God's word and faith; the true Christian must examine and judge for himself."

Use the information in the chart below and your knowledge of social studies to answer question 9.

Inventions

printing press
 caravel
 mercator maps
 astrolabe

- 6 Who is the *most likely* author of the statement?
- F Martin Luther
 - G Mao Zedong
 - H John Calvin
 - J Cardinal Richelieu
- 7 Which of the following was a *direct* result of the Scientific Revolution in Europe?
- A A gradual decline in the growth of cities.
 - B An increase in the use of the divine right theory of government.
 - C The rise of the manorial system.
 - D The application of reason to political thinking.
- 8 Which of the following people *does not* belong with the others?
- F Johannes Kepler
 - G Nicolaus Copernicus
 - H Jacques Cartier
 - J Isaac Newton

- 9 The inventions in the box above are *most* responsible for the —
- A unification of Germany and Italy in the 1800s
 - B growth of industry in Latin America in the 1900s
 - C spread of the Ottoman Empire in the 1600s
 - D exploration and expansion of Europe in the 1400 – 1500s

Use your knowledge of social studies to answer question 10.

<p>Table of Contents 1</p> <p>Reformation Crusades French Revolution Renaissance</p>	<p>Table of Contents 2</p> <p>Renaissance Crusades Reformation French Revolution</p>
<p>Table of Contents 3</p> <p>Crusades Renaissance Reformation French Revolution</p>	<p>Table of Contents 4</p> <p>French Revolution Crusades Reformation Renaissance</p>

10 Which Table of Contents page has the historical eras arranged in proper chronological order?

- F Table 1
- G Table 2
- H Table 3
- J Table 4

11 Thinkers during the Enlightenment challenged the established social order by —

- A calling for an end to government
- B denying the existence of heaven
- C calling for a just society based on reason
- D supporting peasant rebellions

Use your knowledge of social studies to answer question 12.

I. _____ ?

- A. Magna Carta
- B. Glorious Revolution
- C. John Locke's writings

12 The best topic for the items in the outline would be —

- F Rise of Absolute Monarchies
- G Development of Ethnic Rivalries
- H Imperialist Policies
- J Development of Parliamentary Democracy

13 Which of the following *best* explains why European rulers encouraged ocean exploration?

- A they wanted to find new trade routes
- B they wanted to conquer new lands
- C they wanted to spread Christianity
- D they wanted to test new navigational tools

Use the statement below and your knowledge of social studies to answer questions 14 and 15.

The royal power is absolute. . . Without this absolute authority the king could neither do good nor repress evil. It is necessary that his power be such that no one can escape him.

14 Which person would *most likely* have agreed with the statement?

- F Karl Marx
- G Louis XIV
- H Thomas Jefferson
- J Jean Jacques Rousseau

15 Which event was based on ideas in direct contrast to the ideas expressed in the statement?

- A Signing of the *Magna Carta* in England
- B Forced collectivization in the Soviet Union
- C Cultural Revolution in China
- D Rise of the Nationalist Socialist Party in Germany

Use your knowledge of social studies to answer question 16.

Chronology of Events
The French Revolution

1. Declaration of the Rights of Man
2. The Reign of Terror
3. The reign of Louis XVI
4. The rise of Napoleon

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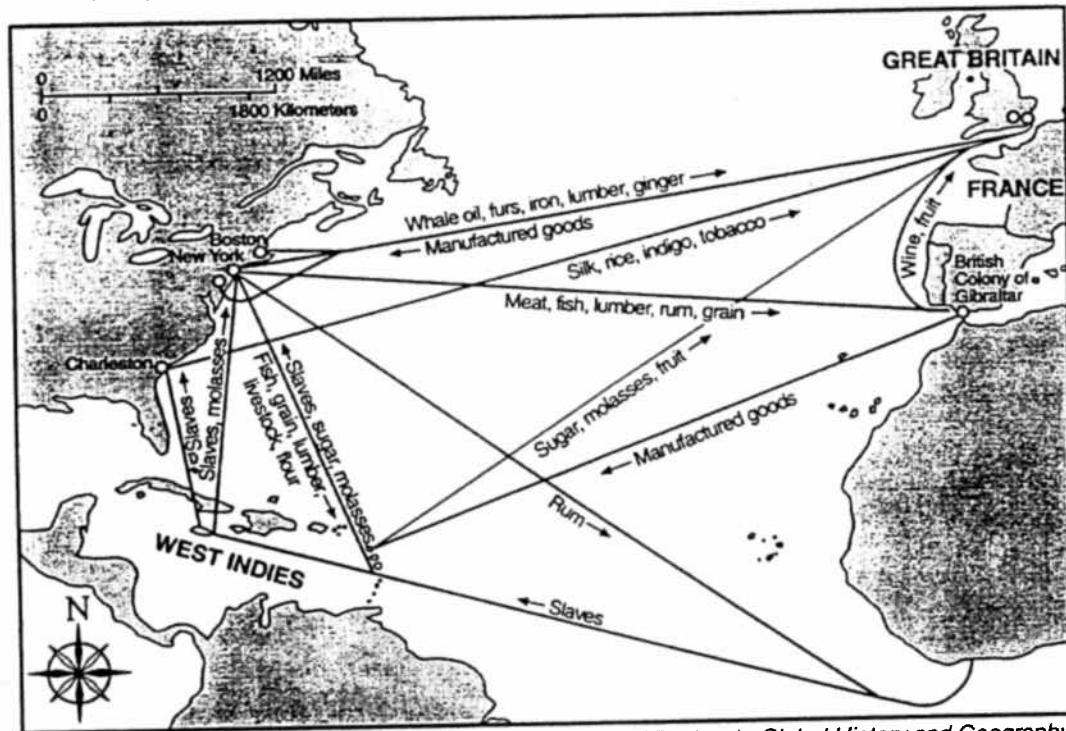
16 The editors of this textbook have made a terrible error. What is the *correct* chronological order for the events of the French Revolution?

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

17 The Silk Road was important because it made possible the exchange of goods between —

- A Korea and Japan
- B Egypt and Greece
- C Siberia and the Ottoman Empire
- D China and the Middle East

Use the map below and your knowledge of social studies to answer question 18.



Source: Steven Goldberg and Judith Clark DuPré, *Brief Review in Global History and Geography*, Prentice-Hall (adapted)

18 The movement of manufactured goods, slaves, and rum between Europe, Africa, and North America has been called the —

- F Colombian Exchange
- G Triangular Trade
- H Great Schism
- J Enclosure Movement


19 Which of the following statements *accurately* describes the economic policy of mercantilism?

- A It downplayed the role of government in stimulating economic growth.
- B It discouraged the establishment of overseas colonies.
- C It encouraged trade by abolishing laws that regulated trade.
- D It was based on a belief that a nation's real wealth was measured in its gold and silver.

20 Peter the Great forced Russians to accept social reforms that would make their culture more like that of—

- F Native Americans
- G Chinese
- H Western Europeans
- J Ottoman Turks

Use your knowledge of social studies and the chart below to answer question 21.

Cause	Effects
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Europeans sought new markets for their goods • Europeans migrated to cities in search of jobs • European middle class gained political power

21 Which of the following events was the most *likely* cause for the identified effects?

- A Industrial Revolution
- B French Revolution
- C Rise of Feudalism
- D Boxer Rebellion

22 Which of the following is *not* associated with the Islamic religion?

- F Ramadan
- G Mecca
- H Easter
- J jihad

23 Which of the following social studies concepts *best* explains why most major religions have followers throughout the world?

- A Secularism
- B Cultural isolation
- C Humanism
- D Cultural diffusion

24 Which of the following is *not* a monotheistic faith?

- F Islam
- G Christianity
- H Judaism
- J Hinduism

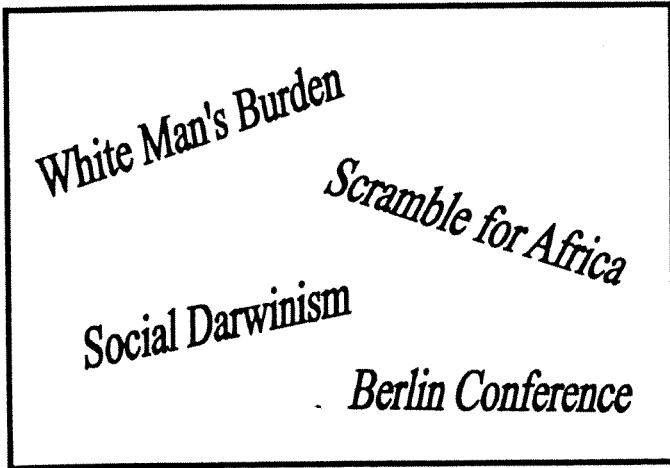
25 Which of the following religions had the most influence on pre-colonial Africa?

- A Judaism
- B Christianity
- C Buddhism
- D Islam

26 The rapid colonization of Africa by European powers after 1880 was motivated *mostly* by—

- F the demand for slaves
- G the desire for raw materials
- H interest in safari tours
- J the need for laborers in European factories

Use your knowledge of social studies and the graph below to answer question 27.



27 Which period of European history do the phrases above refer to?

- A Age of Discovery
- B Age of Imperialism
- C World War II
- D Cold War

28 Which of the following events led Karl Marx and Frederick Engels to write *The Communist Manifesto*?

- F Glorious Revolution
- G Scientific Revolution
- H Industrial Revolution
- J French Revolution

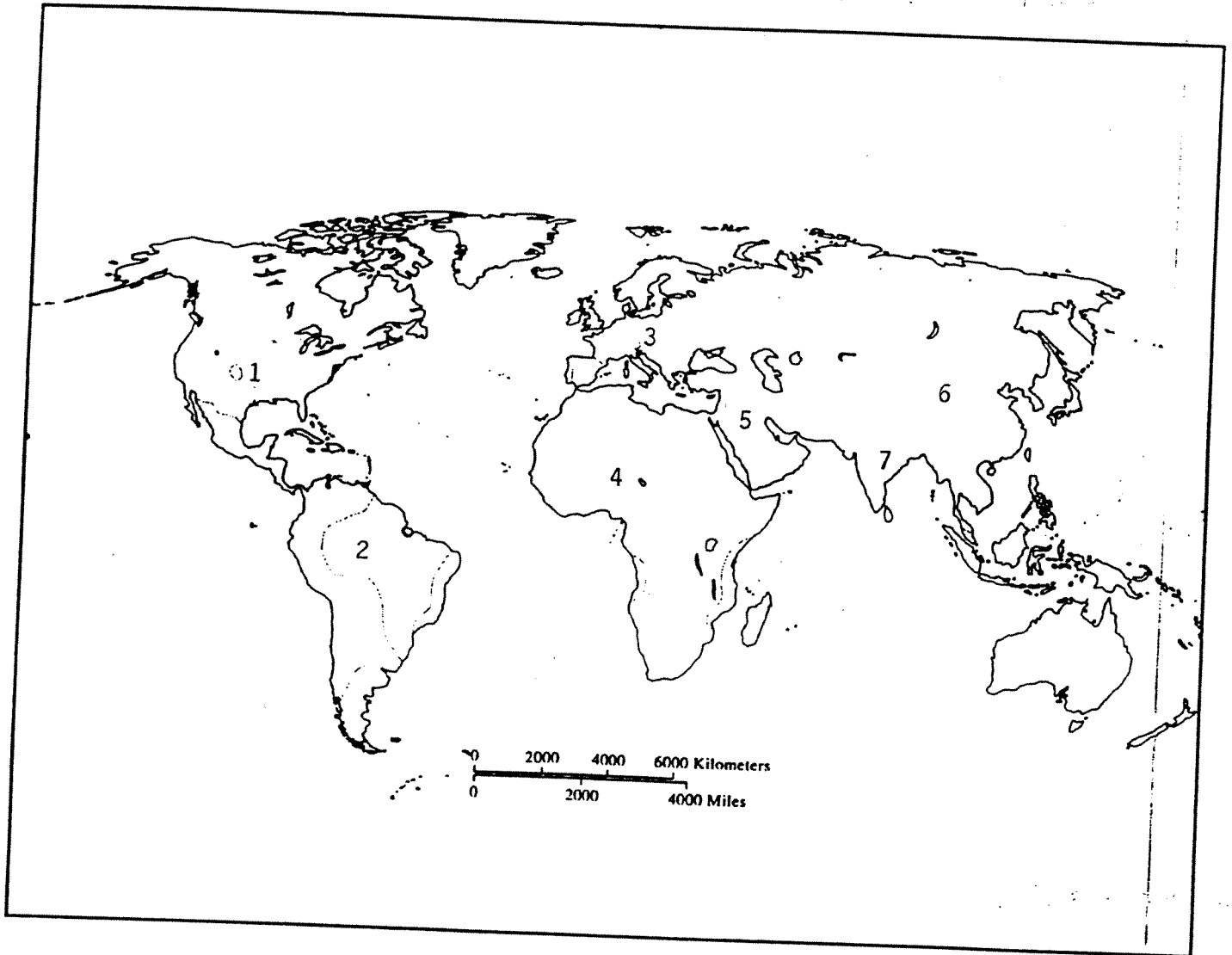
Use the information in the quote and your knowledge of social studies to answer question 29.

Above all, the government will have to take control of industry and of all branches of production out of the hands of competing individuals. . . Private property must be abolished.

29 This quote *most likely* appeared in which of the following books?

- A *The Wealth of Nations*
- B *Principles of Communism*
- C *Autobiography of Andrew Carnegie*
- D *Dialogue Concerning Two Systems*

Use your knowledge of social studies and the map below to answer question 30.



30 The dominant religion today of location 5 on the map is —

- F Judaism
- G Islam
- H Hinduism
- J Buddhism

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31 Which of the following *was not* a part of the Industrial Revolution?

- A Johannes Guttenberg
- B Eli Whitney
- C James Watt
- D Henry Bessemer

32 "The sun never sets on the British Empire" is a saying that was intended to indicate —

- F the size of the empire
- G the power of the empire
- H the time the empire had been in existence
- J the distance from the sun

33 One way the caste system and apartheid were similar is that both —

- A described specific religious practices and beliefs
- B supported a rigid class structure
- C were created by colonial government
- D gave lower classes political representation

Use your knowledge of social studies to answer question 34.

Country	Languages Spoken
Vietnam	Vietnamese, French
Philippines	Tagalog, Spanish
Indonesia	Malayan, Dutch
Singapore	Chinese, English

34 The information in the chart above is best explained by —

- F Socialism
- G Asian nationalism
- H European colonization
- J Communism

Use the cartoon below and your knowledge of social studies to answer question 35.

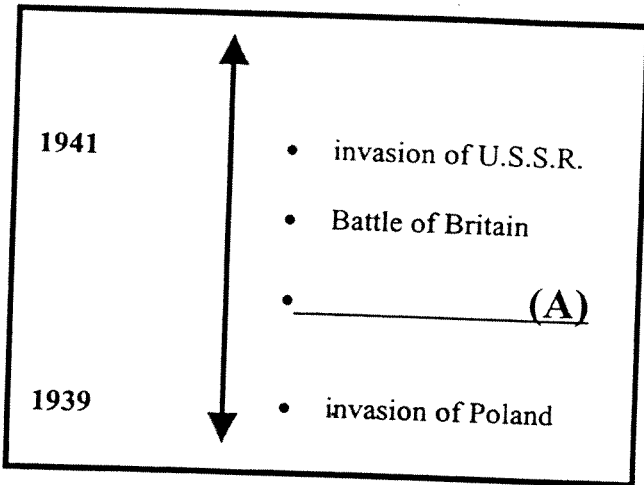


35 Which cause of Word War I does the cartoon above *best* represent?

- A Nationalism
- B Imperialism
- C Militarism
- D Alliances

- 36 In the early 1900s, what area was referred to as the “powder keg” of Europe?
- F Alsace – Lorraine
 - G Balkan Peninsula
 - H the Middle East
 - J Sicily
- 37 Russian peasants supported the Bolsheviks in the 1917 revolutions mainly because the Bolsheviks promised to —
- A establish collective farms
 - B maintain crop price supports
 - C bring modern technology to farms
 - D redistribute land owned by the nobility
- 38 The Bolshevik Revolution of 1917 was a major turning point in history because —
- F Russian became the first nation with a communist economic system
 - G it was the last revolution of the 20th century
 - H Russia ceased to be an important force in world affairs
 - J the royal family was exiled to Mexico
- 39 Which of the following had the *greatest* impact on the outcome of World War I?
- A The adoption of Wilson’s 14 points
 - B The involvement of the United States
 - C The assassination of Archduke Ferdinand
 - D The collapse of Austria-Hungary
- 40 After World War I, the *greatest* obstacle to national unity in many Eastern European nations was the —
- F great ethnic diversity found in the area
 - G economic dependence of Eastern Europe on Japan
 - H acceptance of democratic traditions by most Eastern Europeans
 - J expansion of United States influence in the region
- 41 Which of the following nations were most affected by the European boundary changes after World War I?
- A France
 - B Russia
 - C Italy
 - D Austria-Hungary
- 42 Which of the following did Gandhi use to fight British rule in India?
- F violent demonstrations
 - G passive resistance
 - H propaganda
 - J armed resistance
- 43 World War II is often considered to be a turning point in history because —
- A the League of Nations proved it could maintain world peace
 - B the war brought an end to dictatorship as a form of government
 - C European domination of the world ended and United States power increased
 - D religious and ethnic differences were no longer a source of conflict

Use your knowledge of social studies and the timeline below to answer question 44.



44 Which of the following events should appear in space A?

- F Normandy invasion
- G Battle of the Bulge
- H Munich Conference
- J Fall of France

Use your knowledge of social studies and the quote below to answer question 45.

Extremes must be fought with extremes. Against the infection of Marxism, against the Jewish pestilence, we must hold aloft a flaming ideal. And if others speak of the world and humanity, we must say the Fatherland – and only the Fatherland.

45 The quote can most likely attributed to —

- A Woodrow Wilson
- B Neville Chamberlain
- C Adolf Hitler
- D Franklin Roosevelt

Use the statements below and your knowledge of social studies to answer question 46.

I	Nations must have written constitutions and free elections
II	All religions are to be accepted
III	The needs of the state are more important than individual rights
IV	Representatives of the people make the laws

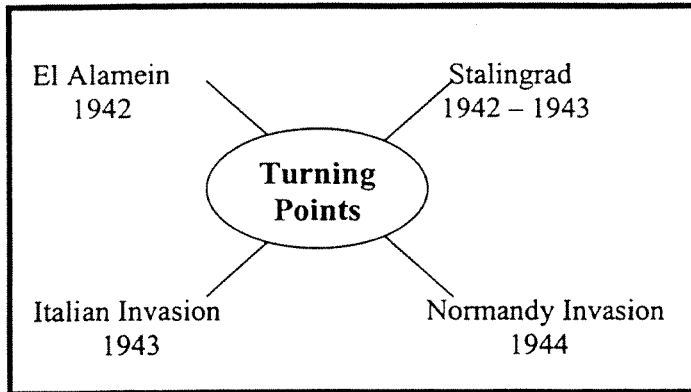
46 Which of the statements above would both Benito Mussolini and Saddam Hussein agree with?

- F Line I
- G Line II
- H Line III
- J Line IV

47 Which policy best demonstrates appeasement?

- A British policy towards Germany in the 1930s
- B Japanese policy toward China in the 1930s
- C Spanish policy toward Native Americans in the 1500s
- D German policy toward the French after World War I

Use your knowledge of social studies and the chart below to answer question 48.



48 Each of the events shown in the graphic are considered major turning points during —

- F World War I
- G World War II
- H Korean War
- J Vietnam War

49 The Japanese, Germans, and Italians pursued a policy of expansionism before World War II in order to gain —

- A natural resources
- B warm-water ports
- C manufacturing plants
- D freedom of the seas

50 Which of the following was a major result of the Nuremberg trials?

- F National leaders were held personally accountable for war crimes.
- G The State of Israel was created as a home for victims of the war.
- H Soldiers were required to pay for property damage caused by war.
- J Political prisoners from all countries were immediately released.

51 The nation that suffered the greatest number of both civilian and military dead and wounded in World War II was —

- A the Soviet Union
- B Britain
- C Japan
- D Germany

52 The treatment of Jews in Europe during World War II and of the Armenians in the Ottoman Empire are examples of —

- F cultural diffusion
- G fundamentalism
- H modernism
- J genocide

Use your knowledge of social studies and the quote below to answer question 53.

From Stettin in the Baltic to Trieste in the Adriatic, an iron curtain has descended across the continent. Behind that line lie all the capitals of the ancient states of Central and Eastern Europe.

Winston Churchill, 1946

53 Churchill's remark's are most associated with the —

- A Cold War
- B Second World War
- C Boer War
- D Sepoy Revolt

54 The policy of détente was mainly intended to —

- F reduce Cold War tensions
- G restrict the spread of communism
- H call world attention to human rights abuses
- J solidify U.S. relations with her economic allies

55 One similarity between Russia under the Czars and the Soviet Union under Stalin is that both —

- A tried to reduce their nation's influence in world affairs
- B developed policies to limit industrial growth
- C supported the creation of a national church
- D established an authoritarian form of government

Use the cartoon below and your knowledge of social studies to answer question 56.



56 The cartoon above, published in 1955, suggested that —

- F The Soviet Union intended to seize the bone of contention.
- G France and Germany were militarily weak.
- H Communism totally dominated Western Europe.
- J France and Germany should cooperate against common threats.

57 From the perspective of the North Vietnamese the war in Vietnam in the 1960's was a battle between —

- A fascism and liberalism
- B nationalism and imperialism
- C republicanism and totalitarianism
- D theocracy and monarchy

58 Communism collapsed in the Soviet Union in the late 1980's for all of the following reasons *except* —

- F Eastern Europeans were tired of "rule by fear"
- G the poor performance of Communist economies
- H the withdrawal of Soviet troops from Eastern Europe
- J the United Nation's decision to unify East and West Berlin

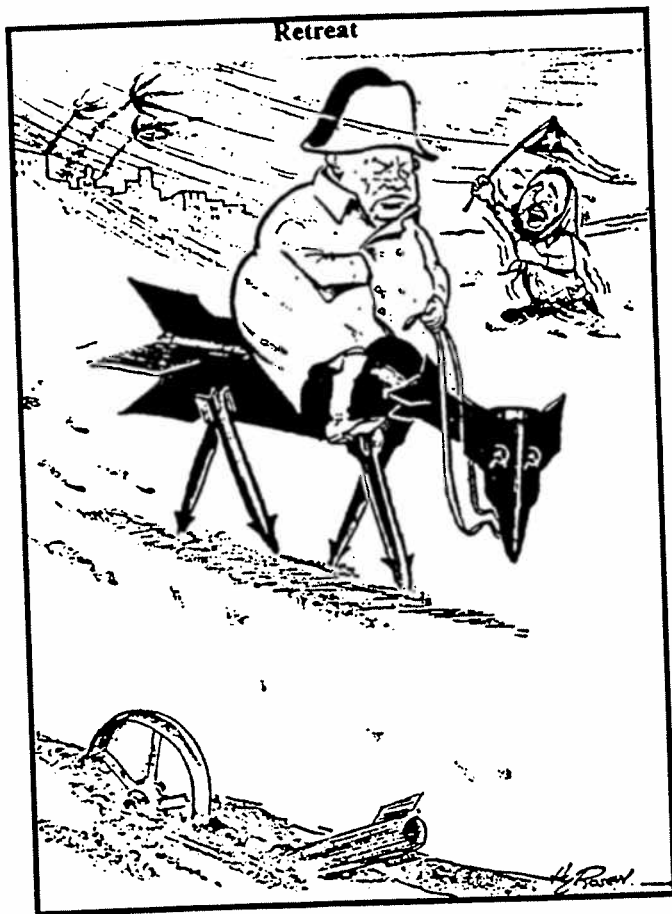
Use the statements below and your knowledge of social studies to answer question 59.

United Nations
European Union
North American Free Trade Agreement

59 The creation of the organizations listed above have resulted in an *increase* of —

- A political revolutions
- B isolationist policies
- C military alliances
- D international cooperation

Use the cartoon below and your knowledge of social studies to answer question 60.



60 Which of the following international incidents of the Cold War is represented by the cartoon?

- F the Afghan invasion
- G the Berlin Airlift
- H the Berlin Blockade
- J the Cuban Missile Crisis