

# Example Items

## World Geography

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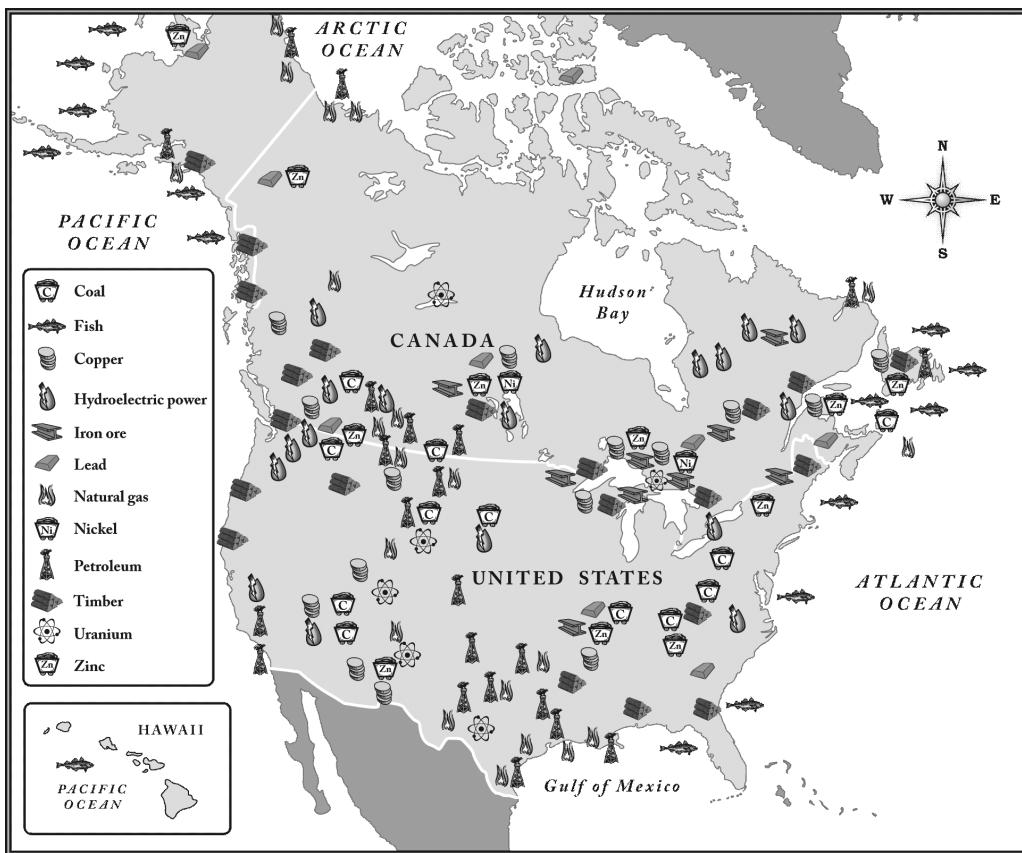
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Which statement is best supported by the map?

- A Both the United States and Canada have a diverse variety of natural resources.
- B The United States and Canada have large deposits of petroleum on the east coast.
- C The United States depends on Canada for most of its natural resources.
- D Both the United States and Canada have unlimited natural resources.

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We are indeed a nation on wheels and we cannot permit these wheels to slow down. Our mass industries must have moving supply lines to feed raw materials into our factories and moving distribution lines to carry the finished product to store or home.

*—The President's Advisory Committee on a National Highway System (1955)*

A national highway system —

- A reduces the use of non-renewable resources
- B increases the use of public transportation
- C encourages development in city centers
- D allows the movement of goods to markets

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The Amazon River Basin is considered a physical region because —

- A it is located entirely within one country
- B the people who live there speak the same language
- C it is connected by a geographical feature
- D the people of the region practice ancient customs

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Since the start of the war in Syria in early 2011, the number of people fleeing the country has swelled to more than 3 million—half of them children...Additionally, the war has displaced 6.5 million people within Syria, meaning that roughly 50% of all Syrians have been forced to flee their homes.

According to the passage, which push factor is causing Syrians to leave their country?

- A Lack of stability and safety
- B Better economic opportunities
- C Environmental disasters
- D More social freedoms in neighboring countries

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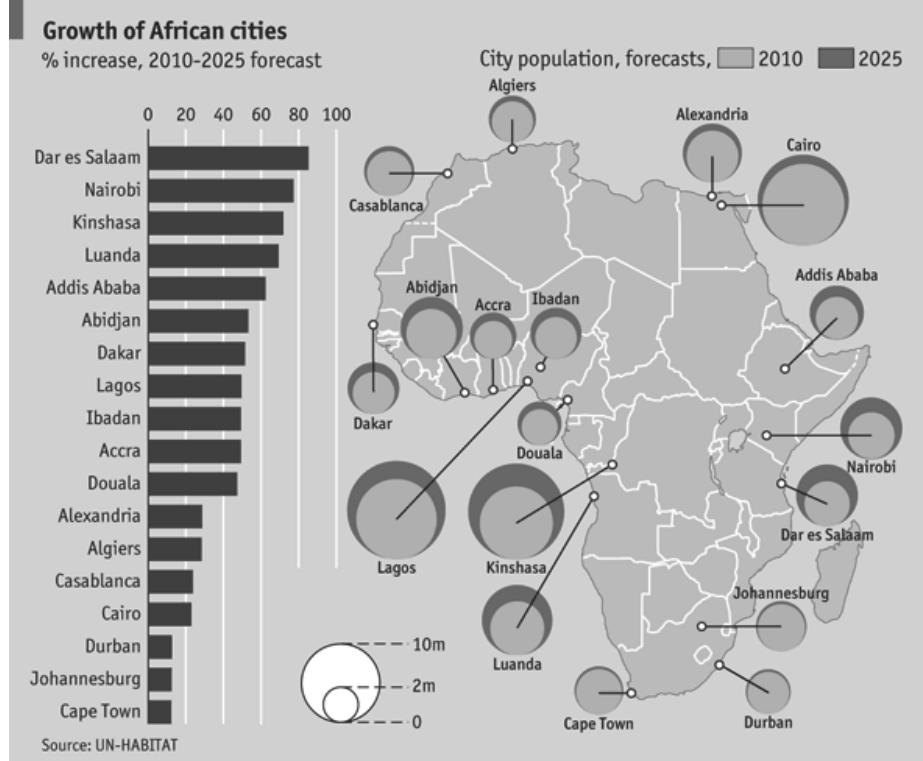
Las Vegas...may have an ample amount of electrical power and inexpensive land, but in a place that receives just a few inches of rain a year, water should guide planning and limit growth.

Source: AP Human Geography 2008

According to this statement, what is the best way for Las Vegas to support its population?

- A** Create a more diverse economy
  - B** Develop ways to increase its water supply
  - C** Improve transportation infrastructure
  - D** Mechanize agricultural production to limit irrigation

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The projected growth of African cities between 2010 and 2025 is attributed to —

- A** climate
  - B** urbanization
  - C** agriculture
  - D** colonization

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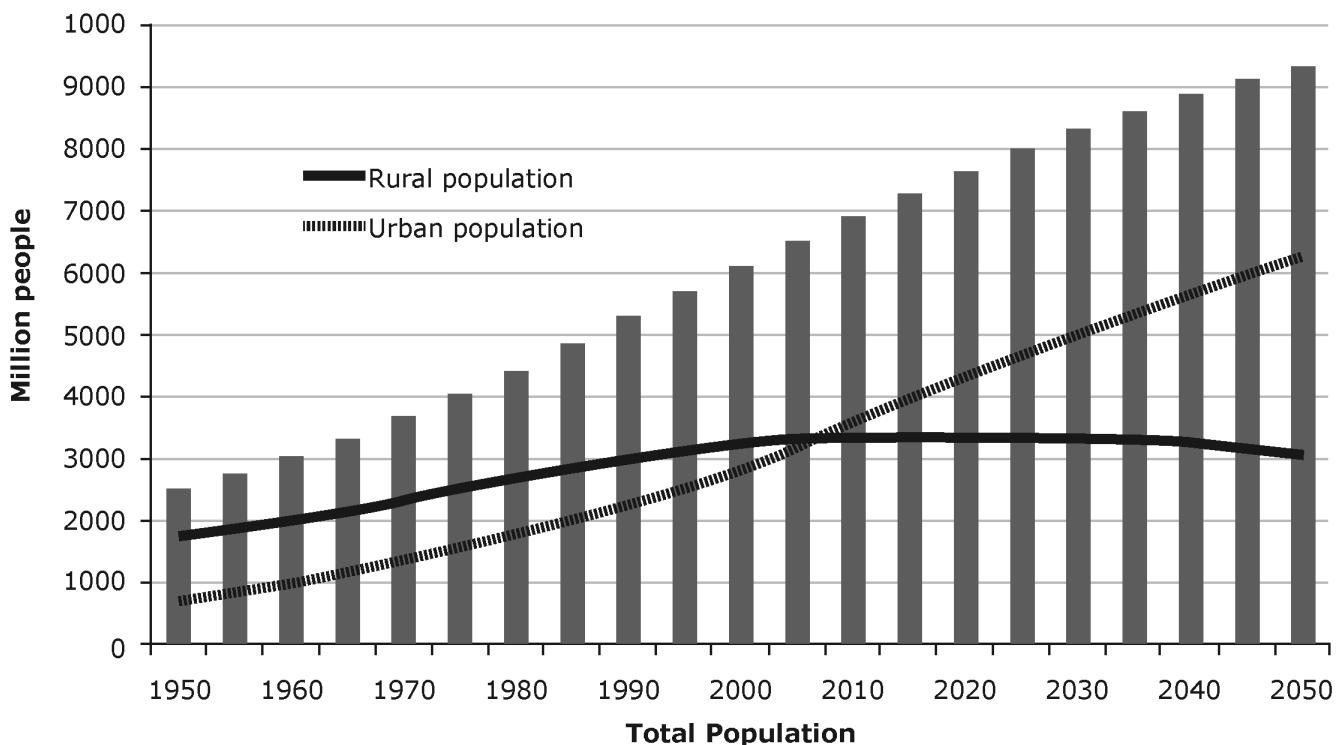
7 Carnival festivals celebrated throughout the Caribbean and South America are an example of —

- A an intermingling of two cultures through diffusion
- B a minority group assimilating and adopting a new culture
- C the urbanization of indigenous groups in a region
- D how globalization impacts cultural traditions

8 Which statement about convergent plate movement is accurate?

- A Convergent plates move closer together and create river valleys.
- B Convergent plates move toward each other and create mountains.
- C Convergent plates slide past each other causing a fault.
- D Convergent plates slide past each other causing an earthquake.

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Source: World Urbanization Prospects, 2012

Which factor best explains the growth of urban populations?

- A Reduced pollution
- B Climate change
- C Economic opportunities
- D Higher birth rates

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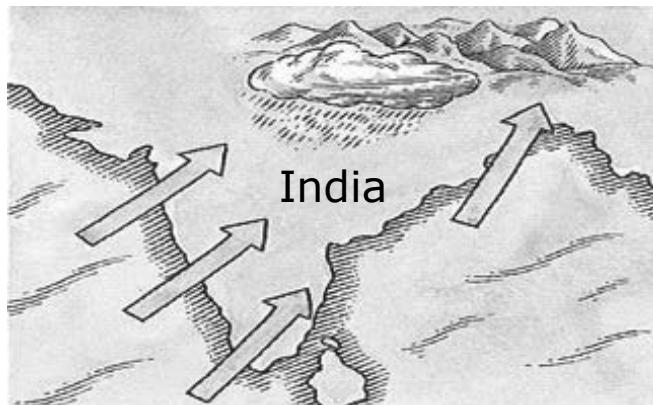
10 In spite of its summer climate, the population in the South has grown due to —

- A the popularity of southern cooking
- B a more relaxed lifestyle in the South
- C technology that allows widespread air conditioning
- D the availability of inexpensive land for manufacturing

11 What is the best description of the hydrologic cycle?

- A Ice melts and increases the ocean volume, causing flooding.
- B Ice seeps into the ground, doubling the size of aquifers.
- C Water dries out in certain regions but floods in others.
- D Water evaporates into the atmosphere and returns as precipitation.

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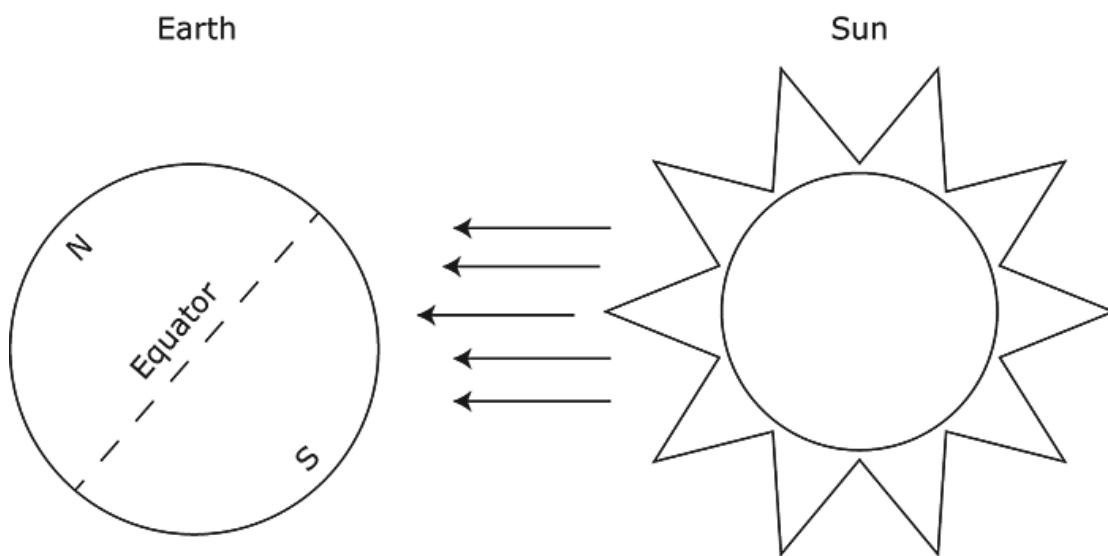


The winds, which are represented by the arrows in the diagram, contribute to —

- A hurricanes
- B tsunamis
- C droughts
- D monsoons

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The diagram shows the position of the Southern Hemisphere in which season?

- A Summer
- B Fall
- C Winter
- D Spring

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The Chinese government began construction of the Three Gorges Dam in 1993 and argues that the dam will have three positive effects. First, the dam will help control the frequent flooding of the Chang Jiang River, which causes great damage and loss of life. This is critical because the Chang Jiang irrigates about half of China's crops. Second, the dam will generate huge amounts of electrical power. By some estimates, the dam will produce about 10 percent of China's electrical power. Finally, the dam will make it easier for ships to reach China's interior. The Chang Jiang carries more than half of the goods moving on China's interior waterways. The dam will increase shipping capacity and decrease shipping costs.

—McDougal Littell

Based on the passage, the construction of the Three Gorges Dam will —

- A decrease renewable energy production and increase production of food and trade
- B increase renewable energy production and improve the movement of goods
- C decrease renewable energy production and damage China's farm lands
- D increase renewable energy production and increase shipping costs

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Benefits of Globalization
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Increased economic development</li><li>Increased global communication</li><li>Increased political cooperation</li><li>?</li></ul>

Another benefit of globalization is increased —

- A environmental safety
- B isolation of local cultures
- C low-wage earners
- D access to technological innovations

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Geographic information system (GIS) technology can be used to —

- A find the wreckage of a plane crash
- B analyze data for decisions on future land use
- C find directions from one place to another
- D take topographic pictures from space

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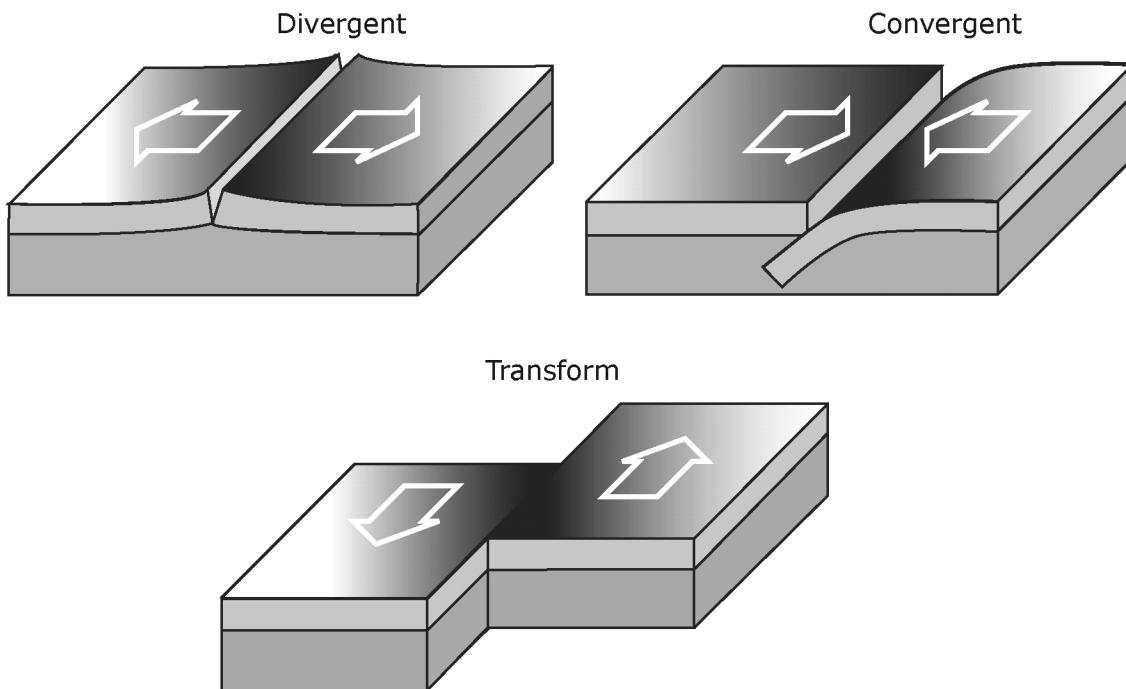
The opening of the Erie Canal in 1825 was significant because it —

- A opened inland ports, which reduced the influence and power of New York City as an Atlantic port
- B forced shippers in Minnesota along the Mississippi River to raise rates in order to remain competitive
- C made wagons and stagecoaches in the northeast United States obsolete virtually overnight
- D increased trade, commerce, settlement, and the spread of social and religious movements

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## Types of Plate Boundaries



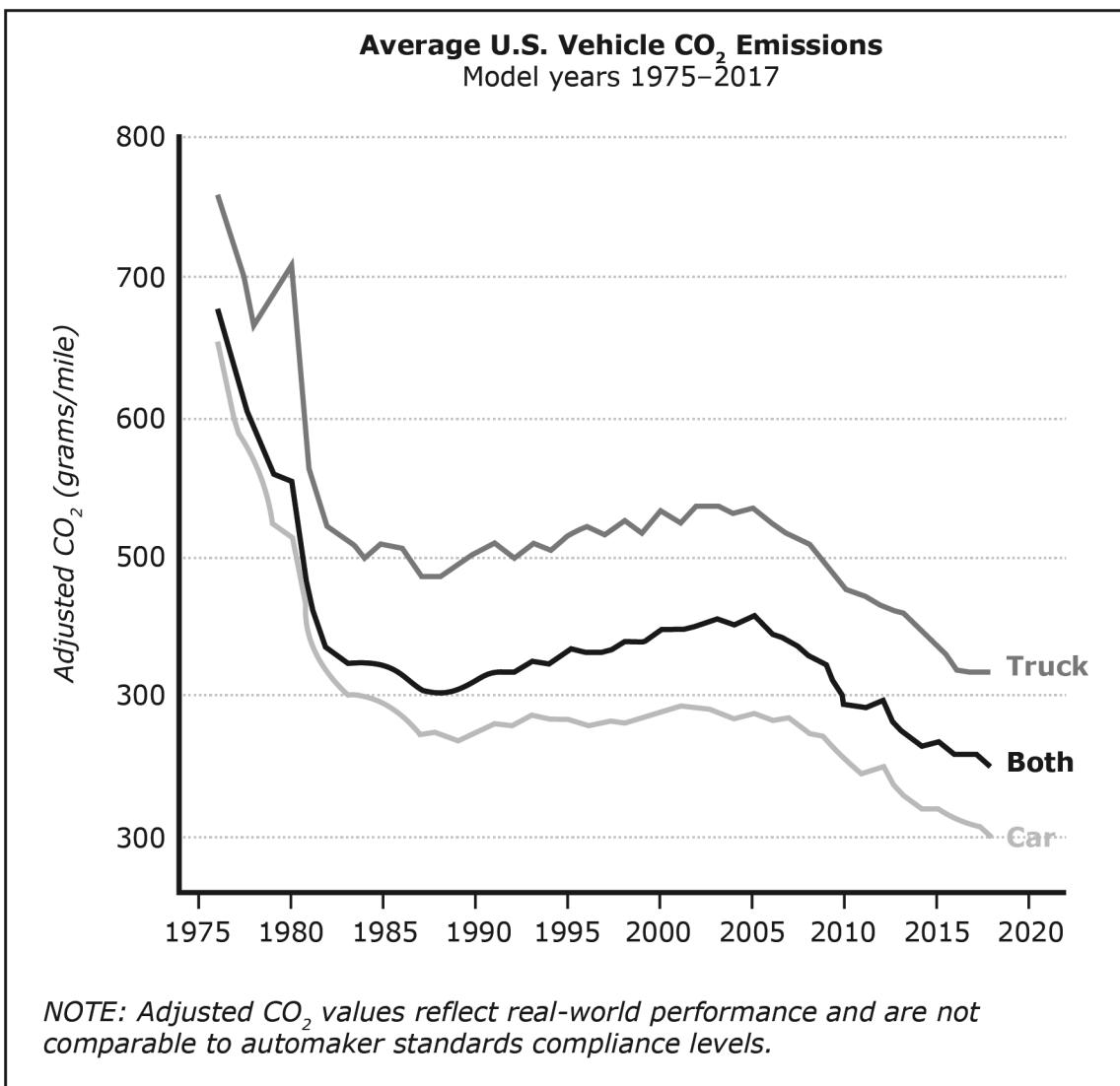
Source: cdn.thinglink.me

A transform plate boundary is responsible for the creation of —

- A** rift valleys
- B** volcanoes
- C** earthquakes
- D** continental drift

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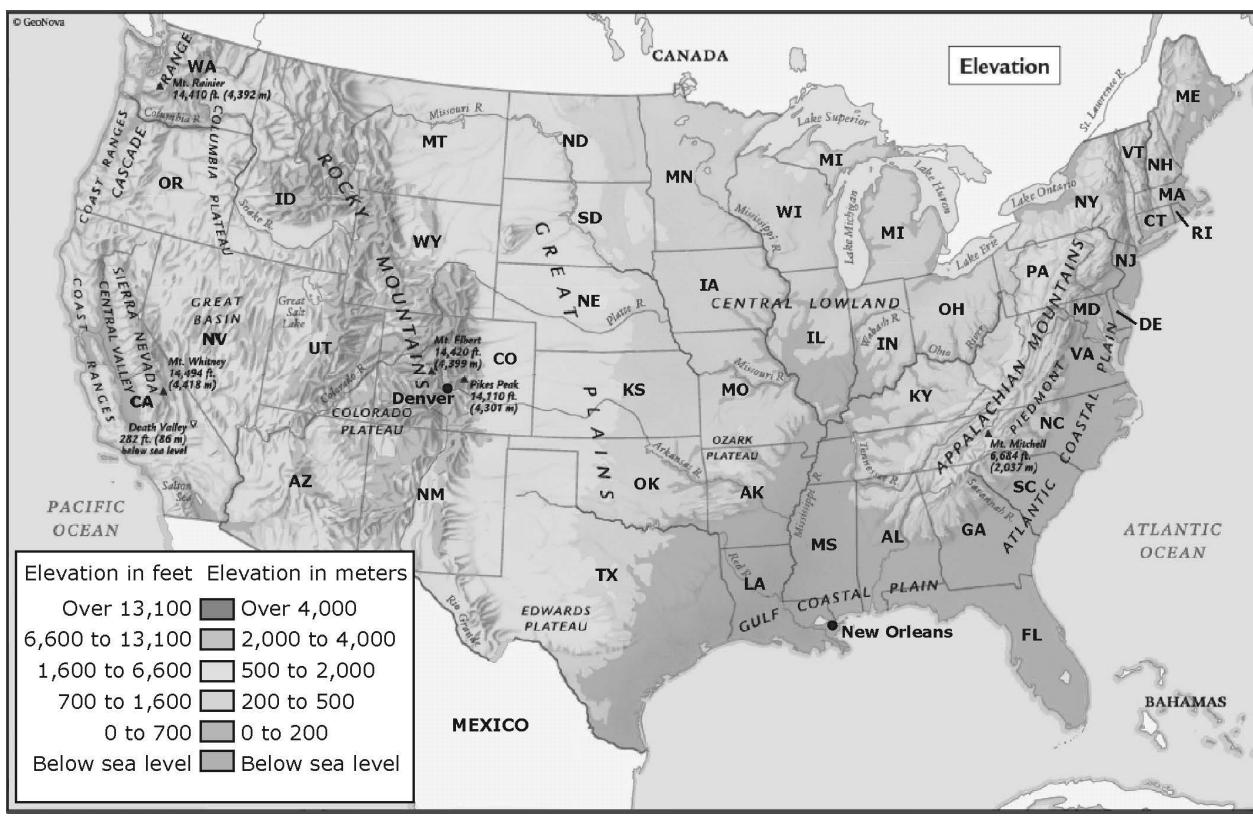
Source: EPA

According to the graph, improvements in vehicle emissions have reduced pollution within the —

- A** hydrosphere
- B** biosphere
- C** atmosphere
- D** lithosphere

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Source: gulllakecs.org

Compared to New Orleans, Denver tends to have more —

- A snow
- B humidity
- C droughts
- D floods

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Building terraces</li> <li>• Building bridges</li> <li>• Draining marshlands</li> </ul>

Which title best completes the chart?

- A Changes in Settlement Patterns
- B Influences of Culture and Language
- C Geographic Barriers Between Continents
- D Modification of the Physical Environment

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### Texas Continues to See Influx of Businesses Relocate from California

In 1849, finding gold at Sutter's Mill set off a historic Gold Rush to California. Today, though, businesses are leaving that state to seek their fortunes elsewhere, many of which are either expanding or relocating in Texas.

Having a major airport in the center of the country is vital. Executives can be anywhere in North America in just four hours, and being in the Central Time Zone means being able to communicate with both coasts during regular business hours.

Source: dfw.cbslocal.com/2011

### Why Companies are Relocating to Texas

The Dallas-Fort Worth area currently ranks as the fourth-largest metropolitan area in the nation, behind New York City, Los Angeles, and Chicago. If current population trends continue, North Texas will rank as the country's third-largest market in the nation by 2020.

Source: realestate.dmagazine.com/2011

Based on the information, what explains the recent population trends in Texas?

- A Large companies are relocating to Texas to invest in aviation.
- B Large companies are relocating to Texas because of its central location.
- C Large companies are encouraging expansion of oil production in Texas.
- D Large companies are encouraging immigrants to move to North Texas.

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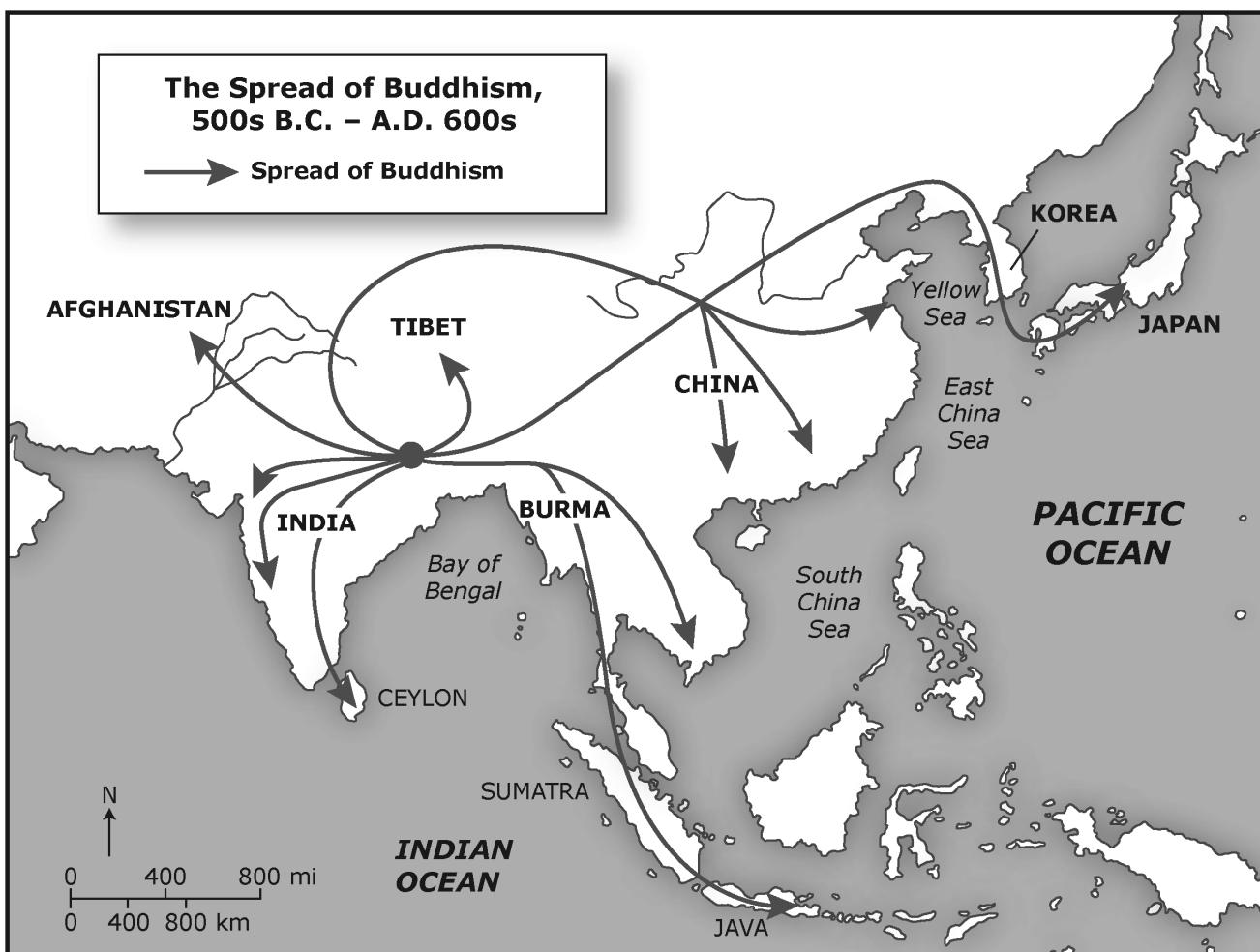
- Locating people after an earthquake
- Tracking weather patterns in an area
- Identifying patterns in troop movements
- Finding directions to a friend's house

Which title best completes the organizer?

- A Uses of Global Positioning Systems
- B Uses of Geographic Information Systems
- C Uses of Topographic Maps
- D Uses of Aerial Photography

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According to the map, the Buddhist religion originated in —

- A** Southern Japan
- B** Central Afghanistan
- C** Southern China
- D** Northern India

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Yu Darvish is a Japanese starting pitcher for the Chicago Cubs. Darvish pitched in the 2008 Beijing Olympics as well as the 2009 World Baseball Classic as a member of the Japanese national team.

Baseball is the most popular team sport in Japan, with high school, university, and professional games stirring the public and dominating the media during the spring and summer months.

Source: niseibaseball.com

The cultural convergence example in the passage emphasizes the —

- A popularity of baseball worldwide
- B importance of baseball in education
- C recruitment of baseball players
- D superiority of American-born baseball players

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- Afghan refugees moving to Pakistan after the United States' invasion
- Sub-Saharan Africans seeking asylum in North Africa
- South Vietnamese immigrating to the United States after the Vietnam War
- Syrians fleeing to Jordan and other Middle Eastern nations

What push factor had the greatest influence on the migration of the peoples listed?

- A Environmental
- B Economic
- C Cultural
- D Political

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Inuit elders, who traditionally used their skills to predict the weather, have observed changing cloud and wind patterns. Their weather and climate-related knowledge does not fit with today's weather conditions and patterns. Unpredictable weather and climate has increased the risk of travelling on the land. This has made it very difficult for elders to pass along their weather prediction skills to younger generations.

Source: climatechangenuvavut.ca

The experiences of the Inuit people described in the passage are primarily the result of —

- A political change
- B economic change
- C social change
- D environmental change

**EXAMPLE ITEMS World Geography Key, Sem 1**

<b>Item#</b>	<b>Key</b>	<b>SE</b>	<b>Process Skills</b>	<b>SE Justification</b>
<b>1</b>	A	WG.5A	21C	Analyze how the character of a place is related to its...economic...elements
<b>2</b>	D	WG.2B	--	Explain how changes in societies...have led to diverse uses of physical features
<b>3</b>	C	WG.9A	21B, 21C	Identify physical...factors such as...river systems...that constitute a region
<b>4</b>	A	WG.7B	--	Explain how...push...forces...affect the...flows of human migration
<b>5</b>	B	WG.19C	--	Analyze the environmental, economic, and social impacts of advances in technology on...natural resources
<b>6</b>	B	WG.6B	21B, 21C	Explain the processes that have caused changes in settlement patterns, including urbanization
<b>7</b>	A	WG.16A	--	Describe distinctive cultural patterns...and how these patterns influenced the processes of...diffusion
<b>8</b>	B	WG.3B	22C	Describe the physical processes that affect the environments of regions, including...tectonic forces
<b>9</b>	C	WG.7C	--	Describe trends in world population growth
<b>10</b>	C	WG.19B	--	Analyze ways technological innovations such as air conditioning...have allowed humans to adapt to places
<b>11</b>	D	WG.3C	22C	Describe how physical processes...affect the...hydrosphere
<b>12</b>	D	WG.4A	22C	Explain how...wind systems...influence...precipitation...of climate regions
<b>13</b>	A	WG.3A	--	Explain weather conditions and climate in relation to annual changes in Earth-Sun relationships
<b>14</b>	B	WG.8A	--	Compare ways that humans...modify the physical environment
<b>15</b>	D	WG.7D	22C	Analyze how globalization affects...standard of living
<b>16</b>	B	WG.20A	23B	Describe the impact of new information technologies such as...Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
<b>17</b>	D	WG.19A	--	Evaluate the significance of major technological innovations in...transportation
<b>18</b>	C	WG.3B	--	Describe the physical processes that affect the environment of regions including...tectonic forces
<b>19</b>	C	WG.3C	--	Describe how the physical processes...affect the...atmosphere
<b>20</b>	A	WG.4A	--	Explain how elevation...influences...distribution of climate regions
<b>21</b>	D	WG.8A	--	Compare ways that humans...modify the physical environment

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<b>22</b>	B	WG.6B	21A	Explain the processes that have caused changes in settlement patterns, including...economic activities
<b>23</b>	A	WG.20A	21C	Describe the impact of new information technologies such as...Global Positioning System (GPS)
<b>24</b>	D	WG.17B	21B, 21C	Describe major world religions, including...Buddhism...and their spatial distribution
<b>25</b>	A	WG.18D	--	Evaluate the spread of cultural traits to find examples of cultural convergence...such as...global sports
<b>26</b>	D	WG.7B	21A	Explain how...push and pull forces...affect the routes and flows of human migration
<b>27</b>	D	WG.16C	--	Describe life in a variety of...rural areas in the world to compare...environmental changes