

AP World History

Sample Multiple Choice Questions - Exercise Eighteen (Chapter Seventeen)

Use the following chart below to answer questions 1 - 3:

“The statesman, who should attempt to direct private people in what manner they ought to employ their capital, would not only employ their capital, would not only load himself with a most unnecessary attention, but assume an authority which could safely be trusted, not only to no single person, but to no council or senate whatever, and which would nowhere be dangerous as in the hands of a man who had folly and presumption enough to fancy himself fit to exercise it.”

-- Adam Smith, *The Wealth of Nations*, 1776

____ 1. Which idea does this passage most clearly express?

- A) mercantilism
- B) capitalism
- C) deism
- D) consumerism

____ 2. A person who agreed with the above passage would most likely also support:

- A) government subsidization of shoe production
- B) laws regulating membership in skilled trades
- C) limits on the amount of corn imports
- D) reducing tariffs on goods entering the country

____ 3. Which statement best describes how Karl Marx would respond to this statement about the investment of private capital?

- A) he would disagree with it by pointing out that groups usually make wiser decisions than do individuals
- B) he would disagree with it by pointing out that capital was created by labor, so laborers had a right to decide its use
- C) he would agree with it, pointing out that people often did not realize their own follies and presumptions
- D) he would agree with it, pointing out that politicians should focus on government and let business owners decide about economics

Use the following picture to answer questions 4 & 5:



A girl working in a textile factory in the Industrial Revolution / Source: Library of Congress

- _____ 4. Which statement provides the best context for interpreting this photo?
- A) machines used in factories during the Industrial Revolution were similar to the ones used in cottage industries
 - B) one effect of the industrialization was that girls and boys worked side by side rather than in separate jobs
 - C) as industrialization made production more efficient, employees had more control over their lives at work
 - D) the Industrial Revolution transformed gender roles and family life by creating employment outside the home

- _____ 5. Which reform movement emerged in response to the situation shown in the photo?
- A) measures to promote consumerism
 - B) laws requiring students to attend school
 - C) creation of anarchist and socialist communities
 - D) support of measures to end unemployment

Use the following reading below to answer questions 6 - 8:

“The invalid workman is saved from starvation by the measure we now advocate....Whosoever has looked closely into the state of the poor in large towns, or into the arrangements made for paupers in country communes, and has seen for himself how – even in the best-managed villages – a poor wretch is sometimes treated when weakly and crippled, must admit that any healthy operative, contemplating that spectacle, is fully justified in exclaiming: ‘It is simply horrible that a human being should be treated worse than a dog in his own house!’ I say, therefore, our first object in bringing forward this bill is to ensure kindlier treatment to this class of the poor; and next year I will do my best to give Deputy Richter full satisfaction as to the extent of the provision proposed to be made by the state for the better usage of the unemployed. For the present this measure must be regarded as an experiment – an attempt to find out the depth of the financial water into which we ask the country to plunge.”

-- Otto van Bismarck, speech, 1881

- _____ 6. Which statement provides the best context for understanding the passage?
- A) Germany lagged behind Britain in enacting reforms to improve the lives of industrial workers and the unemployed
 - B) the problems of urban industrial workers and the unemployed were much worse in Germany than in Britain
 - C) the United States led the way in enacting reforms to improve the lives of industrial workers and the unemployed
 - D) industrialization caused greater economic insecurity in the lives of many urban workers
- _____ 7. Bismarck made the proposal in the passage because he believed that:
- A) the end of capitalism would create an era of equality and justice for industrial workers
 - B) if the government did not address worker problems associated with industrialization, socialists and other radicals might incite a revolt
 - C) he had to appeal to socialists and other radicals in order to get them to join his government and provide their input
 - D) the government needed to step in to reverse the environmental effects created by industrialization and urbanization
- _____ 8. Which reform was instituted by another government in response to the problems of industrialization?
- A) Britain expanded voting by reducing property-owning qualifications
 - B) the U.S. government encouraged the growth of labor unions
 - C) Russia adopted utopian socialism
 - D) the United States allowed a women’s rights movement to emerge