

AP World History

Sample Multiple Choice Questions - Exercise Twenty-Four (Chapter Twenty-Three)

Use the following passage to answer questions 1-3:

“For the underprivileged billions in the forgotten world, hunger has been a constant companion, and starvation has all too often lurked in the nearby shadows. To millions of these unfortunates, who have long lived in despair, the Green Revolution seems like a miracle that has generated new hope for the future...

The Green Revolution has won a temporary success in man’s war against hunger and deprivation; it has given man a breathing space. If fully implemented, the revolution can provide sufficient food for sustenance during the next three decades. But the frightening power of human reproduction must also be curbed; otherwise the success of the Green Revolution will be ephemeral only.”

-- Norman Borlaug, agricultural scientist, 1970

_____ 1. Which most directly led to the increase in food supply as part of the Green Revolution?

- A) the colonization of Africa by several European powers and subsequent control over food production
- B) the crossbreeding and genetic engineering of crops, such as wheat, rice, and other grains
- C) the decolonization of Africa and subsequent repurposing of arable farmlands for the production of cereal grain
- D) the domestication of new types of beasts of burden to assist farm laborers in cultivating land

_____ 2. According to this excerpt from his Nobel lecture, Dr. Borlaug feared that:

- A) the Green Revolution had not had success in alleviating world hunger
- B) scientists had gone too far in altering naturally occurring plant species
- C) the world’s population would begin to decline due to efforts to curb hunger
- D) global population could once again overtake the available food supply

_____ 3. One criticism of the Green Revolution is that:

- A) engineering cannot change a grain’s genetic characteristics
- B) it ignores new techniques of irrigating and fertilizing farmlands
- C) it could increase the number of pollinating insects, such as bees and beetles
- D) its costs make small farmers unable to compete with large-scale farming

Use the following passage to answer questions 4 & 5:

“The issue of a Truth and Reconciliation Commission has generated much public debate and some apprehension. The Minister of Justice is working to achieve broad agreement on this sensitive matter. In a nutshell, what this issue raises is how we deal with a past that contained gross violations of human rights – a past which threatens to live with us like a festering sore.

The question of amnesty for those who had done wrong is dealt with in the interim constitution. The challenge is to ensure that amnesty helps to heal the wounds of the past by also addressing the plight of the victims.”

-- Nelson Mandela, president of South Africa, speech to the South African Parliament, August 18, 1994

_____ 4. To what circumstance is Mandela referring with referencing “a past that contained gross violations of human rights?”

- A) political disenfranchisement of the Afrikaans minority at the hands of the ruling black majority
- B) strict segregation and political disenfranchisement of the black majority at the hands of the ruling white minority
- C) political disenfranchisement and repression of all South Africans, black and white, by British colonizers
- D) the violent battles and the atrocities during the Boer War between British colonizers and Dutch settlers

5. Based on the passage, what can you conclude about South Africa's plan for moving beyond their past?

- A) black South Africans would get revenge against the repressive white minority that had instituted apartheid
- B) punishment of those who committed violence during apartheid was the new government's top priority
- C) blacks and whites would seek ways to work together for the good of the whole nation
- D) the white minority government's repressive actions would be erased from history and not be spoken of

Use the following cartoon to answer questions 6-8:



6. Which economic change does this political cartoon most directly address?

- A) the increasing influence of governments on economic decisions
- B) the expansion of global trade under the World Trade Organization
- C) the ability of companies to take advantage of low wage costs
- D) the transformation of the economies of India, Brazil, and other countries

7. Which trend most directly led to the shift identified in the cartoon?

- A) the increasing competition among workers for employment
- B) the resurgence of indentured servitude
- C) the migration of laborers from urban to suburban areas
- D) the increasing isolation of developing countries from the global economy

8. How were the policies of the company described in the cartoon also followed in other countries?

- A) China also used low-wage domestic labor
- B) the Asian Tigers relied on illegal immigrant labor
- C) India relied on outsourcing work to other countries
- D) Russia prospered after it stopped outsourcing