1. Which word has the same meaning as the economic term "tariff"?

A. tax  
B. savings  
C. debt  
D. money

2. Which of these factors best helps to explain why a strong navy and a large fleet of trading ships have been an important part of Great Britain's history?

A. its form of government  
B. its large population  
C. its type of climate  
D. its geographic location

3. When a country has a market economy, which of these statements correctly defines this system?

A. Workers are guaranteed a pay raise every year.  
B. The government controls most of the businesses in the country.  
C. Basic goods in the country are provided to all people without charge.  
D. Companies produce goods of their choice and consumers decide whether to buy the goods.

4. In which economic system are the production and distribution of goods owned by private individuals or corporations?

A. traditional  
B. feudalism  
C. market  
D. command

5. A market economy is very different from a command economy. Which of the following is found in a market economy?

A. competition  
B. guaranteed yearly pay raises  
C. government control of industry  
D. government control of agriculture
6. Cuba is an example of a type of government in which a ruler or small group has absolute power and is not restricted by a constitution or laws?

A. republic  
B. democracy  
C. parliament  
D. dictatorship  

7. Russia has a type of government in which power is formally divided between one central authority and several regional authorities. Name the type of government.

A. Federation  
B. Dictatorship  
C. Oligarchy  
D. Constitutional Monarchy  

8. Canada is the world's second largest country in terms of land area. However, about 75 percent of Canada's population lives within 100 miles of its southern border. Which statement does not provide a reason why so many Canadians live in their country's southern region?

A. More jobs are available in Canada's southern region.  
B. Canadian law encourages people to live in its southern region.  
C. Much of Canada's northern region is tundra.  
D. Canada's southern region has a milder climate than its northern region.  

9. Which of the following was an important cause of the Russian Revolution of 1917?

A. differences among religious and ethnic groups in Russia  
B. an unsuccessful attempt by China to invade Russia  
C. differences among social and economic classes in Russia  
D. an unsuccessful attempt by Britain to invade Russia  

10. Today, some citizens and elected leaders of Québec believe their province should take which action?

A. refuse to trade with the United States  
B. close its borders to all new immigrants  
C. withdraw from the United Nations  
D. become an independent country
11. In the 1500s, the Incan civilization was conquered by Spanish soldiers led by

A. Ferdinand Magellan.
B. Francisco Pizarro.
C. Montezuma.
D. Vasco da Gama.

12. Australia's government power is divided between one central and several regional authorities. Name the type of government.

A. Unitary
B. Confederation
C. Federal
D. Autocratic

13. The African slave trade grew because European nations wanted the captured Africans

A. to work in the new factories.
B. to replace the labor of the serfs.
C. to work on the plantations in their colonies.
D. to increase the number of soldiers in their armies.

14. The first Australians were nomadic hunters and gatherers. When Europeans reached Australia, they called the dark-skinned people they encountered

A. Maoris.
B. Inuits.
C. Aztecs.
D. Aborigines.
15. Latin America and the Caribbean are very diverse, culturally blended areas. One reason for this diversity is the

A. conquest of the Aztecs by the Mayans.
B. migration of ancient peoples from Asia.
C. importation of Aborigine slaves to the West Indies.
D. intermarriage of European settlers and indigenous peoples.
Answer Key

1. A) tax

2. D) its geographic location

3. D) Companies produce goods of their choice and consumers decide whether to buy the goods.

4. C) market

5. A) competition

6. D) dictatorship

7. A) Federation

8. B) Canadian law encourages people to live in its southern region.

9. C) differences among social and economic classes in Russia

10. D) become an independent country


12. C) Federal

13. C) to work on the plantations in their colonies.


15. D) intermarriage of European settlers and indigenous peoples.