



**MULTIPLE CHOICE**

**DIRECTIONS** Select the letter of the best answer.

- 1 Why was the South Pass important to westward settlement?
  - A It connected the Great Lakes and the Atlantic Ocean.
  - B It provided a route across the Rocky Mountains.
  - C It provided a route across the Appalachian Mountains.
  - D It provided a water route across North America.
  
- 2 Which trail did John C. Frémont map?
  - A California Trail
  - B Mormon Trail
  - C Oregon Trail
  - D Santa Fe Trail
  
- 3 Where did Brigham Young take his Mormon followers to practice their religion freely?
  - A the Oregon Country
  - B the Great Salt Lake valley
  - C Texas
  - D the Gadsden Purchase area

- 4 Why did the Mexican government give land grants in Texas?
  - A to increase settlement in the region
  - B to force out American Indians
  - C to weaken the United States
  - D to decrease the Mexican population

Use the boxed information to answer question 5.

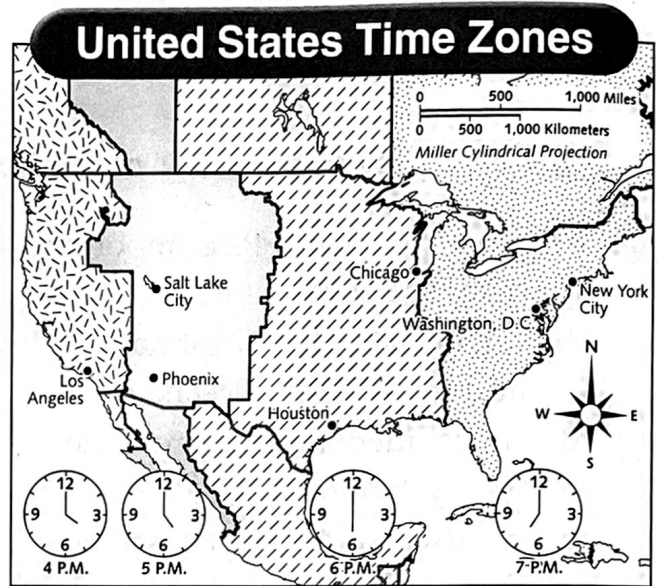
By the mid-1800s, many people in the United States believed that the nation should stretch all the way from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific Ocean.

- 5 Which of these terms best describes this belief that Americans had?
  - A assimilation
  - B manifest destiny
  - C due process of law
  - D patriotism
  
- 6 Which of these present-day states became part of the United States as a result of the Mexican-American War?
  - A Kentucky
  - B Oregon
  - C Missouri
  - D California

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- 7** Which event in 1848 caused waves of people to travel to California?
- A Gold was discovered there.  
 B California became a state.  
 C The transcontinental railroad was completed.  
 D The Mexican-American War started.
- 8** What was an effect of the railroads?
- A People settled away from the railroads to escape the noise.  
 B Trains moved raw materials from the North to factories in the South.  
 C Overland wagon service increased to compete with the railroads.  
 D Many cities and towns grew near railroad stops
- 9** Which of these inventions greatly decreased the amount of time it took immigrants from Europe to reach the United States?
- A interchangeable parts  
 B steamships  
 C telegraphs  
 D locomotives

Use the map to answer question 10.



- 10** Which of these cities always has a later clock time than Chicago?
- A Los Angeles  
 B Phoenix  
 C Washington, D.C.  
 D Houston

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### CATEGORIZING

**DIRECTIONS** Choose two terms from the list below that relate best to each of the numbered terms that follow. Write the terms in the spaces provided. Use each term only once.

annex	interchangeable parts
cotton gin	Mexican Cession
forty-niner	slave state
free state	South Pass
gold rush	wagon train

11 Industrial Revolution

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12 Underground Railroad

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13 manifest destiny

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14 California

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15 western trails

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### SHORT ANSWER

**DIRECTIONS** Answer each question in the space provided.

16 What kinds of hardships did pioneers face along the Oregon Trail?

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17 What role did the issue of slavery play in admitting new western territories of the United States as states?

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18 Why did the western and southwestern areas of the United States have such large numbers of people from Mexico by 1850?

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19 How did the discovery of gold in California help it become a state?

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20 What are two ways that the population of the United States changed during its first 60 years as a nation?

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