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MULTIPLE CHOICE

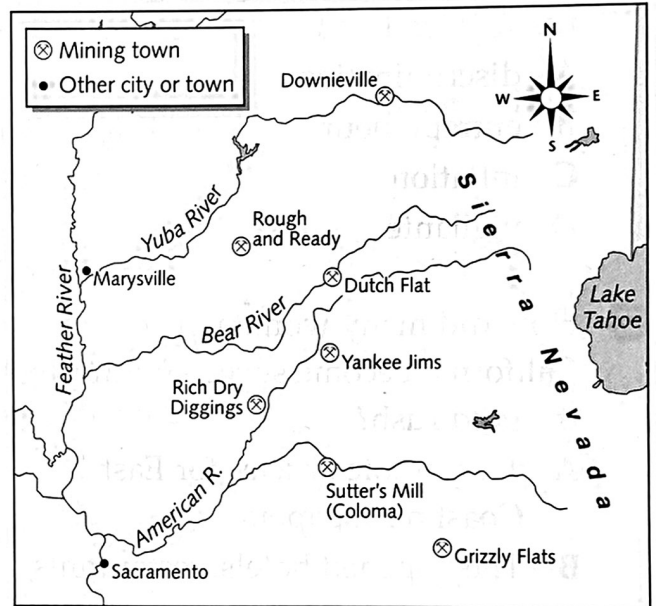
DIRECTIONS Select the letter of the best answer.

- 1 What is important about Coloma?
 - A It's the name of California's last Indian tribe.
 - B It's the place where gold was first discovered in California.
 - C It's a pass through the northern Sierra Nevada.
 - D It's the name of the first mining camp.

- 2 At the start of the gold rush, what was the fastest way to reach California from the eastern United States?
 - A by ship around South America
 - B by wagon train across the United States
 - C by ship to the Isthmus of Panama, across it, and by ship up the Pacific Coast
 - D by riverboat up the Missouri River

- 3 How did a miner usually show where his or her claim was?
 - A by hammering wooden stakes into the ground around it
 - B by building a thick mud wall around it
 - C by sending a written description to Monterey
 - D by hiring a mapmaker to make a map of it

Use the map to answer questions 4 and 5.



- 4 Where was Rich Dry Diggings in relation to Sutter's Mill?
 - A southwest of Sutter's Mill
 - B northwest of Sutter's Mill
 - C southeast of Sutter's Mill
 - D northeast of Sutter's Mill

- 5 Which mining town was located on the Bear River?
 - A Yankee Jims
 - B Downieville
 - C Grizzly Flats
 - D Dutch Flat

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Use the information in the box to answer question 6.

Clothing, food, haircuts, and pots and pans often cost ten times more in California.

- 6 Which of these terms best describes the high prices during the gold rush?
- A discrimination
 - B entrepreneur
 - C inflation
 - D vigilante
- 7 How did many women in California become successful during the gold rush?
- A They wrote articles for East Coast newspapers.
 - B They opened hotels, restaurants, and laundries.
 - C They struck it rich mining for gold.
 - D They designed tough pants made from denim.
- 8 What was the *Mirror of the Times*?
- A a book written by a miner who failed to find gold
 - B the clipper ship that set a record for speed
 - C a San Francisco magazine about the gold rush
 - D the first California newspaper owned by African Americans
- 9 Which of these was a result of the Monterey Convention?
- A a written constitution for California
 - B a decision to continue military rule in California
 - C a conflict over whether or not California should become a state
 - D the Fugitive Slave Act
- 10 In which year did California become a state?
- A 1847
 - B 1849
 - C 1850
 - D 1851

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MATCHING

DIRECTIONS Match each person with the correct description. Write the correct letter on the blank line.

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| 11 | _____ owner of a shoe store who helped start the first African American-owned newspaper in California | A. Peter H. Burnett |
| 12 | _____ military governor of California who called for the Monterey Convention | B. Mifflin Gibbs |
| 13 | _____ businessman who worked with tailor Jacob Davis to make denim pants for miners | C. Bidley Mason |
| 14 | _____ first governor of the state of California | D. Levi Strauss |
| 15 | _____ former slave who made a fortune buying land in Los Angeles and helped start a school for African American children | E. Bennett Riley |

SHORT ANSWER

DIRECTIONS Answer each question in the space provided.

Use the information in the box to answer question 16.

"A man may work in a claim for many months and be poorer in the end . . ."
—Louise Clappe

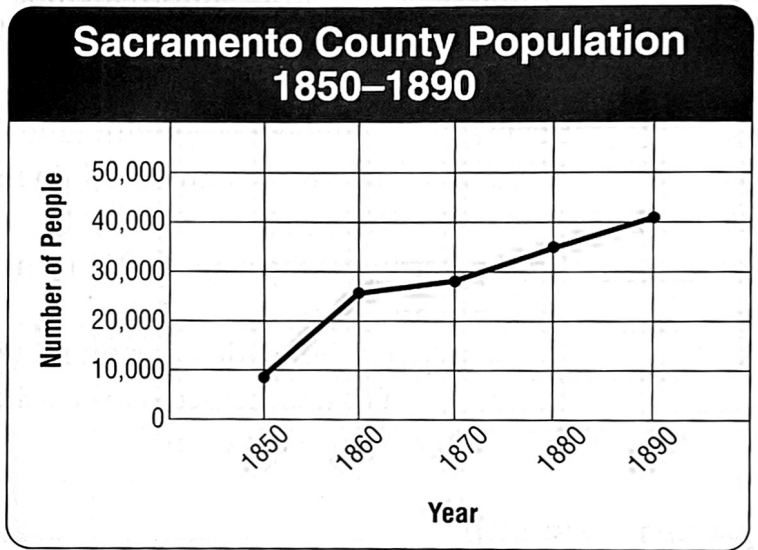
- 16 Why might a miner who traveled to California seeking gold be "poorer in the end"?

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17 What were some effects of the gold rush on San Francisco?

Use the graph to answer question 18.

18 Between which two years on the graph did Sacramento County's population grow the most? Why do you think this was so?



19 Why did most miners not have to pay taxes? How did that affect California?

20 What effect did the Land Act of 1851 have on the rancho owners in California?
