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SS8H1a. Which development resulted in increased population and permanent settlements among Georgia’s prehistoric Native Americans?

A. Improvements in agriculture meant food could be grown and stored.*
B. The Native Americans began to trade throughout eastern North America.
C. Improved weapons meant that more animals could be killed efficiently.
D. The tribes established more complicated social structures and ceremonies.

Which Native Americans were nomads that were the first inhabitants of Georgia?

A. Paleo Indians*
B. Archaic Indians
C. Woodland Indians
D. Mississippian Indians

Which Native American group differed from the two previous groups because they began to plant crops?

A. Paleo Indians
B. Archaic Indians
C. Woodland Indians*
D. Mississippian Indians

SS8H1b. What was a misunderstanding that many times led to warfare between Europeans and Native Americans?

A. disagreement about a division of labor between men and women
B. differences about common ownership of land in North America*
C. wanting a common language and culture throughout North America
D. Native American insistence that white Europeans adopt Native American customs and beliefs

In the mid 1600’s, Spain established Spanish missions along the coast of Georgia. What was the main purpose of the Spanish missions?

A. to search for gold
B. to civilize Native Americans and convert them to Christianity*
C. to establish military forts for protection against the British and French
D. to enslave Native Americans so they could fight against the British and the French
SS8H1c. [Top]

The phrase “God, Gold, and Glory” is often used to describe ____________.

A. the Native American cultures that inhabited Georgia
B. the reasons for European exploration and colonization*
C. the religious and political persecutions that occurred in Europe
D. the impact of Native American culture on European settlements

What was the main purpose of Spanish missions?

A. to fight Native Americans
B. to establish trade with Spain
C. to look for natural resources
D. to convert the Indians to Christianity*

SS8H2a. [Top]

Why did early Georgia colonists work to maintain good relations with Native Americans?

A. The colonists wanted to make up for past hostilities with the Native Americans.
B. The colonists wanted Native Americans to join them in a rebellion against Great Britain.
C. The colonists needed to convince Native Americans to give up their land without a treaty.
D. The colonists believed they might need Native Americans to help in the defense against Spain.*

Which person wanted to create a colony for debtors and became the first leader of Georgia?

A. King George II
B. Robert Castell
C. John Musgrove
D. James Oglethorpe*

Which statement BEST explains why England established the Georgia colony?

A. England wanted to create a trading partnership with the Native Americans.
B. England wanted a port available for ships sailing to China and the East Indies.
C. England wanted to provide a safe haven for Catholics who were being persecuted.
D. England wanted a buffer state to prevent Spanish and Native American invasions.*
In the early years of the colony, what was one reason the colonists were dissatisfied with the policies of the trustees who governed colonial Georgia?

A. The colonists could not own slaves.*
B. The colonists were not allowed to read books.
C. The colonists were not allowed to practice their religion.
D. The colonists could not pay the high taxes required of them.

How were the Salzburgers and the Highland Scots important during the Trustee Period?

A. They supported slavery.
B. They supported the trustees.*
C. They supported the malcontents.
D. They supported William Stephens.

During the Trustee Period, a group emerged called the "malcontents." With which of the following topics were the malcontents MOST upset?

A. slavery*
B. religion
C. trade restrictions
D. Native Americans

All of the following were changes made during Georgia’s royal colony period EXCEPT

A. religion*
B. slavery
C. government
D. land ownership

Which statement BEST compares Georgia’s royal colony period to its trustee period?

A. The royal colony was more economically successful than the trustee period.*
B. The royal colony reduced citizen land ownership in comparison to the trustee period.
C. The royal colony involved less citizen participation in the government than the trustee period.
D. The royal colony restricted slave ownership while the trustee period allowed slave ownership.

Which of the following statements most accurately describes Georgia at the beginning of the Revolutionary War?

A. The royal governor was very unpopular.
B. Georgia relied heavily upon trade with England.*
C. A strong tradition of self-government had developed.
D. Most Georgians strongly favored independence from England.
What was the purpose of the Declaration of Independence?

A. outline the new laws that would govern the colonies  
B. outline requests from the colonies to the British government  
C. outline the reasons for the colonies’ union with Great Britain  
D. outline the reasons for the colonies’ separation with Great Britain*

In what way did the French and Indian War most impact Georgia?

A. It devastated much of the colony because of the battles that took place.  
B. It had no effect on Georgia because all of the fighting took place in the North.  
C. It added territory to the colony and increased security once Britain took control of Florida.*  
D. Many Georgians starved because both British and French troops took crops to feed their armies.

SS8H3b. [Top]

Hart County, Georgia, was named for Nancy Hart. What role did Nancy Hart play in Georgia history?

A. She started the first public school in Georgia.  
B. She was the first female senator from Georgia.  
C. She was a legendary heroine of the Revolutionary War.*  
D. She was the wife of the first elected governor of Georgia.

• Nancy Hart  
• Button Gwinnett  
• Lyman Hall  
• George Walton

Which era in American history are the above people associated?

A. Civil War era  
B. Antebellum era  
C. Reconstruction era  
D. Revolutionary War era*

Which of the following BEST explains the significance of the victory at the Battle of Kettle Creek during the American Revolution?

A. It was the first victory of the American Revolution  
B. It allowed the Patriots to regain control over Savannah  
C. It was the largest battle fought during the American Revolution  
D. It allowed soldiers to get needed supplies and weapons while boosting morale*
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SS8H4a.  
Which of the following is an accurate statement concerning the 1777 Constitution of Georgia?

A. A unicameral legislature was established.*
B. Broad powers were given to the governor.
C. There were only two branches of government.
D. The Georgia state government today is the same as in 1777.

What was the main reason that the authors of Georgia’s Constitution of 1777 created a weak executive branch of government?

A. They were reacting to the tradition of powerful royal governors.*
B. They were following the British tradition of a strong legislature.
C. They believed that the judicial branch should be the most powerful.
D. They were trying to avoid conflict between the executive and judicial branches.

SS8H4b.  
At the Constitutional Convention in 1787, the Great Compromise was introduced in order to

A. end the debate over slavery
B. separate Virginia and West Virginia
C. maintain peace between England and America
D. give equal representation to both large and small states*

Why was Georgia one of the first states to ratify the United States Constitution?

A. Georgia wanted assistance for the ongoing war with the Creek Indians.
B. Georgians liked the idea of a weak central government that would leave them alone.
C. Georgia wanted a strong central government to provide protection and establish trade.
D. Georgia received a copy of the United States Constitution earlier than many of the other 13 colonies.

SS8H5a.  
The capital of Georgia moved many times in order to ______.

A. stay in the center of the state’s population*
B. take advantage of cheaper land to the West
C. be located in the geographic center of the state
D. keep up with the growth of the state government

What is one way in which the University of Georgia is unique among American universities?

It was the first university established in America.
It was the first private university constructed in America.
It was the first American university founded as a coed institution.
It was the first American university created by a state government.*
Which methods did Georgia use to distribute land in the late 1700s and early 1800s?

A. collective bargaining and issuing bonds  
B. speculation and sharecropping  
C. the headright system and the land lottery*  
D. the land−use plan and the embargo system

Which statement BEST describes the controversy surrounded the Yazoo Land Fraud of 1795?

A. Land speculators sold marshland to unsuspecting buyers.  
B. The governor of Georgia deeded land to Native Americans.  
C. State legislators were bribed to sell land to land speculators.*  
D. The federal government took over land that belonged to the state.

Why did Georgia invest heavily in railroads before the Civil War?

A. to transport slaves  
B. as a preparation for war  
C. to attract Northern industry  
D. to transport agricultural products*

Why was Eli Whitney's cotton gin an important invention for farmers in Georgia prior to the Civil War?

A. Cotton could be grown much more easily.  
B. Farmers used the gin to process cotton more quickly.*  
C. Cotton could now be sent to markets using the railroad.  
D. The gin kept cotton from becoming soiled and unusable.

What is the name of the long, hard journey made by the Cherokees when they were forced to leave their lands in Georgia?

A. Oregon Trail  
B. Trail of Tears*  
C. Wilderness Road  
D. Indian Removal Act

President Andrew Jackson made the statement "John Marshall has made his decision, now let him enforce it" in reference to the Supreme Court Justice's ruling in Worcester v. Georgia. Why was the ruling in this case significant?

A. The Supreme Court upheld state's rights.  
B. The Supreme Court ruled against slavery.  
C. The Supreme Court ruled that state laws did not apply in Cherokee territory.*  
D. The Supreme Court ruled that removal of Cherokees from their land was unconstitutional.
Which Georgian negotiated and signed the Treaty of Indian Springs in 1825 that signed away all Creek lands in Georgia?

A. William Bartram  
B. Andrew Jackson  
C. William McIntosh*  
D. Alexander McGillivray

Why were the people of the Cherokee nation sent on the Trail of Tears?

A. There was little rain and crops died.  
B. There was too much fighting among tribes.  
C. The Cherokee wanted to learn English and own land.  
D. The European settlers wanted the land used by the Cherokee.*

SS8H6a.  [Top]

What was Abraham Lincoln's official stand on slavery during the presidential campaign of 1860?

A. The African slave trade should be ended immediately.  
B. Slavery should not be allowed to spread into new territories.*  
C. A constitutional convention should be held to resolve the issue.  
D. All slaves within the United States should be freed within ten years.

SS8H6b.  [Top]

Why was Georgia often referred to as the "heart of the Confederacy" during the Civil War?

A. Georgia was the site of most of the military victories.  
B. Georgia's soldiers fought harder than those from other Confederate states.  
C. Robert E. Lee once referred to Georgia by that term and the name remained.  
D. Georgia had the best railroads and more industry than other Confederate states.*

SS8H6c.  [Top]

Which organization did the federal government create in 1865 to supervise the transition of slaves to freedom?

A. Howard University  
B. Freedmen's Bureau*  
C. American Civil Liberties Union  
D. National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
Which of the following would have been favored by such "New South" advocates as Henry Grady?

A. eliminating tariffs on imported goods  
B. electing more black people to public office  
C. enforcing increased agricultural development  
D. increasing industrialization by using local resources*

One of the economic reasons cited for the Atlanta Race Riot was __________.

A. free trade  
B. competition*  
C. economic growth  
D. voluntary exchange

Before the race riot several different types of industries were developing in Atlanta. This in turn led to increased __________.

A. deflation  
B. unemployment  
C. economic growth*  
D. government regulations

Why were "Jim Crow" laws passed in Georgia?

A. to encourage industrial growth  
B. to enforce the policy of segregation*  
C. to protect the civil rights of minorities  
D. to provide financial relief to farmers

Who was the son of a white master and a slave that went on to found the Atlanta Life Insurance Company, one of the most successful black–owned insurance businesses in the nation?

A. Alonzo Herndon*  
B. W. E. B. DuBois  
C. Maynard Jackson  
D. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Alonzo Herndon was willing to assume risk and was able to see an opportunity when others did not. Alonzo Herndon is an example of a(n) __________.

A. laborer  
B. gambler  
C. employee  
D. entrepreneur*
SS8H7d. [Top]  

SS8H8a. [Top]  
Why is it sometimes said that some rural Georgians never realized there was a Great Depression that occurred during the late 1920s and 1930s?  

A. Most farmers were self-reliant and did not need cash.  
B. The Great Depression had little impact upon the state.  
C. Many citizens had been struggling economically for years.*  
D. Agricultural areas continued to prosper through the depression.  

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Lina Belle McCommons, a North Carolina citizen who formerly lived in Georgia, said the following about her younger days there:  

"We benefited in this area (Greene County, Georgia) because it was chosen for a number of the CCC camps — the army of young workers, who worked in forests and fields, stopping erosion. Some people said it was a waste of money. But it kept a lot of young fellows employed."

To which period in Georgia's history is she referring?  

A. World War I  
B. the New Deal*  
C. Progressive Era  
D. the Square Deal  

SS8H9a. [Top]  
Which event led the United States into World War II?  

A. The Lend-Lease Act.  
B. The Zimmerman Telegram.  
C. The sinking of the Lusitania.  
D. The Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.*
SS8H9b. [Top]

Which was a major contribution of Georgia during World War II?

A. Radar technology was developed and tested at Georgia army bases.
B. Military bases were established that trained large numbers of U.S. troops.*
C. Hospitals trained large numbers of doctors and nurses for the Medical Corps.
D. Research sites developed the technology for a prototype of the atomic bomb

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SS8H9d. [Top]

Who had a home called "The Little White House" at Warm Springs, Georgia, and also inspired millions of people, especially the disabled?

A. Jimmy Carter
B. Button Gwinnett
C. Franklin Roosevelt*
D. Theodore Roosevelt

SS8H10a. [Top]

After World War II in the United States, which of these trends contributed to the growth of Georgia?

A. a loss of confidence in exploring new scientific methods
B. a rapid increase in technological and industrial development*
C. a renewed focus on the importance of farming and agriculture
D. a turning away from cooperation between business and government

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Which Georgia governor receives credit for these accomplishments?

• Restoring accreditation to Georgia’s university system
• Abolishing the poll tax
• Lowering the voting age

A. Zell Miller
B. Ellis Arnall*
C. Jimmy Carter
D. Eugene Talmadge
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SS8H11a. [Top]

The Supreme Court's decision in Brown v. Board of Education (1954) struck down which practice that had been in place since Reconstruction?

A. the practice of using state tax money to fund public schools
B. the practice of integrating Georgia's public colleges and universities
C. the practice of requiring citizens to pass a literacy test in order to vote
D. the practice of "separate but equal" schools for black and white students*

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SS8H11c. [Top]

Andrew Jackson Young, Jr. has held many positions of influence both in Georgia and the world. Among his accomplishments, which has he NOT been ____.

A. a congressman
B. Mayor of Atlanta
C. a civil rights leader
D. Governor of Georgia *

SS8H12a. [Top]

In 1962 a court ruled that the County Unit System violated which principal?

A. Universal Suffrage
B. Freedom of Speech
C. Freedom of Religion
D. “One man, one vote”*

SS8H12b. [Top]

Which of the following is a correct statement about Jimmy Carter?

A. He established the HOPE Scholarship.
B. He was the first Georgian to serve on the Supreme Court.
C. He established Georgia's first permanent system of education.
D. He was the only Georgian to serve as president of the United States.*

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What 1996 event brought an economic boom to Atlanta, Georgia?

A. World's Fair
B. Olympic Games*
C. Million Man March
D. Republican Convention

SS8H12e.  [Top]

SS8G1a.  [Top]

Which of the following correctly describes the location of Georgia?

A. northern longitude and western latitude
B. Southern Hemisphere and eastern latitude
C. North American continent and Western Hemisphere*
D. southeastern global quadrant and northern time zone

In which continent is Georgia located?

A. Asia
B. Europe
C. North America*
D. South America

SS8G1b.  [Top]

Which terms BEST describe the Piedmont region of Georgia today?

A. broad treeless plains, richest soil in Georgia
B. heavily forested, highest elevation in Georgia
C. gently sloping land, lowest elevation in Georgia
D. rolling farmland, most heavily populated region of Georgia*

Which of the following would be considered a resource found in Georgia's coastal plains?

A. rapidly flowing rivers
B. fertile soil for farming*
C. coal deposits and natural gas
D. bedrock such as granite and marble
SS8G1c. [Top]

What is the natural boundary that separates the Coastal Plain and Piedmont regions?

A. Fall Line*
B. Savannah River
C. Atlantic coastline
D. Appalachian Mountains

Which of the following rivers is an important source of water for Georgia, Alabama, and Florida?

A. Oconee River
D. Savannah River
C. Altamaha River
B. Chattahoochee River*

The area where the Piedmont and Coastal Plain meet that features a drop in elevation and beautiful waterfalls is called?

A. the Fall Line*
B. Tallulah Gorge
C. Amicalola Falls
D. the barrier islands

SS8G1d. [Top]

Georgia is a leader in the production of lumber and pulpwood because __________.

it has a mild climate which allows pine forests to grow rapidly*
it has a tropical climate with lots of rainfall that produces large coniferous forests
it has a short growing season which means it can plant more trees each year than other states
it has a long, very cold winter and a short, very hot summer that is favorable to the growth of trees

Which factor has the most positive effect on Georgia’s economy and development?

its climate*
its government
its physical features
its population density

SS8G2a. [Top]

Which of Georgia’s transportation systems connects Georgia to the rest of the nation, links Georgia’s major cities, and helps move commuters to and from work centers?

A. Interstate Highway System *
B. Central of Georgia Railway
C. Georgia’s deep water port at Savannah
D. Hartsfield–Jackson International Airport
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**SS8G2b.**  
Which of these statements best describes Atlanta's importance as a transportation center?

A. Atlanta is a major center for road and air transportation.*  
B. River transportation has declined in recent years but is still important.  
C. Atlanta's importance as a transportation center has declined in recent years.  
D. The rapidly expanding growth of railroads has given new importance to Atlanta.

**SS8G2c.**  
Why is the population of Georgia heavily concentrated in the Atlanta area?

A. Atlanta has a larger geographic area than other cities.  
B. Agricultural areas are more productive than urban areas.  
C. Other parts of the state have tried to maintain their historic populations.  
D. The airport and highway systems make Atlanta a major transportation hub. *

**SS8CG1a.**  
All of the following are sections included in the Georgia state constitution EXCEPT

A. Amendments.  
B. Bill of Rights.  
C. Voting and Elections.  
D. Court Case Summaries.*

Georgia’s current state constitution consists of ________.

A. twenty-two articles describing how county governments function  
B. a declaration of state sovereignty and by-laws defining freedom  
C. a preamble, state bill of rights, and articles defining the state's highest laws*  
D. article establishing a governor, a unicameral legislature, and a superior court

Read the excerpt below. In which section of the Georgia state constitution would the excerpt MOST LIKELY be found?

“To perpetuate the principles of free government, insure justice to all, preserve peace, promote the interest and happiness of the citizens and of the family, and transmit to posterity the enjoyment of liberty, we the people of Georgia, relying upon the protection and guidance of Almighty God, do ordain and establish this Constitution.”

A. preamble*  
B. Article III Legislative Branch  
C. Article V Executive Branch  
D. Article VIII Education
**Which of the following is an example of how the system of checks and balances works in Georgia?**

A. reducing property taxes  
B. overriding a governor's veto*  
C. signing a petition to repeal a law  
D. appealing a case to a higher court  

The General Assembly passes a law on immigration. However, the governor vetoes the law and the bill dies. This is an example of ________.

A. civil rights  
B. legislative authority  
C. checks and balances*  
D. separation of powers  

**Why is the principle "separation of powers" included in Georgia’s constitution?**

A. It makes the government easier to control.  
B. It divides the government into different branches.  
C. It guarantees the government will run more efficiently.  
D. It keeps one branch of government from becoming too powerful.*  

**Malia writes a letter to the editor of her local newspaper, expressing her opinion on proposed legislation. Based on the rights guaranteed by the Georgia constitution, Malia is exercising her**

A. freedom of conscience  
B. right to keep and bear arms  
C. right to assemble and petition  
D. freedom of speech and of the press.*  

**Dan is 19 years old and wants to register to vote. He must also meet all of the following requirements EXCEPT**

A. be a legal resident of Georgia.  
B. have a Georgia driver's license.*  
C. be a citizen of the United States.  
D. cannot be serving a felony conviction.  

**How old must a person be to vote in Georgia?**

A. 16  
B. 18*  
C. 21  
D. 25
Which of the following statements describes a general election?

A. An election that allows citizens to vote on a law
B. An election where the winners from primaries compete for political offices*
C. An election that is used to present a special issue to voters or to fill a vacancy
D. An election where members of the political parties vote for candidates to run for a specific office

Which general statement is true about political parties in Georgia over the past fifty years?

A. Georgia has been dominated by three parties.
B. Georgia has been dominated by the Republican Party.
C. Georgia has changed from a one−party system to a two−party system.*
D. Georgia has changed from being a two−party system to a one−party system.

Which of the following MOST LIKELY describes a role of a political party?

A. A political party limits government interference.
B. A political party votes for candidates in an election
C. A political party safeguards the freedom of religion
D. A political party helps voters see a candidate’s viewpoint*

All of the following are principles of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Georgia Flag EXCEPT

A. justice
B. wisdom
C. freedom*
D. moderation

Which of the following requirements must Fred meet if he wants to serve in the General Assembly?

A. Must be at least 30 years old
B. Must be a citizen of Georgia for at least 15 years
C. Must already hold some kind of civil appointment
D. Must be a legal resident of the district he wishes to represent*

Which of the following statements describes the duties of Georgia’s General Assembly?

A. making laws in Georgia*
B. enforcing laws in Georgia
C. signing bills into law in Georgia
D. selecting the lieutenant governor
Which of the following correctly describes the election and term of members of the General Assembly?

A. elected by popular vote to two-year terms of office*
B. elected by popular vote to six-year terms of office
C. appointed by the governor to two-year terms of office
D. appointed by the governor to six-year terms of office

SS8CG2b. [Top]

What role do committees play in the legislative process?

A. They directly describe what bills become laws.
B. They elect leaders like the house speaker and the lieutenant governor.
C. They review proposed bills and make recommendations to the General Assembly.*
D. They decide what bills passed by the General Assembly actually go to the governor.

Which type of leader presides over the Senate in the Georgia General Assembly?

A. a judge
B. a speaker
C. a governor
D. a lieutenant governor*

Which type of leader presides over the House of Representatives in the Georgia General Assembly?

A. a judge
B. a speaker*
C. a governor
D. a lieutenant governor

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Which of these lists the correct order of the legislative process for a bill to become a law in Georgia?

A. proposal, floor action, committee action, conference, passage, action by governor
B. proposal, committee action, floor action, conference, passage, action by governor*
C. proposal, action by governor, floor action, committee action, conference, passage
D. proposal, action by governor, committee action, floor action, conference, passage

Which branch of Georgia’s government has the responsibility of making laws?

A. council
B. judicial
C. executive
D. legislative*
Which branch of Georgia’s government has the responsibility of enforcing laws?

A. council  
B. judicial  
C. executive*  
D. legislative

James wants to run for governor of Georgia. All of the following are requirements James must meet EXCEPT?

A. Must be at least 30 years old  
B. Must be a citizen of Georgia for at least 15 years  
C. Must already hold some kind of civil appointment*  
D. Must be a legal resident of the state for at least six years

Which of the following correctly describes the election and term of the governor of Georgia?

A. elected by popular vote to two-year terms of office  
B. elected by popular vote to four-year terms of office*  
C. appointed by the president to a two-year term of office  
D. appointed by the president to a four-year term of office

Which of the following differs from the office of governor to the office of lieutenant governor?

A. how the office is elected  
B. qualifications for the office  
C. number of consecutive terms allowed*  
D. the time of year that the office is elected

Which department of the executive branch is responsible for the Georgia Highway Patrol?

A. the Department of Education  
B. the Department of Public Safety*  
C. the Department of Transportation  
D. the Department of Economic Development

The secretary of state, the attorney general, and the state superintendent of schools are all members of which branch of government?

A. council  
B. judicial  
C. executive*  
D. legislative
Which of the following statements BEST describes how the executive branch of the government administers programs and enforces laws?

A. by creating state agencies to carry out laws*
B. by passing laws that make sure the rules are followed
C. by taxing businesses and people until they obey the law
D. by sending in the military to make sure laws are followed

In the judicial system, appellate jurisdiction is the authority of a court to hear a case appealed from a lower court. In the Georgia judicial system, the court MOST LIKELY to hear an appeal from the Juvenile Court is the

A. Probate Court.
B. Superior Court.
C. Appeals Court.*
D. Supreme Court.

Which of the following is an example of an appellate court?

A. State Court
B. Probate Court
C. Magistrate Court
D. Supreme Court of Georgia*

Which of the following is a characteristic of an appellate court?

A. a trial
B. a decision by a jury
C. determining if a law was broken
D. evaluating decisions made by other courts*

How are judges selected in the court system of Georgia?

A. elected by voters*
B. elected by the legislature
C. appointed by the governor
D. appointed by the president

Under civil law, which of these is the ONLY punishment a defendant can receive?

A. The defendant can be incarcerated.
B. The defendant must reimburse the plaintiff.*
C. The defendant may be given the death penalty.
D. The defendant must pay a fine to the government.
Miguel believes that Stuart violated the conditions of their contract when he did not finish painting Miguel’s house. If Miguel takes Stuart to court it will be in _________.

A. civil court*
B. criminal court
C. appeals court
D. juvenile court

SS8CG4c. [Top]

Which court and its jurisdiction are correct?

A. state court – marriage and building licenses
B. juvenile court – violent crimes committed by adults
C. probate court – wills and estates of deceased persons*
D. magistrate court – cases involving persons under the age of seventeen

Which of the following describes the purpose of a grand jury?

A. to determine if a law of the state has been broken
B. to determine if an accused person is guilty or innocent
C. to determine if an accused person should be charged and stand trial*
D. to determine if a person who has been convicted received due process

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All of the following are strategies for solving conflicts EXCEPT?

A. war*
B. negotiation
C. collaboration
D. compromise

Which of the following is a good strategy for solving a conflict with a friend?

A. being violent
B. being stubborn
C. being confrontational
D. being open to another point of view*
SS8CG4e. [Top]

- Determines constitutionality
- Reviews death sentences
- Ensures justice for Georgia’s citizens

Which court is being described above?

A. Juvenile Court  
B. Magistrate Court  
C. The Supreme Court*  
D. The Court of Appeals

Which branch of Georgia’s government has the responsibility of interpreting laws?

A. council  
B. judicial*  
C. executive  
D. legislative

SS8CG5a. [Top]

Why were counties originally created in Georgia?

A. to collect taxes and finance local government  
B. to be responsible for education across the state  
C. to provide one certain special service not provided by cities  
D. to serve as districts for carrying out state laws and programs*

SS8CG5b. [Top]

The main governmental authorities in the counties of Georgia are ____.

A. mayors  
B. sheriffs  
C. magistrates  
D. commissioners*

SS8CG5c. [Top]

Which is an example of a special purpose government?

A. Delta  
B. MARTA*  
C. The Atlanta Braves  
D. The Georgia Aquarium
What rights do juveniles have when taken into custody?

A. The right to remain silent; the right to a trial by jury.
B. The right to a trial by jury; the right to one phone call.
C. The right to remain silent; the right to not call their parents.
D. The right for two phone calls; the right for counseling about self-incrimination.*

What happens to a juvenile if they commit one of the seven most serious delinquent behaviors?

A. They will be tried as an adult.*
B. They have the right to a trial by jury.
C. They will be sent to a juvenile detention center.
D. They will remain under the custody of their parents.

How should the economy of Georgia in the late 1800s be described?

A. rural and agricultural*
B. based on mining
C. based on tourism
D. urban and industrial

How have granite and marble contributed to the economic development of Georgia?

A. The state ranks first in the world in their production.
B. Georgia ranks first in the nation in the mining of these products.*
C. Almost half of the state’s economy is based on these products.
D. Mining of these materials provides most of the jobs in several regions of the state.
SS8E2a. [Top]

Why were early Georgia colonists urged to plant mulberry trees?

A. to establish a silk industry in Georgia*
B. to enhance the landscape beauty of early homes
C. to provide mulberries as a needed source of fruit
D. to provide badly needed lumber for building homes

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The interstate highway system has helped Georgia companies to ____.

A. provide greater access to quality health care
B. increase the speed allowed on interstate highways
C. supply their products to much larger geographical areas*
D. reduce the number of traffic accidents caused by trucks

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SS8E3b. [Top]

In the founding of the Home Depot, Author Blank and Bernie Marcus were willing to take risks and saw an opportunity that others did not. Blank and Marcus are examples of ____.

A. laborers
B. employers
C. employees
D. entrepreneurs*

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Which U.S. airline has its headquarters in Atlanta?

A. U.S. Airways
B. Delta Airlines*
C. United Airlines
D. American Airlines

SS8E4a. [Top]

What is Georgia's largest source of state revenue?

A. poll tax
B. sales tax
C. income tax*
D. inheritance tax
SS8E4b. [Top]

Public schools in Georgia are funded PRIMARILY by _____.

A. sales taxes
B. income taxes*
C. property taxes
D. inheritance taxes

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SS8E5 [Top]

You need to purchase a pair of sneakers since they are required for physical education class. Which of the following is an example of effective decision making?

A. You buy the most stylish and expensive pair of sneakers you find.
B. You buy the first pair of sneakers you try on at the first store you visit.
C. You buy a pair of sneakers after considering fit, appearance, and cost.*
D. You use your money to buy a pair of jeans instead of a pair of sneakers.

Which economic term best describes using money to earn more money?

A. selling
B. borrowing
C. trading
D. investing*