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| 1. “A public institution with authority to formulate, adopt, implement, and enforce public policies for a society” defines   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | a. | politics. | |  | b. | public policy. | |  | c. | government. | |  | d. | justice. |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | c | |

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| 2. The process of policymaking that involves conﬂict and cooperation between political parties and other groups that seek to elect government ofﬁcials or to inﬂuence those ofﬁcials when they make public policy is referred to as   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | a. | politics. | |  | b. | public opinion. | |  | c. | government. | |  | d. | justice. |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | a | |

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| 3. The “values, attitudes, traditions, habits, and general behavioral patterns that develop over time and shape the politics and public policy of a particular region,” are collectively referred to as   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | a. | political culture. | |  | b. | political socialization. | |  | c. | political economics. | |  | d. | political geography. |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | a | |

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| 4. Throughout the 1800s and into the early 1900s, a powerful \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ movement in Texas sought to use government to end the sale and consumption of alcohol.   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | a. | ​suffrage | |  | b. | ​Populist | |  | c. | ​Socialist | |  | d. | ​Temperance |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | d | |

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| 5. The Radical Republicans of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ era sought to use government to end a white supremacist political system and achieve racial equality.​   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | a. | post-Civil War​ | |  | b. | ​pre-Civil War | |  | c. | ​American Revolution | |  | d. | ​Great Depression |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | a | |

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| 6. For most of its history, Texas has been a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ state, one of the key identifiers of a traditionalistic political culture.   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | a. | one-party-dominant | |  | b. | competitive two-party | |  | c. | predominantly libertarian | |  | d. | predominantly green-party |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | a | |

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| 7. According to Professor Daniel Elazar, the political culture of Texas is strongly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, in that those in positions of power have tended to believe that government should maintain a stable society but intervene as little as possible in the lives of people.   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | a. | traditionalistic | |  | b. | individualistic | |  | c. | moralistic | |  | d. | moralistic with individualistic subcultures |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | b | |

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| 8. ​The fact that Texas has a limited government with restricted powers and low per capita government spending demonstrates the strength of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ political subculture in the state.   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | a. | ​individualistic | |  | b. | ​traditionalistic | |  | c. | ​moralistic | |  | d. | ​hedonistic |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | a | |

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| 9. Laws that segregated African Americans and denied them access to public services were known as ​   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | a. | ​Jim Crow laws. | |  | b. | ​eminent domain. | |  | c. | ​naturalization laws. | |  | d. | ​separation policies. |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | a | |

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| 10. The adoption of “right to work” laws in Texas demonstrates that the state government maintains a climate​ friendly to   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | a. | business owners. | |  | b. | ​labor unions. | |  | c. | ​immigrant laborers. | |  | d. | ​women and minorities. |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | a | |

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| 11. Approximately what proportion of Texans speak a language other than English at home?   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | a. | one-tenth (1/10) | |  | b. | one-fifth (1/5) | |  | c. | one-third (1/3) | |  | d. | one-half (1/2) |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | c | |

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| 12. The Native American population in Texas declined in the centuries following European colonization for all the following reasons except   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | a. | Spanish explorers and their African slaves brought diseases. | |  | b. | violence between the native population and immigrant whites was constant and pervasive. | |  | c. | some Texan Anglo leaders pursued policies of removal and extermination. | |  | d. | the onset of severe and long-lasting drought. |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | d | |

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| 13. The Asian American population of Texas is   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | a. | mostly descended from Chinese laborers. | |  | b. | about 19 percent of total state population. | |  | c. | concentrated in urban areas of the state. | |  | d. | statistically less likely than other groups to attend universities. |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | c | |

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| 14. Texas has the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ largest number of African Americans in the nation after New York.   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | a. | second | |  | b. | fourth | |  | c. | fifth | |  | d. | third |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | a | |

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| 15. The African American population of Texas   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | a. | comprises over one-half of the state’s population. | |  | b. | resides primarily on farms and in rural villages. | |  | c. | is concentrated in Lubbock, Laredo, and El Paso. | |  | d. | resides mainly in north central, northeast, and southeast Texas. |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | d | |

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| 16. By 2016, the Latino population of Texas   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | a. | comprised about 39 percent of the state. | |  | b. | had become mostly concentrated in northeast Texas. | |  | c. | constituted a majority of the population in 100 Texas counties. | |  | d. | had a higher median age than did the Anglo population. |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | a | |

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| 17. Based on current trends, some demographers project that by 2040, Texas Latinos will make up approximately \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the state’s population.   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | a. | 28 percent | |  | b. | 38 percent | |  | c. | 48 percent | |  | d. | 58 percent |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | d | |

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| 18. In Texas, which of the following groups is largest in terms of religious identification?   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | a. | Catholic | |  | b. | evangelical Protestant | |  | c. | Mormon | |  | d. | Buddhist |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | b | |

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| 19. The approximate land area of Texas, in square miles, is   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | a. | 167,000,000. | |  | b. | 267,000. | |  | c. | 65,000. | |  | d. | 949. |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | b | |

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| 20. Of the 50 states, Texas ranks \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in land area.   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | a. | first | |  | b. | second | |  | c. | fifth | |  | d. | tenth |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | b | |

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| 21. ​The large geographical size of Texas   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | a. | ​means that campaigning for statewide political office requires a significant investment of resources. | |  | b. | ​reduces the need for candidates to raise campaign contributions. | |  | c. | ​makes the use of social media unnecessary and rare in political campaigns. | |  | d. | ​results in more senators from Texas in the U.S. Senate than from smaller states. |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | a | |

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| 22. According to the federal census estimate of 2015, Texas's population is approximately   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | a. | 6 million. | |  | b. | 16 million. | |  | c. | 27 million. | |  | d. | 36 million. |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | c | |

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| 23. Between 2000 and 2015, Texas’s population grew by approximately   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | a. | 4 percent. | |  | b. | 20 percent. | |  | c. | 32 percent. | |  | d. | 47 percent. |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | c | |

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| 24. Of the eleven fastest growing cities in the United States in 2015, how many​ were in Texas?   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | a. | ​one | |  | b. | ​three | |  | c. | ​five | |  | d. | ​seven |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | c | |

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| 25. Which of the following statements regarding the population of Texas is false?   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | a. | The state population has grown at a rate faster than the national average. | |  | b. | Urbanization has occurred. | |  | c. | During the 20th century, the state shifted from an urban to a rural society. | |  | d. | Texas is experiencing urban flight on a very large scale. |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | c | |

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| 26. Approximately what percentage of Texans now live in Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs)?   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | a. | less than 20 percent | |  | b. | about 50 percent | |  | c. | around 65 percent | |  | d. | more than 80 percent |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | d | |

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| 27. In Texas, urban voters tend to support the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Party, while suburban voters tend to support the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Party.   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | a. | Republican: Libertarian | |  | b. | Republican; Democratic | |  | c. | Democratic; Republican | |  | d. | Libertarian; Republican |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | c | |

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| 28. ​Why is the history of Texas suburbs is marked by racial segregation?   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | a. | The federal government used policies like redlining and urban renewal in a discriminatory manner. | |  | b. | Ethnic minority families tended to move from urban to rural areas. | |  | c. | ​Suburban growth stalled due to the decline of the oil industry. | |  | d. | ​Many middle class families were part of the gentrification movement. |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | a | |

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| 29. Agriculture in the West Texas Plains depends heavily on   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | a. | a substantial increase in rainfall there since 1950. | |  | b. | the development of hybrid strains that require minimal water. | |  | c. | the Ogallala Aquifer. | |  | d. | water brought from the Gulf of Mexico. |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | c | |

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| 30. For many cities in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ region of Texas, Spanish is the primary language, and the Catholic Church is a major part of everyday life.   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | a. | border | |  | b. | West Texas Plains | |  | c. | Gulf Coast | |  | d. | North Texas |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | a | |

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| 31. Central Texas includes the cities of   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | a. | Houston, Brownsville, and El Paso. | |  | b. | Dallas, Fort Worth, and Plano. | |  | c. | Abilene, Amarillo, and Odessa. | |  | d. | Waco, Austin, and San Antonio. |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | d | |

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| 32. Complete the following sentence:  The Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex​   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | a. | ​has seen decades of economic decline as timber and cotton production become less profitable. | |  | b. | ​has seen decades of economic decline as businesses continue to move to other regions. | |  | c. | ​has seen decades of strong economic growth as major corporations move their headquarters there. | |  | d. | ​has seen decades of strong economic growth as agriculture has become the basis of the local economy. |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | c | |

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| 33. Which is true of East Texas?​   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | a. | ​It is racially segregated and heavily influenced by evangelical Christianity. | |  | b. | ​The economy there is dominated by high-technology firms and defense contractors. | |  | c. | ​Timber production there has ended, and cotton is no longer grown in the region. | |  | d. | ​The Democratic Party continues to dominate politics and local government there. |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | a | |

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| 34. The Gulf Coast region is home to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the state's largest city.​   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | a. | ​Houston | |  | b. | ​Dallas | |  | c. | ​Austin | |  | d. | ​San Antonio |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | a | |

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| 35. Which of the following land-based industries formed the basis of the early economic development of Texas?   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | a. | cotton, cattle, timber, and minerals | |  | b. | cattle, oil, corn, and real estate speculation | |  | c. | mining, cattle, natural gas, and oil | |  | d. | manufacturing, oil, silver, and cotton |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | a | |

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| 36. If it were its own country, Texas would be the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ largest oil and gas producer in the world.   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | a. | second | |  | b. | sixth | |  | c. | tenth | |  | d. | fifteenth |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | b | |

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| 37. Sixteen of the twenty-five largest corporations in Texas in 2015 were   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | a. | energy related. | |  | b. | technology related. | |  | c. | cotton related. | |  | d. | manufacturing related. |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | a | |

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| 38. Which of the following is true of high-technology jobs within the state of Texas?   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | a. | They tend to be low-wage jobs with few benefits. | |  | b. | The government of Texas has done nothing to encourage the development of high-technology jobs in the state. | |  | c. | More than one-third of high-technology jobs are in technical, managerial, and professional positions. | |  | d. | Most high-technology firms produce products like farm tractors, toasters, and spatulas. |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | c | |

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| 39. Which of the following is a multibillion-dollar industry that produces products, such as medicines and vaccines, to benefit medical science?   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | a. | biotechnology | |  | b. | high technology | |  | c. | nanotechnology | |  | d. | robotics |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | a | |

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| 40. The service industry in Texas   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | a. | pays lower wages and salaries than manufacturing firms. | |  | b. | is one of the slowest growing economic sectors in Texas. | |  | c. | offers the most opportunities for economic advancement for workers. | |  | d. | employs over one-half of all Texas workers. |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | a | |

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| 41. Which is a true statement regarding agriculture in Texas?   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | a. | It is hampered by poor rail, road, and harbor facilities. | |  | b. | It sells most of its output in Texas grocery stores. | |  | c. | It produces commodities that are all processed in Texas. | |  | d. | It is characterized by a decreasing number of farms with large acreages. |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | d | |

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| 42. More than \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ percent of U.S. exports to Mexico are produced in or transported through Texas from other states.   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | a. | 20 | |  | b. | 35 | |  | c. | 60 | |  | d. | 89 |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | c | |

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| 43. What was the purpose of the North American Free Trade Agreement?   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | a. | to reduce trade barriers between the United States, Canada, and Mexico | |  | b. | to create a superhighway from Mexico to Canada | |  | c. | to lower vehicle emission standards for the United States, Canada, and Mexico | |  | d. | to open trade relations between the United States and Cuba |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | a | |

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| 44. NAFTA is considered responsible for   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | a. | better pay and improved working conditions for some Mexican workers. | |  | b. | a decrease in air pollution and traffic issues along superhighways. | |  | c. | an economic boost to most fruit and vegetable producers in Texas. | |  | d. | an increase in jobs and state revenue in Texas. |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | d | |

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| 45. Persons who enter the United States in violation of federal immigration laws are referred to as   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | a. | undocumented immigrants. | |  | b. | naturalized residents. | |  | c. | temporary citizens. | |  | d. | asylum recipients. |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | a | |

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| 46. Undocumented immigrants in Texas have an impact on the state economy by   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | a. | providing an expensive source of labor, which increases wages for all workers. | |  | b. | ​saving the state from spending because they avoid use of public services. | |  | c. | investing in small businesses at a higher rate than any other group. | |  | d. | ​paying state taxes when they buy goods and services and rent property. |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | d | |

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| 47. The Texas DREAM Act   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | a. | granted amnesty and citizenship to millions of undocumented immigrants in Texas. | |  | b. | allows certain undocumented immigrants who were brought to Texas as children to pay in-state tuition at public colleges. | |  | c. | eliminated the issues associated with illegal immigration for Texas. | |  | d. | authorized the creation of a border fence with a moat along the Texas-Mexico border. |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | b | |

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| 48. In 1986 President Ronald Reagan signed the Immigration Reform and Control Act, which   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | a. | granted amnesty to any immigrant who entered the country illegally before 1982. | |  | b. | eliminated penalties for employers who hired undocumented immigrants. | |  | c. | reduced the need for immigration enforcement personnel. | |  | d. | all but eliminated the flow of undocumented immigrants into Texas. |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | a | |

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| 49. As a result of current immigration policies   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | a. | politicians of both major parties agree on proper naturalization law. | |  | b. | immigration has declined sharply because Texas employers are unwilling to hire this class of workers. | |  | c. | many families are separated as undocumented immigrants are arrested, detained, or expelled from the country. | |  | d. | immigration rates have tripled. |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | c | |

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| 50. Which of the following was created in 1957 for purposes of state mandated water planning?   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | a. | Commission of the General Land Office | |  | b. | Texas Department of Water | |  | c. | Texas Environmental Protection Agency | |  | d. | Texas Water Development Board |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | d | |

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| 51. Texas faces water challenges due to all of the following factors EXCEPT   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | a. | increased population. | |  | b. | drought. | |  | c. | fracking. | |  | d. | decreased urbanization. |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | d | |

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| 52. Which of the following is true regarding education in Texas?   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | a. | Education in Texas has produced the highest literacy rate among adults of any of the 50 states. | |  | b. | Texas schools are focused mainly on preparing Texas’s citizens for careers in science and technology. | |  | c. | The state of Texas spends more on education per pupil than any other state. | |  | d. | Texas ranks among the bottom 10 states in chances for student success. |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | d | |

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| 53. By 2015, approximately what proportion of Texas children were living in poverty?   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | a. | One in twenty (1/20) | |  | b. | One in ten (1/10) | |  | c. | One in four (1/4) | |  | d. | One in two (1/2) |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | c | |

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| 54. Which best describes the state of health insurance in Texas?   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | a. | ​Texas has the highest percentage of uninsured residents of any of the 50 states. | |  | b. | ​Health insurance in Texas is more affordable than in any other state. | |  | c. | ​Texas has accepted the Affordable Care Act’s expansion of Medicaid and will cover millions of previously uninsured people. | |  | d. | ​Texas has one of the lowest percentages of uninsured children of any of the 50 states. |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | a | |

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| 55. ​What is the estimated number of homeless people (including children) in Texas?   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | a. | 5,000 - 8,000 | |  | b. | 15,000 - 20,000 | |  | c. | 20,000 - 30,000 | |  | d. | 50,000 - 80,000 |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | c | |

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| 56. Explain the difference between politics and government.​   |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | Students’ answers may vary.​ | |

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| 57. Describe the issues that led to segregation in Texas’s suburbs.   |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | Students’ answers may vary.​ | |

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| 58. ​How does Texas’s large geographical size affect politics in the state?​   |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | Students’ answers may vary.​ | |

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| 59. Discuss the history of the timber industry in Texas. Why did it become such an important part of the state economy, and why has it declined in importance?   |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | Students’ answers may vary.​ | |

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| 60. Describe the main challenges facing education in Texas and what you think should be done to meet those challenges.​   |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | Students’ answers may vary.​ | |

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| 61. Discuss the political culture of Texas.  Do you accept what Professor Elazar identified as the dominant political culture in Texas?  Why or why not?  From where did Texas’s political culture come and how has it changed over time? How do you think it will change in the future? Provide evidence for your answers.   |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | Students’ answers may vary. | |

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| 62. Discuss the role of white supremacy and racial injustice in Texas. What evidence exists to shed light on the degree to which racial oppression played in the role of Texas history? How has it shaped the social, economic, and political fortunes of the different racial and ethnic groups in Texas? What still needs to change and who do you think is responsible for bringing about that change?  Provide evidence for your answers.   |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | Students’ answers may vary. | |

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| 63. Trace the history of conflict among racial and ethnic groups throughout Texas history. What are the sources of the conflicts?  How have relations among racial and ethnic groups changed over time in the state and why?  How do you think these relations will change in the future?   |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | Students’ answers may vary. | |

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| 64. Imagine that a separate state was created for each of Texas’s six principal regions. Choose two regions to compare and explain the potential differences between them in political culture, policy decisions, and economic conditions. Explain the potential impact of dividing Texas into separate states on national politics and the U.S. government.   |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | Students’ answers may vary. | |

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| 65. Trace the historical development and current status of the cotton, cattle, timber, and oil industries in Texas. How has their role in the state economy changed over time, and how important do you think each will be for Texas’s economic future?  What other industries do you think are important for the state to develop and sustain in the coming decades?  What role should the state government play in developing and sustaining them?   |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | Students’ answers may vary. | |

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| 66. The North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) was created in order to lower tariffs between three trading partners (the United States, Canada, and Mexico). Provide an explanation of the advantages/benefits of the agreement, followed by an understanding of the disadvantages/criticism of the agreement.   |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | Students’ answers may vary. | |

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| 67. Immigration is currently a hot topic in the state of Texas. Explain the benefits and challenges brought about by immigration. Choose one immigration law (i.e., Texas DREAM Act of 2001, Enhanced Border Security and Visa Entry Reform Act of 2002, or Secure Fence Act of 2006) and identify your political position on it.  Do you think the law is justified? Do you think it is effective? Are there things about the law that should change? Provide evidence for your answers.   |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | Students’ answers may vary. | |

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| 68. The drought that began in 2011 had a severe impact on the state of Texas. Explain the impact the drought had on the Texas economy, specifically identifying the effects on land-based industries, as well as the indirect effects for other industries and for urbanization within the state. What role should state government, industries, and individuals play in managing Texas’s water supply?   |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | Students’ answers may vary. | |

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| 69. Imagine that you have been given autocratic power over Texas. It comes with one condition: you must reduce the percentage of persons living in poverty to 5 percent or less. What would you do? In your discussion, explore the causes and incidence of poverty. You may also want to speculate on whether a high degree of poverty is inevitable.   |  |  | | --- | --- | | *ANSWER:* | Students’ answers may vary. | |