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American Geography

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1.) The original settlements in the thirteen British colonies were all located

- (1) east of the Appalachian Mountains
- (2) along the Gulf Coast
- (3) on the Great Plains
- (4) west of the Mississippi River

2.) What was a main reason large plantations developed in the South during the colonial period?

- (1) British laws discouraged tenant farming.
- (2) Cotton could only be grown in wetlands.
- (3) Southern mountains led to the development of isolated, self-sufficient farms.
- (4) The coastal plain in the South contained large areas of fertile soil.

3.) Which geographic factor most directly influenced the location of the first English settlements in North America?

- (1) rivers along the Atlantic coast
- (2) availability of flat land in the Midwest
- (3) mild climate along the Gulf coast
- (4) forests throughout the Middle Colonies

4.) During the colonial period, goods were most commonly transported on

- (1) rivers (3) railroads
- (2) canals (4) turnpikes

5.) Since the late 1700s, the Mississippi River has been a vital waterway because it

- (1) divided the northern territories from the southern territories
- (2) allowed American farmers direct access to Canadian markets
- (3) connected the Great Lakes to the Atlantic Ocean
- (4) provided farmers and merchants an outlet to the Gulf of Mexico

6.) Which city is correctly paired with the geographic feature that most directly affected its growth?

- (1) New Orleans — Pacific Ocean
- (2) New York City — Chesapeake Bay
- (3) Chicago — Great Lakes
- (4) Los Angeles — Appalachian Mountains

6.) In which area did good harbors, abundant forests, rocky soil, and a short growing season most influence the colonial economy?

- (1) Southern colonies
- (2) Middle Atlantic region
- (3) Northwest Territory
- (4) New England colonies

7.) River systems were important to the development of the United States because they

- (1) allowed Americans to travel easily between the east coast and the west coast
- (2) prevented foreign invasion of United States territory
- (3) provided routes for shipping agricultural and manufacturing products
- (4) made the southeast the major destination for immigrants

8.) Which city is paired with the geographical feature that directly contributed to its growth?

- (1) San Francisco — Rocky Mountains
- (2) New Orleans — Mississippi River
- (3) Pittsburgh — Hudson River
- (4) Cleveland — Atlantic Coastal Plain

9.) Which region of the United States is correctly paired with an industry that is dominant in that region?

- (1) Southwest — timber
- (2) Pacific Northwest — citrus crops
- (3) Great Plains — grain crops
- (4) Atlantic Coastal Plain — iron mining

10.) In the United States, regional differences in economic development are primarily due to?

- (1) settlement patterns of immigrant groups
- (2) pressure from various religious groups
- (3) state and federal election laws
- (4) geographic factors in various parts of the nation