

1) The most useful indicator of the degree of democracy reached by a particular society is whether it has a

- formal method whereby people can effect changes in government policy
- system of government checks and balances
- two-house legislature
- system of liberal and humane courts
- civilian government

Answer :: A

Explanation of Answer:

Some of these methods include frequent elections, an impartial judiciary (court) system, the right to a free press, the right to petition for a hearing of grievances, the right to introduce legislation by initiative, the right to ratify proposed changes in state constitutions, and the right to oust corrupt officials by impeachment or recall.

2) "Without our two great political parties cutting across economic and geographic interests, democracy as we know it could never have been made to function." The author of this statement probably meant to suggest that

- political parties in the United States tend to represent sectional interests
- each political party appeals to a different social class
- there is no significant difference between the Democratic and Republican parties
- an important feature of the U.S. political system is the broadly based appeal of the two political parties
- only a two-party system can function in a democracy

Answer :: D

Explanation of Answer:

Both the Democrats and Republicans include supporters from all sections of

the nation and from various social and ethnic backgrounds. Each contains leaders and members whose political views range from conservative to moderate to liberal. To gain control of the government, a political party needs the support of a majority of the American voters, and thus must have broad appeal. The Democrats have usually drawn support from labor and minority groups: the Republicans, from businesspeople and wealthier farmers. Party differences have been greater on domestic issues (e.g.. tax cuts and spending for social programs) than on foreign policy.

3)



What is the main idea of this 1994 cartoon?

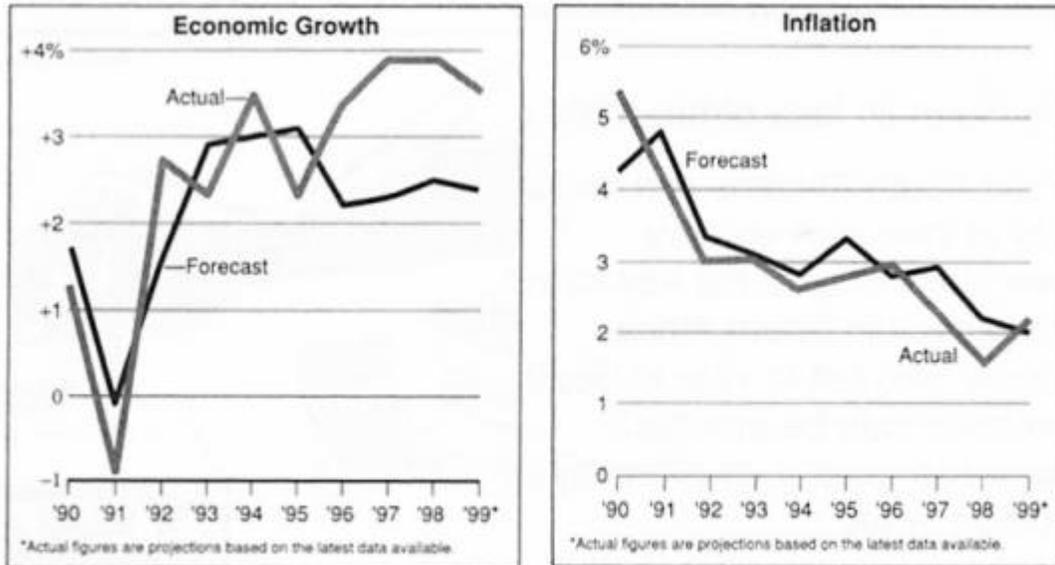
- White South Africans can no longer vote in their own country.
- Free elections are the key to true democracy in South Africa.
- People who fail to vote in South Africa's elections may be arrested.
- Black can control elections by casting multiple votes.
- Slavery has been abolished in South Africa.

Answer :: B

Explanation of Answer:

The cartoon refers to the first free elections in South Africa, which took place in 1994, when a new constitution provided equal rights to vote for all South Africans. The shackle falling from the arm of the black voter symbolizes the freedom that came with the right to vote.

4)



Source: The New York Times

Forecasts of economic growth have consistently

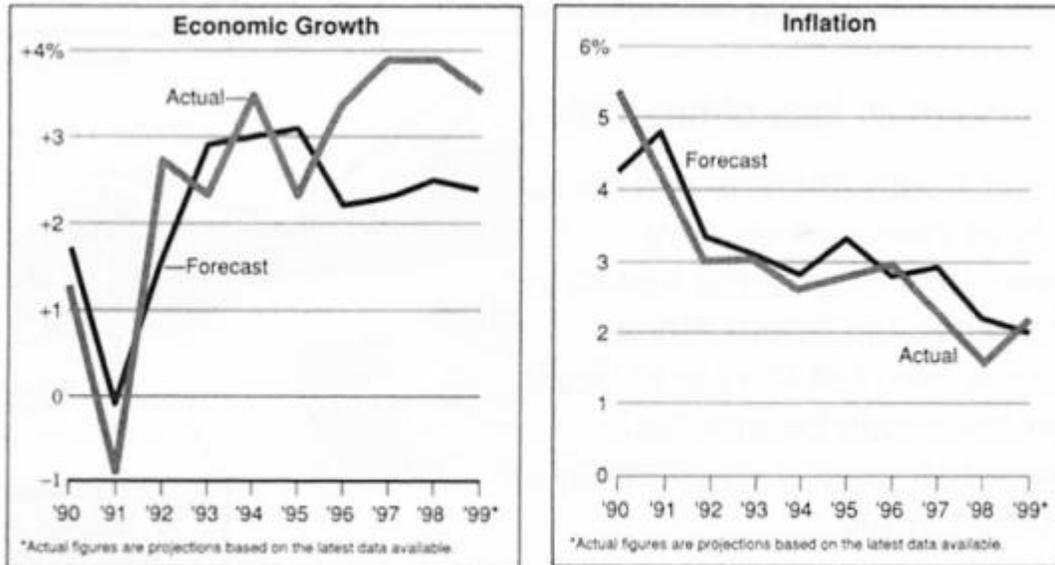
- overestimated economic growth from 1990—1998
- underestimated economic growth from 1990—1998
- overestimated economic growth from 1996—1999
- underestimated economic growth from 1996—1999
- forecast correctly economic growth from 1990—1999

Answer :: D

Explanation of Answer:

In the graph of economic growth, the line for actual growth is much higher for 1996—1999, about 3.6%, than the forecast of about 2.4%.

5)



Source: *The New York Times*

Forecasts of economists have

- overestimated inflation
- underestimated inflation
- generally been accurate on inflation
- been less accurate than forecasts of economic growth
- been as accurate as those for economic growth

Answer :: C

Explanation of Answer:

The lines for actual and forecast inflation nearly coincide, indicating the accuracy of the economists' forecasts.

6) A study of the causes of the American Revolution of 1776, the French Revolution of 1789, and the Russian Revolution of 1917 best supports the generalization that revolution is most likely to occur when

- those in power are resistant to change
- a society has a lower standard of living than those around it

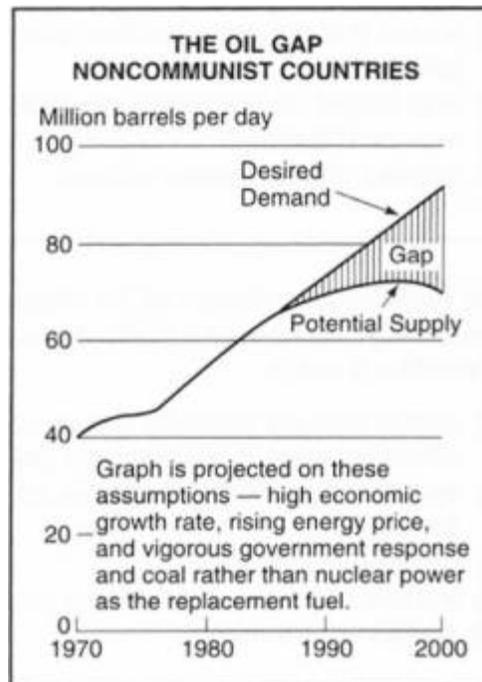
- a society has become industrialized
- stable governments are in power
- people are given too much voice in their governm

Answer :: A

Explanation of Answer:

Such resistance is often expressed by denying the formal methods for peaceful change. Failure to permit evolutionary change may result in revolution.

7)



Based on the information in the graph, the demand of noncommunist countries for oil will begin to exceed the supply of oil in about the year

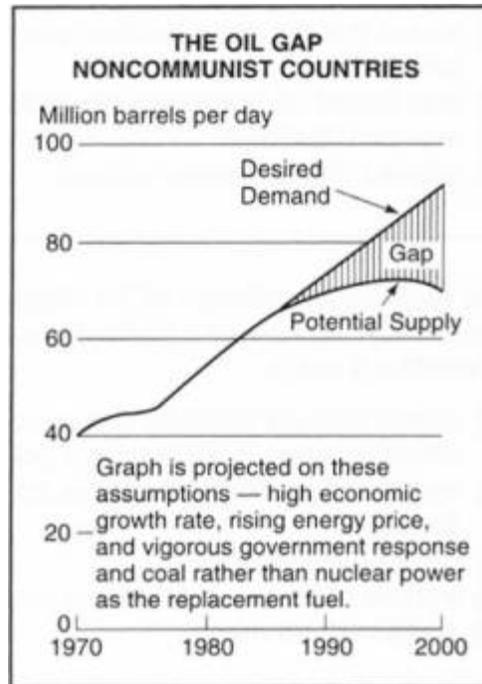
- 1965
- 1970
- 1980
- 1990
- 2000

Answer :: D

Explanation of Answer:

The gap between the fast-rising “desired demand” and the “potential supply,” which levels off, is first noticeable on the graph at about 1990.

8)



A valid conclusion that can be drawn from the data in the graph is that the noncommunist countries (western Europe and Japan) would

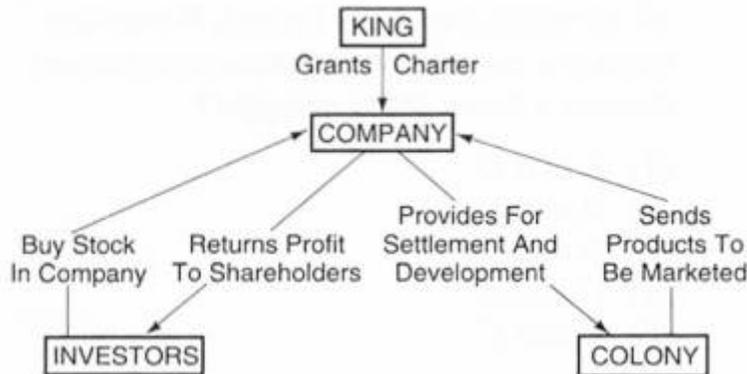
- have serious economic problems if alternative sources of energy are not developed
- avoid any gap between oil supply and demand by increasing oil production
- have until the year 2000 to make major changes in energy policies
- be unable to solve their energy problems
- use less oil because of its high price

Answer :: A

Explanation of Answer:

Western European countries and Japan would lack fuel for their industries, and production would drop, with resultant unemployment and depression.

9)



Which is a valid conclusion that can be drawn from the information in the chart?

- The main purpose of the system illustrated was to benefit the Colonies.
- Nationalism was the motivating factor in English colonization.
- The profit motive was a strong force in colonization.
- The opportunity to own land attracted many settlers to the colonies.
- Inducements were offered to prospective settlers.

Answer :: C

Explanation of Answer:

The company's charter gave it a monopoly over colonization and trade in an area, with profits being shared by the shareholders and the King.

10) The task of economic policy is to create a prosperous America. The unfinished task of prosperous Americans is to build a Great Society. Our accomplishments have been many; these tasks remain unfinished:

- to achieve full employment without inflation;
- to restore external equilibrium and defend the dollar;
- to enhance the efficiency and flexibility of our private and public economies;
- to widen the benefits of prosperity;
- to improve the quality of American life

-Lyndon B. Johnson

Former President Lyndon felt that the most important first step in the war against poverty is

- full employment
- a sound dollar
- private and public economics
- our natural defense
- efficiency in government

Answer :: A

Explanation of Answer:

President Johnson mentioned full employment as the first of America's unfinished tasks and the first goal that must be achieved in the national interest.