

1) 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

The speech implies that America's prosperity

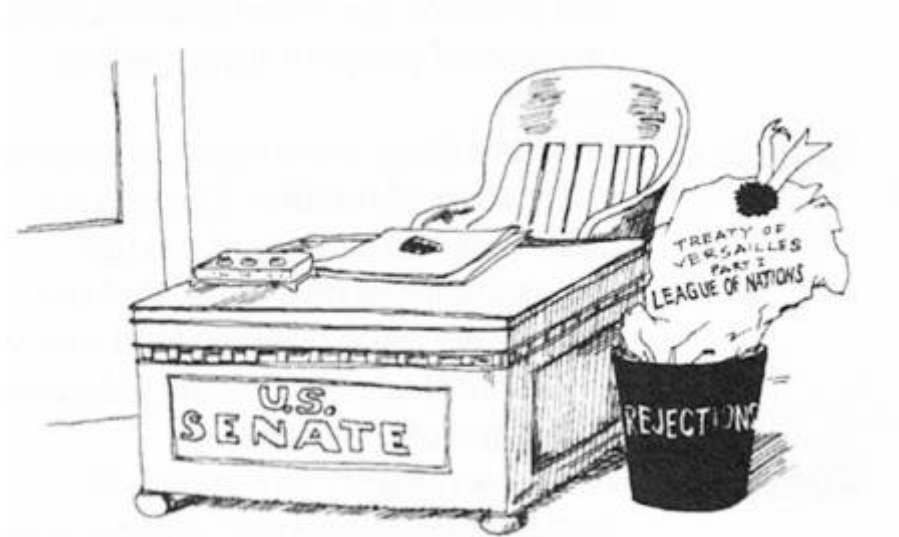
- is threatened
- is at its peak
- must be retained
- must be broadened
- threatened Johnson's war against poverty

Answer :: D

**Explanation of Answer:**

President Johnson listed the widening of the benefits of prosperity as one of the tasks that remained unfinished.

2)



Which aspect of the United States Government is best illustrated by the cartoon?

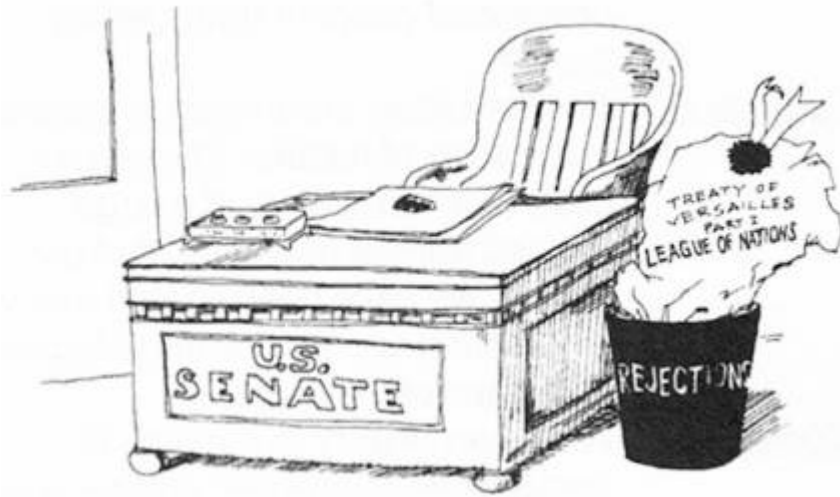
- system of checks and balances
- veto power of the president
- congressional committee system
- civilian control of the military
- veto power of the Senate

Answer :: A

**Explanation of Answer:**

While the president is authorized to negotiate treaties, two-thirds of the Senate must ratify any treaty he negotiates. This is the system of checks and balances.

3)



The actions of the Senate are authorized

- by the president
- by popular vote
- by the Constitution
- by the Bill of Rights
- by the House of Representatives

Answer :: C

### Explanation of Answer:

The role of the Senate is authorized in Section 3 of Article 1 of the Constitution.

4)

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Denmark	13	6.6
Italy	10	8.3

Germany	10	5.9
Japan	10	4.4

Source: Information Please Almanac, 1995 (est. mid-1994)

Which is a valid generalization based on the information in the chart?

- In developing nations, the infant mortality rate decreases as the birthrate increases.
- Industrialized nations have lower birthrates and infant mortality rates than developing nations.
- Decreasing the infant mortality rate will limit population growth in developing nations.
- Industrialized nations have higher population densities than developing nations.
- Developing nations have ten times the infant mortality of industrialized nations.

Answer :: B

**Explanation of Answer:**

A valid generalization from the chart is that industrialized nations have lower birth rates and infant mortality rates than developing nations. The first six nations of the chart are developing nations, whereas the last six are industrialized nations. The average birth rate of the developing nations is four times greater than that of the industrialized nations. The difference between infant mortality rates is even greater. from Uganda’s, which is 12 times greater than Italy’s, to Angola’s, which is 31 times greater than Japans.

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- Western Europe ● Southeast Asia ● North America ● Africa ● Latin America

Answer :: A

### Explanation of Answer:

According to the chart, the lowest birthrates are found mostly in Western Europe. Four of the six industrialized nations with low birthrates are in Western Europe.

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According to the chart, the highest infant mortality rates are in ● Western Europe ● Southeast Asia ● North America ● Africa ● Latin America

Answer :: D

### **Explanation of Answer:**

Uganda, Somalia, Angola, and Ethiopia, four of the six countries with the highest infant mortality, are in Africa.

7) From the point of view of an environmentalist, which is probably the most significant argument against offshore drilling for oil?

- There is little need to take such natural resources from the ocean waters.
- Oil corporations are falsely advertising an oil shortage in order to expand their drilling operations.
- The potential oil to be found is not worth the capital investment needed to extract it.
- The possible harm to the balance of nature is more important than a gain in energy.
- Coal is a preferable resource to oil.

**Answer :: D**

### **Explanation of Answer:**

Oil spills have repeatedly ruined the recreational value of beaches and destroyed fish and birdlife, causing both economic and ecological damage.

8) Topography deals with surface features of a region, including its landforms and rivers, lakes, etc., and with man-made features such as canals, bridges, and roads. According to this definition, the topography of a region includes its

- climate
- plants
- animals
- mountains
- inhabitants

**Answer :: D**

**Explanation of Answer:**

The definition states that topography deals with the surface features of a region.

9) Between 1935 and 1957, a period that included World War II, the birth rate rose from 16.9 to 25 per 1000 people. What was the most likely cause of this "baby boom"?

- the expansion of the middle class and its new wealth
- the return of young American soldiers from war
- the change in view toward artificial birth control methods
- the mobility of the American family of the 1950's
- the growth of the urban/suburban areas after World War II

**Answer :: B**

**Explanation of Answer:**

After WWII many young men returned to the United States as heroes. The government encouraged the return to civilian life by giving some financial incentives to get an education and a job. The large number of men that returned to domestic living in the United States got married and started families.

10) The president of the United States is elected by the electoral college. What type of system is this?

- monarchy
- oligarchy
- dictatorship
- pure democracy
- representative democracy

**Answer :: E**

**Explanation of Answer:**

The president of the United States is elected by people through representaiton by electors from each state.