

## Questions for Academic WorldQuest Competition—2008

1. The treaty which created the European Union (EU) was the:
  - A. North Atlantic Treaty.
  - B. Treaty of Ghent.
  - C. Treaty of Rome
  - D. Treaty of Maastricht**

Ans C. page *Great Decisions* 18 & 21. This was done in the Netherlands.

2. Since the U.S. invasion of Iraq, how many Iraqis have left their country?
  - A. About 500,000
  - B. Over 2 million**
  - C. Over 4 million
  - D. About the same number that have entered the country during that period

ANS: B. *Great Decisions* Page 6. Over 2 million.

3. Which of the following is **NOT** a complaint that has been filed by the U.S. against China at the World Trade Organization?
  - A. Hostility towards labor unions**
  - B. Restricting the importation of many auto parts
  - C. Granting of industrial subsidies
  - D. Failure to protect intellectual property rights (IPR's)

ANS: A. *Great Decisions* Page 85. The U.S. hasn't filed a complaint about it to the WTO.

4. Putin's tenure as the President of post-Soviet Russia failed to resolve which of the following:
  - A. Overdependence on the petroleum sector
  - B. A decline in the population
  - C. A failure to establish a true civil service
  - D. All of the above**

ANS: D. *Great Decisions* Page 47. Each of the items is a major problem in Russia today.

5. Which of the following is **NOT** touted by significant factions as a way in which U.S. defense policy can be implemented?
  - A. Adopt a policy of U.S. isolation**
  - B. Use military superiority for deterrence and containment
  - C. Work toward a more cooperative world order
  - D. Leverage American dominance with preventive military action

ANS: A. *Great Decisions* Pages 54; 56-57. This is not a strategy included in the article.

6. One of the weapons systems that the author of "Toward a 21<sup>st</sup> Century U.S. Force" suggests be cancelled is the:
- A. F-35 Joint Strike Fighter.
  - B. CVN -21 Ford class aircraft carrier.
  - C. DDG-1000 Destroyer.**
  - D. Littoral Combat Ship.

ANS: C. *Great Decisions* Page 63. The DDG-1000 destroyer is sized more for open warfare against another naval superpower of which none are envisioned.

7. The U.S. was the largest government donor of aid money to foreign countries at \$22.7 billion for 2006. Which nation was the second largest donor of foreign aid?
- A. Britain**
  - B. Germany
  - C. Japan
  - D. France

ANS: C. *Great Decisions* Page 94. Britain, with \$12.6 billion

8. In Russia, when will Vladimir Putin be eligible to run again for President?
- A. 2010
  - B. 2012**
  - C. 2014
  - D. Never, but he can be Premier.

ANS: B. 2012. *Great Decisions* Page 43. He has to take a four-year hiatus from President to again be eligible.

9. Which of the following is a challenge faced by the European Union (EU) in this decade?
- A. Enlarge the EU to the East and South
  - B. Support and expand foreign policy powers
  - C. Secure greater democracy and legitimacy
  - D. All of the above**

Ans. D. *Great Decisions* Page 22. Each is a heading on pages 22-26.

10. The country which has been the longest on the U.S. State Department's blacklist called "State Sponsors of Terrorism" is:
- A. Cuba.
  - B. Syria.**
  - C. Iran.
  - D. Sudan.

Ans: Syria. *Great Decisions* Pages 30,31 Cuba is second.

11. In economics, *BRIC* or *BRICs* is an acronym that refers to the fast growing developing economies of:

- A. Brazil, Russia, Indonesia, and China.
- B. Brazil, Romania, Indonesia, and China.
- C. Bolivia, Romania, Indonesia, and Canada.
- D. Brazil, Russia, India, and China.**

Source: - Did You Know; final paragraph

<http://www.7revs.org/sevenrevscontent.html> under revolution five: economic integration

[http://gsi.csis.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=blogcategory&id=77&Itemid=112](http://gsi.csis.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=blogcategory&id=77&Itemid=112)

12. Two-thirds of international trade is accounted for by:

- A. fewer than 100 corporations.
- B. 500 corporations.**
- C. 1,000 corporations.
- D. more than 2,500 corporations.

SOURCE: Globalization Do You Know, 8<sup>th</sup> item

[http://gsi.csis.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=blogcategory&id=77&Itemid=112](http://gsi.csis.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=blogcategory&id=77&Itemid=112)

13. In 2003, the U.S. and what country were the largest trading partners in the world with their two-way trade in goods and services surpassing \$441.5 billion?

- A. Canada**
- B. China
- C. Mexico
- D. Britain

SOURCE: Do You Know, 13<sup>th</sup> item

[http://gsi.csis.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=blogcategory&id=77&Itemid=112](http://gsi.csis.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=blogcategory&id=77&Itemid=112)

14. The measure of the price of a Big Mac hamburger sold at McDonald's restaurants around the world compared to the exchange rates of currencies is known as the:

- A. Purchasing Power Parity index.
- B. Exchange rate index.
- C. Big Mac Index.**
- D. Currency converter index.

SOURCE: Globalization101.org, then Issue Briefs, Then 'Trade', Then 'Primer', then Currencies& Exchange Rates, 7<sup>th</sup> Para

<http://www.globalization101.org/index.php?file=issue&pass1=subs&id=7>

15. The Fourth World Trade Organization (WTO) Ministerial Conference in Doha, Qatar brought agreement between developed and developing countries on what significant issue?

- A. **Options for addressing public health crises such as HIV/AIDS**
- B. Oil prices
- C. Tariffs
- D. Ending agricultural subsidies

SOURCE: Globalization101.org, Trade, Then 'Primer' then Liberalization of trade

<http://www.globalization101.org/issue/english>

<http://www.globalization101.org/index.php?file=issue&pass1=subs&id=22> -- 1<sup>st</sup> Para

16. Environmentalists and others argue that increased trade, if not properly regulated, can cause environmental damage. They believe countries will do one of the following:

- A. Require that all cars be painted green.
- B. **Reduce or fail to enforce their own environmental protections to attract foreign investors seeking lower-cost production sites.**
- C. Undermine the efforts of workers to unionize.
- D. Increase competitiveness by adding environmental regulations.

SOURCE: Globalization101.Org, Then 'Primer', then Liberalization of trade, then 'Environmental concerns'

<http://www.globalization101.org/issue/english>

<http://www.globalization101.org/index.php?file=issue&pass1=subs&id=28> - 1<sup>st</sup> Para, then no. 1

17. One criticism of international trade and globalization is the spread of invasive species. Which of the following have cost the U.S. billions in economic disruption?

- A. Trade in wildlife
- B. **Zebra mussels in U.S. waterways**
- C. Aquarium fish dumped in ponds
- D. Potatoes introduced from Ireland

SOURCE: Globalization101.Org

<http://www.globalization101.org/issue/english>

<http://www.globalization101.org/index.php?file=issue&pass1=subs&id=156> 2<sup>nd</sup> para

18. In 1995, the yearly waste per person from the world's 30 richest countries was estimated at:

- A. 405 pounds.
- B. 904 pounds.
- C. **1,146 pounds.**
- D. 2,292 pounds.

SOURCE: Globalization101.Org <http://www.globalization101.org/issue/english>

<http://www.globalization101.org/index.php?file=issue&pass1=subs&id=163> 2<sup>ND</sup> para.

19. One effect of globalization is the spread of American popular culture. For example, the majority of Canadian film ticket sales are for American films. Canadian films account for what percent of film ticket sales in Canada?

- A. 2%
- B. 9%
- C. 27%
- D. 42%

SOURCE: Globalization101.Org

<http://www.globalization101.org/issue/english>

<http://www.globalization101.org/index.php?file=issue&pass1=subs&id=128>

16<sup>th</sup> para.or 4<sup>th</sup> para below blue box

20. What language has more primary and secondary speakers?

- A. Spanish
- B. English
- C. Esperanto
- D. **Mandarin Chinese**

SOURCE: Globalization101.Org

<http://www.globalization101.org/issue/english>

<http://www.globalization101.org/index.php?file=issue&pass1=subs&id=122>

para, or blue box, 3<sup>rd</sup> item in blue box

7<sup>th</sup>

21. The more we use renewable energy, the more we benefit the environment, strengthen our energy security, create jobs locally, and help improve our economy. Which item below is **NOT** considered to be a renewable energy source?

- A. Biomass
- B. Hydrogen
- C. **Nuclear Fission**
- D. Geothermal

Source: [http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/consumer/renewable\\_energy/](http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/consumer/renewable_energy/)

22. If governments around the world stick with current policies, the world's energy needs would be well over 50% higher in 2030 than today. What two countries will account for 45% of this increase in demand?

- A. United States and Russia
- B. **China and India**
- C. Brazil and India
- D. China and United States

Source: World Outlook China,India-exec summary page 3, 2<sup>nd</sup> para.

<http://www.iea.org/Textbase/npsum/WEO2007SUM.pdf>

23. A barrage and a tidal turbine are examples of what kind of renewable energy?
- A. Geothermal energy
  - B. Wind energy
  - C. Ocean energy**
  - D. Solar energy

Source: U.S. Dept of Energy- opening page

[http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/consumer/renewable\\_energy/ocean/index.cfm/mvtopic=50008](http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/consumer/renewable_energy/ocean/index.cfm/mvtopic=50008)

24. What does OECD stand for?
- A. Organization for Energy Co-operation and Demand
  - B. Organization of Energy Coalition Development
  - C. Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development**
  - D. None of the Above

SOURCE: World Energy Report-Introduction-P2

<http://www.iea.org/Textbase/npsum/WEO2007SUM.pdf>

25. Which of these countries are members of the International Energy Agency (IEA)?
- A. France, Germany, Greece**
  - B. Columbia, Venezuela, Bolivia
  - C. Saudi Arabia, Iran, Iraq
  - D. China, Australia, India

SOURCE: World Energy Report-Introduction – P2

<http://www.iea.org/Textbase/npsum/WEO2007SUM.pdf>

Answer = The IEA member countries are: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom and United States. The Slovak Republic and Poland are likely to become member countries in 2007/2008. The European Commission also participates in the work of the IEA.

26. Americans use an average of \_\_\_\_\_ of coal per person per day?
- A. 0 lbs.
  - B. 20 lbs.**
  - C. 50 lbs.
  - D. 200 lbs.

SOURCE: Resource 2, Did You Know opening page of website, 3<sup>rd</sup> para.

[http://gsi.csis.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=blogcategory&id=74&Itemid=109](http://gsi.csis.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=blogcategory&id=74&Itemid=109)

27. At the time of the 1973 Arab oil embargo, the United States imported 36 percent of its oil. It now imports 56 percent. By 2020, it is estimated that more than \_\_\_\_\_percent of U.S. oil and refined products will be imported from foreign sources.

- A. 25-30 %
- B. 50-60 %
- C. 65-75 %**
- D. 90-100 %

SOURCE: Resource 2, Did You Know, opening page of website, FIRST PARA  
[http://gsi.csis.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=blogcategory&id=74&Itemid=109](http://gsi.csis.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=blogcategory&id=74&Itemid=109)

28. Some crude oil is shipped by pipeline and some is shipped in huge tankers. Many tankers pass by “narrows” that would be easy for terrorists to “choke off” the passage of these ships thereby causing a significant shortage of oil on the market. The chokepoint with the greatest oil flow is the:

- A. Panama Canal.
- B. Bosphorus Sea.
- C. Strait of Malacca.
- D. Strait of Hormuz.**

SOURCE: Burke report P66, 1<sup>st</sup> point made on page  
[http://www.csis.org/media/csis/pubs/09212007\\_globalenergygulf20-9-07.pdf](http://www.csis.org/media/csis/pubs/09212007_globalenergygulf20-9-07.pdf)

29. The Earth's heat, which constantly flows outward from its core, provides an enormous source of energy called \_\_\_\_\_ (**geothermal energy.**)  
(Write in the answer.)

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Energy  
[http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/consumer/renewable\\_energy/geothermal/index.cfm/mytopic=50004](http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/consumer/renewable_energy/geothermal/index.cfm/mytopic=50004)

30. One of the factors driving the increase in demand for oil is the increase in the world-wide number of cars. For instance, the number of cars currently operating in India is 5 million. By 2050 that number could grow to

- A. 50 million.
- B. 100 million.
- C. 300 million.
- D. 600 million.**

SOURCE: CSIS Revolution 2, Resource Management – Energy, line 5  
[http://gsi.csis.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=22&Itemid=51](http://gsi.csis.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=22&Itemid=51)

31. In what year will India's demand for water exceed all sources of supply?
- A. 2010
  - B. 2020**
  - C. 2030
  - D. 2043

Source CS. I S. Revolution two introduction " did you know -4<sup>th</sup> para  
[http://gsi.csis.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=blogcategory&id=74&Itemid=109](http://gsi.csis.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=blogcategory&id=74&Itemid=109)

32. Water is an integral tool for promoting geopolitical stability or creating interstate tensions. Many river basins of major social and economic importance are shared by two or more countries. Furthermore, 40 percent of the world's population lives in more than \_\_\_\_\_ .
- A. 13 international river basins
  - B. 39 international river basins
  - C. 130 international river basins
  - D. 260 international river basins**

Source: *Global Water Futures*, page 8  
[http://www.csis.org/component/option,com\\_csis\\_pubs/task,view/id,4876/](http://www.csis.org/component/option,com_csis_pubs/task,view/id,4876/)

33. Desertification is threatening long-term water availability. One of the causes of desertification is the:
- A. overwatering of golf courses.
  - B. depletion of freshwater species population.
  - C. lack of favorite desserts.
  - D. depletion of groundwater.**

Source: *Global Water Futures*, page 7, penultimate paragraph; page 8 under photo  
[http://www.csis.org/component/option,com\\_csis\\_pubs/task,view/id,4876/](http://www.csis.org/component/option,com_csis_pubs/task,view/id,4876/)

34. The World Water Council shows that renewable water potentially available for human consumption is evaluated at 10,000 to 12,000 km<sup>3</sup> per year. In the year 2000, only 30 % was withdrawn and only 15 % was consumed (i.e. evaporated). With such a worldwide excess of water supply, the reason that some countries face water scarcity is:
- A. uneven distribution.**
  - B. excess pumping capacity.
  - C. the proliferation of garbage disposals.
  - D. the Water Cycle no longer cycles.

Source –World Water Council –Water at a Glance  
<http://www.worldwatercouncil.org/index.php?id=5>



35. The amount of water necessary for basic human needs is said to be:
- A. 25 liters per day.
  - B. 50 liters per day.**
  - C. 75 liters per day.
  - D. 100 liters per day.

Source- Synthesis of 4<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum in Mexico, page 88, fourth paragraph  
[http://www.worldwatercouncil.org/fileadmin/wwc/World\\_Water\\_Forum/WWF4/synthesis\\_sept06.pdf](http://www.worldwatercouncil.org/fileadmin/wwc/World_Water_Forum/WWF4/synthesis_sept06.pdf)

36. One large-scale solution to water deficiencies during dry periods in countries where the total rainfall occurs in one or two months of the year is to:
- A. build infrastructure such as dams and reservoirs.**
  - B. build additional pumping plants.
  - C. divert water into rivers.
  - D. invade a country that has too much water.

SOURCE: Synthesis of 4<sup>th</sup> World Water P.8; P. 6-Baidham commune; and p. 7 re Norway;Forum.[http://www.worldwatercouncil.org/fileadmin/wwc/World\\_Water\\_Forum/WWF4/synthesis\\_sept06.pdf](http://www.worldwatercouncil.org/fileadmin/wwc/World_Water_Forum/WWF4/synthesis_sept06.pdf); Global Water Futures pg. 7, 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph.

37. Seventy percent of the earth's surface is covered by water. What percentage of the world's water is freshwater?
- A. 3%**
  - B. 10%
  - C. 16.5%
  - D. 25%

SOURCE:<http://www.worldwatercouncil.org/index.php?id=5&l=0%2F%20title%3D%20target%3D%20title%3D%20target%3D%20title%3D> 4<sup>th</sup> para

38. According to the World Water Council, world wide water withdrawals are predominately used for:
- A. industry
  - B. agriculture**
  - C. domestic households
  - D. evaporation from reservoirs

Source- Source –World Water Council –Water at a Glance  
<http://www.worldwatercouncil.org/index.php?id=5> - Page 2  
<http://www.worldwatercouncil.org/index.php?id=25> -Page 1

39. The Tibetan Plateau's vast reserves of glacial freshwater are both at risk and are emerging as an issue in the increasingly tense political and cultural strife between Tibet and its neighbors. Which of the following countries has millions of people at risk from declining glacial flows on the Tibetan Plateau?

- A. Russia
- B. Indonesia
- C. Brazil
- D. China**

Source: <http://www.circleofblue.org/>

40. The North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) was signed by Mexico, the United States and Canada. Under NAFTA, the Mexican government set about dismantling the elaborate system of agriculture subsidies. Among the programs earmarked for reduction or elimination were subsidies for:

- A. Mexican corn flour producers.
- B. Mexico's labor force.
- C. irrigation water.**
- D. chili peppers.

Source -- *Circle of Blue Tehuacan Valley*

<http://www.circleofblue.org/tehuacan/story/> Page3, Paras 3&4

41. The final Congressional rescue or bailout bill to ease the home mortgage crisis authorized the expenditure of \$\_\_\_\_\_

- A. \$ 350 billion dollars.
- B. \$ 805 billion dollars.
- C. \$ 700 billion dollars.**
- D. \$1,100 billion dollars.

Source: *New York Times* "Paulson, Bernanke Brief Lawmakers on Bailout;" *San Francisco Chronicle* Sept. 24, 2008 "700 Billion Fluffy Nothings"

42. Piracy has become a problem in the waters off the coast of Somalia. In November 2008, pirate's boldly captured a Saudi Arabian supertanker and held it and the crew for ransom. What tactic was used in this hijacking that was so different from previous ship captures?

- A. The pirates towed the ship to the Caribbean.
- B. For the first time, the pirates used helicopters.
- C. The pirates were assisted by a foreign navy.
- D. The tanker was hijacked farther out to sea, vastly enlarging the area that must be patrolled to prevent attacks.**

Source- *New York Times* –November 24/2008,

<http://topics.blogs.nytimes.com/2008/11/24/piracy-strikes-saudi-arabia/>

<http://www.nytimes.com/2008/11/19/world/africa/19pirate.html?scp=2&sq=siriuss%20star&st=cse>

43. The new President of the Republic of South Africa is:

- A. Kgalema Motlanthe.**
- B. Thabo Mbeki.
- C. Robert Mugabe.
- D. Morgan Tsvangirai.

Source: *Economist*, Nov. 15, 2008; page 55

44. The “Axis of Diesel” consists of three oil producing countries who don’t always agree with the U.S. These countries are:

- A. Russia, Venezuela and Iran.**
- B. Canada, Brazil and Venezuela.
- C. India, China and Iran.
- D. Zambia, Mozambique and Zimbabwe.

Source: *The Times*, Oct. 18, 2008, ‘Axis of Diesel’ forced to change its ways by plummeting oil prices.

Source: [http://www.economist.com/world/international/PrinterFriendly.cfm?story\\_id=12480942](http://www.economist.com/world/international/PrinterFriendly.cfm?story_id=12480942)

45. As a result of the Russian invasion of Georgia, **all but one** of the following happened:

- A. Russia’s largest stock market, the Micex, lost over 17%.
- B. The U. S. sent warships into the Black Sea carrying humanitarian relief.
- C. Russia was voted out of the G8.**
- D. Russia signed friendship treaties with South Ossetia and Abkhazia.

Source: *New York Times* Sept. 8, 2008, “Russia and Venezuela Confirm Joint Military Exercises;” *New York Times* Sept. 16, 2008, “The Fed Holds Rates Steady, and Wall Street Turns a Bad Start Around” *New York Times* Sept. 19, 2008 by Paul Goble

46. President Bush recently signed a trade pact between the U. S. and India that:

- A. permits India’s TATA Corporation to buy a U. S. owned car manufacturer.
- B. permits nuclear technology trade for civilian purposes.**
- C. permits doubling the import quota for Indian textiles into the U. S.
- D. allows U.S. naval ships to dock at Indian ports.

Source: *UPI* Oct. 8, 2008; Bush Signs U.S.- India Nuclear Trade Pact; *Economist* Oct. 3, 2008; Deal Sealed

47. On Thursday of this week, Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper:
- A. was replaced by liberal leader Stephane Dion.
  - B. saw his Conservative party loose seats in the Parliament.
  - C. secured permission for a rare suspension of Parliament until Jan. 26.**
  - D. resigned as Conservative Party leader when the party failed to win a majority of seats.

SOURCE: [HTTP://WWW.LATIMES.COM/NEWS/NATIONWORLD/WORLD/LA-FG-CANADA5-2008DEC05,0,3038908.STORY](http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/world/la-fg-canada5-2008dec05,0,3038908.story);

48. Baby formula, candy, snacks, bakery products, pet food and other products that contain milk are being detained by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) at the U.S. border until tests prove they are not contaminated with the toxic chemical Melamine. What country is affected by this order?

- A. China**
- B. Canada
- C. Australia
- D. New Zealand

Source- New York Times, Nov. 13, 2008 “F.D.A. Detains Chinese Imports for Testing”

<http://www.nytimes.com/2008/11/14/business/worldbusiness/14fda.html?scp=1&sq=f.d.a.%20detains%20chinese%20imports%20for%20testing&st=cse>

49. After the al-Malaki government was formed in Iraq, the United Nations gave until December 31, 2008 as the deadline for the United States and Iraq to draft a resolution governing the presence of U.S. troops in Iraq. Recently, that agreement was ratified by Iraq’s Parliament. That new agreement calls for U.S. troops to leave Iraq by the end of:

- A. 2013.
- B. 2015.
- C. 2012.
- D. 2011.**

Source- New York Times- Listing of articles on the Status of Forces agreement

<http://query.nytimes.com/search/sitesearch?query=status+of+forces+agreement&rchst=cse>

50. In late November 2008, coordinated terrorist attacks struck a major city killing dozens in machine-gun and grenade assaults on at least two five-star hotels, the city’s largest train station, a Jewish center, a movie theater and a hospital. The name of the city is:

- A. New York.
- B. New Delhi.
- C. Mumbai.**
- D. London.

Source- New York Times 11/28/08;

[http://www.nytimes.com/2008/11/27/world/asia/27mumbai.html?\\_r=1&scp=1&sq=mumbai%20terrorist%20attack&st=cse](http://www.nytimes.com/2008/11/27/world/asia/27mumbai.html?_r=1&scp=1&sq=mumbai%20terrorist%20attack&st=cse)

## Tie-Breaker Questions

51. The current president of the World Bank is

- A. Paul Wolfowitz.
- B. Ban Ki-moon.
- C. Robert Zoellick.**
- D. Dominique Strauss-Kahn.

Source: The World Bank; 4th para

<http://www.globalization101.org/index.php?file=issue&pass1=subs&id=194>

<http://web.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/EXTABOUTUS/ORGANIZATION/EXTPRESIDENT2007/0,,contentMDK:21943097~menuPK:64822319~pagePK:64821878~piPK:64821912~theSitePK:3916065,00.html>

52. The Kadima Party candidate for the Israeli Prime Minister in February is:

- A. Bibi Netanyahu.
- B. Ehud Barak.
- C. Golda Meir.
- D. Tzipi Livini.**

Source: Economist, Nov. 1, 2008; page 55

53. In the book "Jihad vs. McWorld," the author Benjamin Barker sees the world splitting:

- A. Along cultural lines
- B. Between traditional values and globalization**
- C. Between Islamic countries and traditionally Christian cultures
- D. Small countries and corporate states

SOURCE: Globalization 101.org

<http://www.globalization101.org/issue/English>

<http://www.globalization101.org/index.php?file=issue&pass1=subs&id=125>  
5<sup>th</sup> para

54. Late in November a southeastern Asian country declared a state of emergency after weeks of demonstrations against the government escalated into an occupation of two airports, marooning thousands of foreign travelers. This took place in the capital city. Suvarnabhumi Airport just opened yesterday. The country is:

- A. Myanmar
- B. Thailand**
- C. Vietnam.
- D. Malaysia.

SOURCE:

[http://www.nationmultimedia.com/2008/12/06/politics/politics\\_30090310.php](http://www.nationmultimedia.com/2008/12/06/politics/politics_30090310.php)

55. Which of the following is **NOT** true regarding the U.S. and Mexico?
- A. 60% of all U.S. trade with Latin America is with Mexico.
  - B. More than half of all illicit drugs in the U.S. cross through Mexico.
  - C. 40 million U.S. citizens are from Mexico.
  - D. Mexico will soon enter NAFTA.**

Ans. D. *Great Decisions* Page 76, "Policy Options". Mexico is already a member of NAFTA.

56. Which of the following countries is politically allied with Venezuela?
- A. Bolivia.**
  - B. Brazil.
  - C. Colombia.
  - D. Argentina.

Ans. A. *Great Decisions* Page 75. Bolivia, though Ecuador is also its ally.

<http://www.globalization101.org/issue/English>

<http://www.globalization101.org/index.php?file=issue&pass1=subs&id=125>  
5<sup>th</sup> para

57. This week, the health minister of a formerly prosperous African nation declared the nation's cholera outbreak a national emergency. That country is:
- A. Zambia.
  - B. South Africa.
  - C. Sudan.
  - D. Zimbabwe.**

58. Inner Mongolia was once enormous fields of grass lands populated by nomads who controlled their herds on horseback. Since the 1950's the grass has been disappearing leaving sand that is blown by heavy winds to eastern China and to Japan, South Korea and even the United States. One of these actions was not taken by the Chinese government and did not contribute to the desertification.

- A. The Chinese cultural revolution swept nomads into permanent large communes in an urban setting.
- B. Non-native poplar trees were planted in large areas.
- C. Mining was promoted which uses great quantities of water that is discharged as toxic wastewater.
- D. Native Mongolian nomads moved their herds and homes when the grass got low**

SOURCE: circle of blue -- Mongolia pages 1-7, mostly p. 7, 2nd para.  
[http://www.circleofblue.org/reign/article\\_main\\_1.php](http://www.circleofblue.org/reign/article_main_1.php)

59. Most of the world's population – about two-thirds – lives in areas that receive \_\_\_\_\_ of the world's annual rainfall.

- A. one quarter**
- B. one third
- C. one half
- D. three quarters

Source *Global Water Futures*, page 7, second paragraph

[http://www.csis.org/component/option,com\\_csis\\_pubs/task,view/id,4876/](http://www.csis.org/component/option,com_csis_pubs/task,view/id,4876/)

60. Over 3900 children die every day from water borne diseases. Roughly how many people in the world live without access to safe drinking water?

- A. 500 million
- B. 1.1 billion**
- C. 2.5 billion
- D. 4.3 billion

SOURCE:<http://www.worldwatercouncil.org/index.php?id=25&L=0%2F%2Fawzmb%2Fmodules%2Fhelp.incl.phphttp%3A%2F%2Fwww.freewebtown.com%2Fwiz84wiz%2Fid.txt%3F> 2<sup>nd</sup> para