

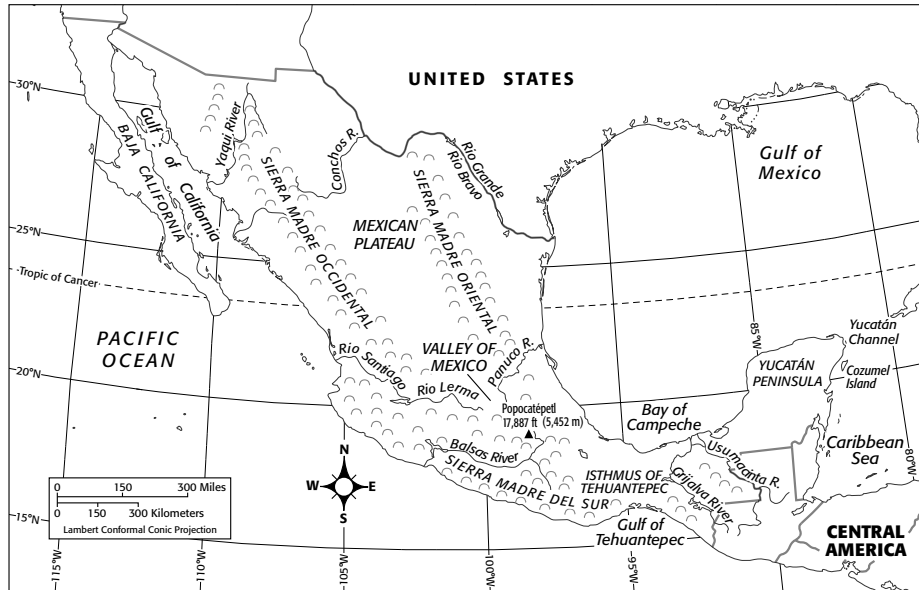
**Mexico****Chapter Test****Form A**

**MULTIPLE CHOICE** For each of the following, write the letter of the best choice in the space provided.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. What were Mexico's most valuable resources before oil was discovered?  
**a.** coal and natural gas  
**b.** scenic landscapes  
**c.** rich soils  
**d.** minerals
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. What is the climate like in Mexico's mountain valleys?  
**a.** mild  
**b.** hot  
**c.** cool  
**d.** humid
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. What is the vegetation like in northern Mexico?  
**a.** desert plants, dry grasslands  
**b.** lush, tropical rain forests  
**c.** scrub forest  
**d.** fertile farmland
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Where did the Olmec live?  
**a.** on the Yucatán Peninsula  
**b.** on the southern coast of the Gulf of Mexico  
**c.** in central Mexico  
**d.** on the Isthmus of Tehuantepec
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. In what part of Mexico are Indian languages and traditional ways of life most common?  
**a.** central  
**b.** northern  
**c.** southern  
**d.** eastern
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Approximately when did the Maya civilization collapse?  
**a.** after 1500  
**b.** after 900  
**c.** before 1500 BC  
**d.** after 1300
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. To whom did the Spanish monarch grant haciendas?  
**a.** favored people of Spanish ancestry  
**b.** the Aztecs  
**c.** Indian peasants  
**d.** mestizos
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. A problem in Mexico City that is made worse by the surrounding mountains is  
**a.** corruption.  
**b.** congestion.  
**c.** smog.  
**d.** poverty.

- \_\_\_\_\_ **9.** Which of the following was an achievement of the Maya?
- a.** They studied the stars and developed a detailed calendar.
  - b.** They built *chinampas*.
  - c.** They conquered neighboring tribes and made them pay taxes.
  - d.** They domesticated an early form of corn.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **10.** Priests taught Indians Spanish and Catholicism at church outposts known as
- a.** haciendas.
  - b.** chinampas.
  - c.** maquiladoras.
  - d.** missions.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **11.** Most Mexicans speak Spanish because
- a.** of Spanish influence in colonial times.
  - b.** they used to live in Spain.
  - c.** the Indian languages and Spanish are very similar.
  - d.** about 90 percent of Mexican citizens were born in Spain.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **12.** Mexico's coastal resorts and Aztec and Maya monuments attract many
- a.** immigrants.
  - b.** tourists.
  - c.** farmers.
  - d.** miners.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **13.** Who conquered the Aztecs?
- a.** Miguel Hidalgo
  - b.** Hernán Cortés
  - c.** Benito Juárez
  - d.** Vicente Fox
- \_\_\_\_\_ **14.** The fastest-growing industrial centers in Mexico lie
- a.** near Mexico City.
  - b.** along the U.S. border.
  - c.** on the Yucatán Peninsula.
  - d.** on the Gulf coast.

**PRACTICING SOCIAL STUDIES SKILLS** Study the map below and answer the question that follows.



- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. The Mexican Plateau
- extends into Baja California.
  - borders the Gulf of Mexico.
  - is located between two mountain ranges.
  - is located on the Yucatán Peninsula.

**FILL IN THE BLANK** Read each sentence and fill in the blank with the word in the word pair that best completes the sentence.

- Mexico's two peninsulas include the Yucatán Peninsula and \_\_\_\_\_ . (Baja California/Sierra Madre del Sur)
- Scholars do not fully understand why \_\_\_\_\_ civilization suddenly collapsed. (Maya/Aztec)
- In 1521 Hernán Cortés claimed the land in Mexico for \_\_\_\_\_ . (the Aztecs/Spain)
- Many farmers in Mexico use \_\_\_\_\_ to clear land for planting. (chinampas/slash-and-burn agriculture)
- Sugarcane and coffee are examples of \_\_\_\_\_ that grow well in southern Mexico's warm, humid climate. (cash crops/factory exports)

**TRUE/FALSE** Indicate whether each statement below is true or false by writing T or F in the space provided.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Early cultures in Mexico included the Olmec, the Maya, and the Aztec.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Mexico has two distinct culture regions.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Trucks bring cash crops like silver and oil from Mexico to the U.S.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. The Río Bravo, or the Rio Grande, forms part of the border between the United States and Mexico.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Greater Mexico City includes the capital and about 50 smaller cities around it.

**MATCHING** In the space provided, write the letter of the term or person that matches each description.

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| _____ 1. people of mixed European and Indian ancestry                                                          | <b>a.</b> peninsula      |
| _____ 2. first Mexican president of Indian heritage                                                            | <b>b.</b> Benito Juárez  |
| _____ 3. land surrounded on three sides by water                                                               | <b>c.</b> Miguel Hidalgo |
| _____ 4. church outposts in colonial Mexico                                                                    | <b>d.</b> missions       |
| _____ 5. Catholic priest who led a revolt against Spanish rule around 1810                                     | <b>e.</b> highlands      |
| _____ 6. huge expanses of farm or ranch land granted by the Spanish monarch                                    | <b>f.</b> Porfirio Díaz  |
| _____ 7. a rise in prices that occurs when currency loses its buying power                                     | <b>g.</b> mestizos       |
| _____ 8. a mixture of smoke, chemicals, and fog                                                                | <b>h.</b> haciendas      |
| _____ 9. U.S. and foreign-owned factories in Mexico                                                            | <b>i.</b> Vicente Fox    |
| _____ 10. elected in 2000, the first president to represent a different political party in Mexico for 71 years | <b>j.</b> inflation      |
|                                                                                                                | <b>k.</b> maquiladoras   |
|                                                                                                                | <b>l.</b> smog           |