

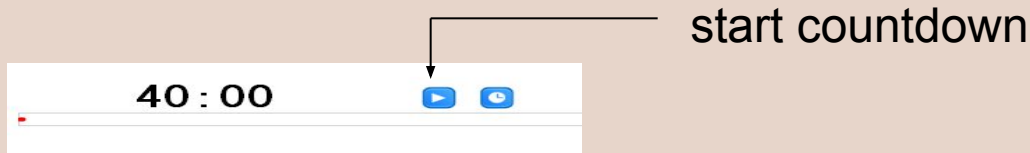
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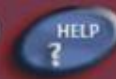
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Paragraph 1 supports which of the following ideas about England and Germany?

They were completely industrialized by the start of the nineteenth century.

They possessed plentiful supplies of coal.

They were overtaken economically by the Netherlands and Scandinavia during the early nineteenth century.

They succeeded for the same reasons that the Netherlands and Scandinavia did.

Paragraph 1 is marked with 



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Paragraph 2 suggests which of the following about the importance of population density in the industrialization of the Netherlands and Scandinavia?

It was a more important factor than population size.

It was more influential than the rate of population growth.

It was more important in the early stages than it was later.

It was not a significant factor.

Paragraph 2 is marked with 



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According to paragraphs 2 and 3, which of the following contributed significantly to the successful economic development of the Netherlands and of Scandinavia?

- The relatively small size of their populations**
- The rapid rate at which their populations were growing**
- The large amount of capital they had available for investment**
- The high proportion of their citizens who were educated**

Paragraph 2 and 3 are marked with 



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According to paragraph 4, because of their location the Netherlands and the Scandinavian countries had all of the following advantages when they began to industrialize EXCEPT

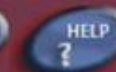
low-cost transportation of goods

access to fish

shipbuilding industrial

military control of the sea

Paragraph 4 is marked with 



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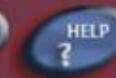
The word “**exceptional**” in the passage is closest in meaning to

extraordinary

surprising

immediate

predictable



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The word “**abolished**” in the passage is closest in meaning to

ended

raised

returned

lowered



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According to paragraph 5, each of the following contributed positively to the industrialization of the Netherlands and Scandinavia EXCEPT

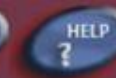
generally liberal trade policies

huge projects undertaken by the state

relatively uncorrupt governments

relatively little social or political disruption

Paragraph 5 is marked with **◆**



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The word “**progressive**” in the passage is closest in meaning to

rapid

partial

increasing

individual



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The author includes the information that **"a protectionist movement developed in Sweden"** in order to

support the claim that the political institutions of the four countries posed no significant barriers to industrialization or economic growth

identify an exception to the general trend favoring liberal trade policy

explain why Sweden industrialized less quickly than the other Scandinavian countries and the Netherlands

provide evidence that agricultural reforms take place more quickly in countries that have a liberal trade policy than in those that do not



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Which of the sentences below best expresses the essential information in the highlighted sentence in the passage? Incorrect choices change the meaning in important ways or leave out essential information

The early industrializes controlled most of the international economy, leaving these countries to stake out new areas of specialization along the margins.

Aided by their high literacy rates these countries were able to claim key areas of specialization within established international markets.

High literacy rates enabled these countries to take over international markets and adapt the international division of labor to suit their strengths.

The international division of labor established by the early industrializes was well suited to these countries, a key factor in their success.



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According to paragraph 6, a major problem with depending heavily on international markets was that they

lacked stability

were not well suited to agricultural products

were largely controlled by the early industrializes

led to slower growth of local industries

Paragraph 6 is marked with 



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According to paragraph 6, what advantage could a country gain from being heavily involved in international commerce?

- A steadily rising national income**
- Greater control over market fluctuations**
- High returns when things went well**
- A reduced need for imports**

Paragraph 6 is marked with 



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Look at the four squares [■] that indicate where the following sentence could be added to the passage

During this period, Sweden had the highest rate of growth of output per capita of any country in Europe, and Denmark was second.

Where would the sentence best fit?

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4



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Directions: An introductory sentence for a brief summary of the passage is provided below. Complete the summary by selecting the THREE answer choices that express the most important ideas in the passage. Some sentences do not belong in the summary because they express ideas that are not presented in the passage or are minor ideas in the passage. This question is worth 2 points.

To review passage. Click **View Text**

Although the Netherlands and Scandinavia began to industrialize relatively late, they did so very successfully.

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Answer Choices

Although these countries all started with small, uneducated populations, industrialization led to significant population growth and higher literacy rates.

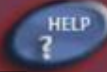
Because they all started with good harbors for steamships, these countries started with an important advantage in the competition for transit trade.

These countries were successful primarily because their high literacy rates helped them fill specialized market niches.

Thanks to their ready access to the sea, these countries enjoyed advantages in mercantile shipping, fishing, and shipbuilding.

These countries were helped by the fact that their governments were relatively stable and honest and generally supported liberal trade policies.

Because they were never fully dependent on international commerce, these countries were able to survive notorious fluctuations in international markets.



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Industrialization in the Netherlands and Scandinavia

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2. D

3. D

4. D

5. A

6. A

7. B

8. C

9. B

10. B

11. A

12. C

13. C

14. Thanks to their...

These countries were helped by...

These countries were successful...

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