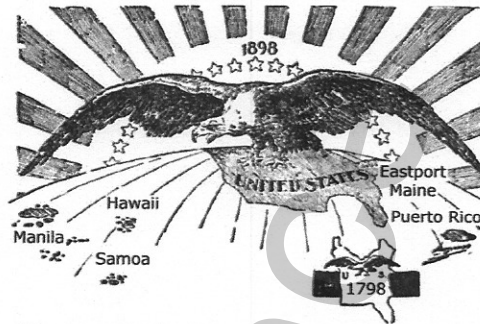




TASC Test Social Studies Practice Items

Study the political cartoon and answer the questions that follow.

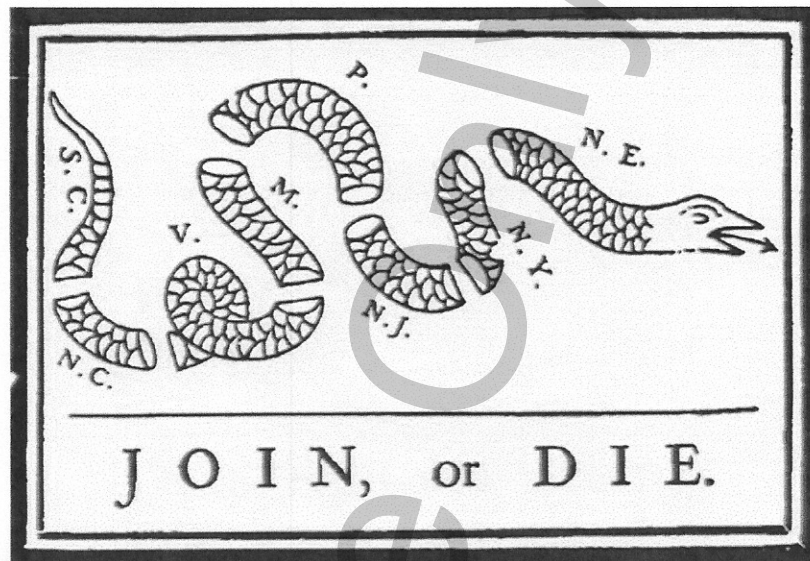


Ten thousand miles from tip to tip.—Philadelphia Press.

- 4 The United States acquired some of the island territories shown in the cartoon as a result of a
- A war with Spain
 - B treaty with France
 - C treaty with Mexico
 - D war with Great Britain
- 5 With which statement would the cartoonist most likely agree?
- A The United States should be cautious when acquiring new territories.
 - B The United States should only add territories that improve the American economy.
 - C The United States should only add territories when the native population needs assistance.
 - D The United States should continue to acquire territories in order to increase American influence.

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Questions 8 and 9 refer to the following cartoon and information.



In the early 1750s, the threat of a French attack on the American colonies prompted discussions of defense. Benjamin Franklin made his view known in the above cartoon, which was published in the *Pennsylvania Gazette*.

8 In the cartoon above, what do the segments of the snake stand for?

- ☐ A) the colonies
- ☐ B) secret defense plans
- ☐ C) Franklin's supporters
- ☐ D) Native American tribes allied with France
- ☐ E) European countries allied against France

9 Based on the cartoon, which of the following opinions did Franklin probably hold?

- ☐ A) The colonies must unify for defense.
- ☐ B) The French would not attack the colonies.
- ☐ C) The Native Americans would join the French.
- ☐ D) The colonies faced defeat unless they separated from Great Britain.
- ☐ E) The colonies would be defeated unless Great Britain came to their defense.

Questions 10 and 11 refer to the following map and information.

From 1932 to 1936, the entire United States received less than average rainfall. Lakes and rivers dried up, plants withered, animals died. But on the High Plains, from the Dakotas to Texas, it was worse. West winds picked up the topsoil, which had taken centuries to accumulate, and blew it eastward. Winds carrying topsoil turned the New England snow red and dusted ships at sea. From 1935 to 1937, "black blizzards" boiled across the plains, covering the barren fields with dunes. Perhaps a million and a half ruined farmers packed up and headed west.



Look at the photograph and answer the question that follows.



- 3** This photograph, taken at the Civil Rights March on Washington in 1963, shows a group of people carrying signs for equal rights, integrated schools, decent housing, and an end to bias.

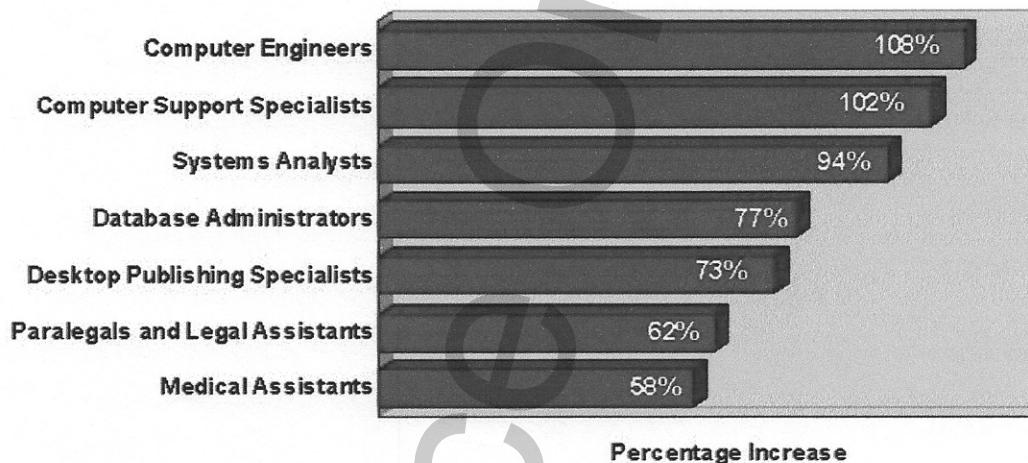
Which amendment protects the actions shown in the photograph?

- A** the First Amendment, which guarantees freedom of speech and assembly
- B** the Fifth Amendment, which guarantees due process of law
- C** the Fifteenth Amendment, which gives all men, regardless of race, the right to vote
- D** the Nineteenth Amendment, which gives all citizens, regardless of gender, the right to vote

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Questions 17 through 19 refer to the following graph.

Fastest-Growing Occupations, 1998 - 2008



Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

17 Which of the following occupations would NOT be considered one of the fastest growing from 1998–2008?

- ☐ A) efficiency expert
- ☐ B) legal secretary
- ☐ C) nurse's aide
- ☐ D) trial attorney
- ☐ E) Web site developer

18 Which of the following CANNOT be verified by information on the graph?

- ☐ A) In the ten years shown, the number of jobs for computer support specialists has more than doubled.
- ☐ B) Growth in jobs for computer support specialists far exceeded growth in jobs for editorial assistants.
- ☐ C) Between 1998 and 2008, it is projected that more jobs will have been added for computer engineers than for any other area of computer-related occupations.
- ☐ D) Between 1998 and 2008, the percentage of designated specialist occupations is projected to increase 175 percent.
- ☐ E) None of the occupations measured between 1998 and 2008 has shown a decline.

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A job seeker shows the graph to an employment counselor and asks if it indicates that there are more jobs available for computer support specialists than there are for medical assistants.

Which of the following is the counselor's best response?

- ☐ A) There are 44 percent more jobs as a computer support specialist than there are for medical assistants.
- ☐ B) This graph does not show the number of jobs in any category, only the percent of increase.
- ☐ C) While 102 percent of the jobs are for computer engineer positions, only 58 percent of the jobs are for medical assistants.
- ☐ D) There are actually more jobs available in desktop publishing than there are in systems analysis.
- ☐ E) The number of computer support jobs is expected to increase by 102 percent, while the number of jobs for paralegals and legal assistants will increase by only 58 percent.

Question 20 refers to the following information.

The Sixth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution states:

In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial by an impartial jury of the state and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for

obtaining witnesses in his favor; and to have the assistance of counsel for his defense.

20 Which situation below would be prohibited by the Sixth Amendment?

- ☐ A) The accused is denied bail.
- ☐ B) The accused agrees to forgo a jury trial and pleads guilty to a lesser charge.
- ☐ C) A person's home is searched by police who have not obtained a warrant.
- ☐ D) The accused cannot afford an attorney and is denied one.
- ☐ E) The judge refuses to allow the press into the courtroom.

21 Which of the following is NOT a legal document?

- ☐ A) a U.S. passport
- ☐ B) a library card
- ☐ C) a birth certificate
- ☐ D) a social security card
- ☐ E) a driver's license with a photograph

Question 22 refers to the following information.

A Wage and Tax Statement, also known as the W-2 Form, is prepared for you by your employer and is sent to you after the first of the year. Your W-2 is a summary of how much money you earned for the year and the amounts that were withheld for state and federal taxes. It also reflects additional deductions or credits for specific types of job categories, health care, tips, and family situations. You receive a W-2 Form from each employer you have had during the year. These Wage and Tax Statements are used when preparing your state and federal income tax returns.

a Control number		22222	Void <input type="checkbox"/>	For Official Use Only OMB No. 1545-0008			
b Employer identification number 10-0000003				1 Wages, tips, other compensation \$ 29,204.40		2 Federal income tax withheld \$ 4380.66	
c Employer's name, address, and ZIP code XYZ Corporation 2656 W. Summerdale Ave. Evanston, IL 60202				3 Social security wages \$ 29,204.40		4 Social security tax withheld \$ 730.11	
				5 Medicare wages and tips \$		6 Medicare tax withheld \$	
				7 Social security tips \$		8 Allocated tips \$	
d Employee's social security number 123-45-6789				9 Advance EIC payment \$		10 Dependent care benefits \$	
e Employee's first name and initial Patricia F.		Last name Smith		11 Nonqualified plans \$		12a See instructions for box 12 \$	
170 New Port Lane Palatine, IL 60067				13 Statutory employee <input type="checkbox"/> Retirement plan <input type="checkbox"/> Third-party sick pay <input type="checkbox"/>		12b \$	
				14 Other <input type="checkbox"/>		12c \$	
						12d \$	
f Employee's address and ZIP code							
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IL		\$	\$	\$	\$		
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Form **W-2** Wage and Tax Statement (99)

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22 Based on the Wage and Tax Statement shown, which of the following profiles does NOT fit with this statement?

- ☐ A) a 28 year-old married truck driver
- ☐ B) a 65 year-old customer service representative with three grandchildren
- ☐ C) A 19 year old college student working weekends as a waitress
- ☐ D) a 39 year-old divorced administrative assistant
- ☐ E) a 45 year-old data processor with one married son