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1	Option B is correct	<i>Mapp v. Ohio</i> resulted in the Supreme Court's application of the "exclusionary rule" of the Fourth Amendment to state courts, meaning that evidence obtained illegally could not be introduced in a trial. For this item, the student applies critical-thinking skills to identify a cause-and-effect relationship.
	Option A is incorrect	<i>Mapp v. Ohio</i> affected law-enforcement procedures, not the constitutional guarantees of due process in criminal trials found in the Fifth Amendment.
	Option C is incorrect	<i>Mapp v. Ohio</i> affected law-enforcement procedures, not constitutional assurances of the right to an attorney found in the Sixth Amendment.
	Option D is incorrect	<i>Mapp v. Ohio</i> affected law-enforcement procedures, not constitutional safeguards against excessive bail and fines found in the Eighth Amendment.

2	Option D is correct	Congressman John Lewis was actively involved in peaceful events such as the Freedom Rides and the Selma to Montgomery March during the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s. He continued his commitment to civil rights while serving in the U.S. House of Representatives. For this item, the student applied this -7

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3	Option B is correct	During the Great Depression of the 1930s, jobs were scarce and unemployment levels increased. Many state and local governments, along with the federal government, enacted a Mexican repatriation policy. This policy returned people of Mexican ancestry to Mexico to protect jobs for U.S. workers. For this item, the correct answer is (B) because (A) is incorrect because the 1930s were a time of economic hardship and unemployment, not a time of economic growth. (C) is incorrect because the 1930s were a time of economic hardship and unemployment, not a time of economic growth. (D) is incorrect because the 1930s were a time of economic hardship and unemployment, not a time of economic growth.



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5	Option B is correct	Direct U.S. involvement in World War II during the 1940s involved many actions to support the war effort, which included increased military enlistment, more women in the workforce, and increased industrial production. For this item, the st (h)2.998 (i)-7.998 (s)7.998

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6	Option A is correct	During World War II, the age for the military draft was lowered to 18 years of age. Throughout the United States, the voting age was between 18 and 21. During the Vietnam War, many people were concerned that young men were old enough to be drafted into the military but not old enough to vote. As a result, in 1971, the Twenty-Sixth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified. It lowered the voting age of U.S. citizens from 21 to 18 years of age. For this item, the student draws inferences to make a conclusion.
	Option B is incorrect	Soldiers can defend their ability to protest because of the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. This button does not have a connection between the Vietnam War and the passage of the Twenty-Sixth Amendment, which lowered the voting age to 18.
	Option C is incorrect	Bringing U.S. troops home was a common theme during the Vietnam War; however, it is not connected to the passage of the Twenty-Sixth Amendment, which lowered the voting age to 18.
	Option D is incorrect	Concerns about the socioeconomic inequities of the draft existed during the Vietnam War; however, it is not connected to the passing of the Twenty-Sixth Amendment, which lowered the voting age to 18.

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7	Options "U.S. government supports Israel" and "the fuel shortage crisis begins" are correct	In the 1970s, the U.S. government announced its support of Israel. This caused the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) members to announce a production embargo, which led to the start of the fuel shortage crisis in America. For this item, the student applies critical-thinking skills to identify a cause-and-effect relationship.
	Option "Disputes occur over Israeli control of the Sinai Peninsula" is correct	In the 1970s, disputes arose between Israel and Egypt over Israeli control of the Sinai Peninsula. This led to President Jimmy Carter brokering a long-term peace treaty known as the Camp David Accords between the two countries. For this item, the student applies critical-thinking skills to identify a cause-and-effect relationship.
	Option "Terrorist attack occurs on U.S. Marines in Lebanon" is correct	During the Lebanese Civil War, which involved Arab-Israeli conflicts in Lebanon, UN peacekeeping forces were sent to the area to enforce a ceasefire agreement between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO). As part of the U.S. peacekeeping forces, the U.S. Marines were sent to Lebanon and suffered a terrorist attack. For this item, the student applies critical-thinking skills to identify a cause-and-effect relationship.

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8	Option A is correct	John Adams's letter describes the idea that despite the differences among the American colonies, they were brought together under a common goal to declare independence from Great Britain. This unification symbolizes e pluribus unum, which is Latin for "Out of many, one." For this item, the student applies critical-thinking skills to analyze a primary source to acquire information to answer a historical question.

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9	Option B is correct	The U.S. government believed that a communist victory in the Greek civil war would endanger political stability in Greece, Turkey, and the Middle East. As a result, the United States provided military and economic assistance to Greece and Turkey to help preserve democracy in the region. For this item, the student applies critical-thinking skills to analyze a secondary source to acquire information to answer a historical question.
	Option A is incorrect	An ideological and political rivalry between the democratic United States and the communist Soviet Union began after World War II. The two countries did not make an alliance for joint control of Greece and Turkey.
	Option C is incorrect	

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10	Option B is correct	During Hurricane Katrina, many human-made levees in New Orleans failed, causing flood waters to enter many homes and businesses.
	Option A is incorrect	Hurricanes have high winds that damage the roofs of homes and

11	Option A is correct	The American Liberty League's mission differed from New Deal policies. As evidenced by the excerpt, the League's focus during the Great Depression was on individual rights and rights related to property and business. This organization believed the government should focus on providing support to business ventures and

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12	Option A is correct	The creation of NASA resulted in increased federal investment in research and development. This, in turn, contributed to the expansion of preexisting industries and the establishment of new tech-driven industries that benefited the economy.
	Option B is incorrect	While the military draft expanded during the 1960s, this was not the result of increased satellite launches.
	Option C is incorrect	NASA is a government-funded program and did not reduce taxes.
	Option D is incorrect	The government did not directly control the information or technology sectors, and its contributions through research and development encouraged competition.



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16	Option B is correct	Of the songs in the top 100 that were related to the Vietnam War, the majority occurred between 1965 and 1970, when the number of U.S. soldiers in Vietnam was highest and the anti-war movement had gained more support. For this item, the student applies critical-thinking skills to analyze a graph to acquire information to answer a historical question.
	Option A is incorrect	Most protest songs against the Vietnam War peaked on the charts in 1970 but had increased in popularity as U.S. involvement intensified in the 1960s. The popularity of these songs was highest in 1970, not in 1975 when U.S. troops withdrew.
	Option C is incorrect	The Vietnam War began in 1955; the popularity of these songs did not start with the early years of the war. As evidenced by the graph, the number of songs related to this war was highest in 1970, when the number of U.S. soldiers deployed to Vietnam was high and the anti-war movement was popular.
	Option D is incorrect	The graph does not provide evidence to support the claim that these songs related to the Vietnam War were used to recruit soldiers. The popularity of these songs was highest in 1970, not in 1975 when U.S. troops withdrew.





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19	Option C is correct	Television has been an important way that American culture has diffused around the world. The claim in this option is supported by the description of an isolated, nomadic tribe making the effort to watch a show from the United States. For this item, the student applies critical-thinking skills to analyze a secondary source to acquire information to answer a historical question.
	Option A is incorrect	While there may be foreigners who develop negative opinions of how Americans are portrayed on television, the excerpt does not support the claim.

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20	Option C is correct	The Immigration and Nationality Act of 1965 abolished the federal quota system that limited immigration from outside Western Europe since the 1920s. As the table shows, immigration from China and Mexico increased between 1960 and 2000, while immigration from Italy decreased. For this item, the student applies critical-thinking skills to acquire information to answer a historical question.
	Option A is incorrect	Trade agreements did not prevent or ban immigration to the United States during this time.
	Option B is incorrect	There were no specific military conflicts that took place during these years that prevented immigration from these countries.
	Option D is incorrect	There is no trend between the climate of the countries listed, and no change in climate occurred during the time period shown.

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21	Option "The Panama Canal increased global trade" is correct	The Big Stick policy involved using negotiation under the threat of military force to favor U.S. interests. President Roosevelt negotiated an agreement that gave the United States

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22	Option B is correct	The establishment of national parks in the United States centered around the preservation of natural resources. For this item, the student analyzes information through cause-and-effect relationships.
	Option A is incorrect	The establishment of national parks in the United States centered around the preservation of natural resources. The effects of climate change were not associated with the activities of the U.S. National Park Service regarding their establishment.
	Option C is incorrect	The goal of these conservation efforts was not to give the central government access to fossil fuel resources but to preserve the natural environment.
	Option D is incorrect	The establishment of national parks in the United States centered around the preservation of natural resources, not intervention targeting remote areas at risk for flooding. U.S. national parks were established in a variety of states with different environments.



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24	Option A is correct	The federal government responded to the 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom by passing legislation prohibiting discrimination in public places. The passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibited discrimination in public accommodations and federally funded programs. It also prohibited discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. For this item, the student applies critical-thinking skills to analyze information.
	Option B is incorrect	While President Truman signed an executive order to desegregate the military as the result of pressure from civil rights leaders, this was not in response to the 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and



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Option D is correct



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27	Option C is correct	By scheduling the Votes for Women Inaugural Parade close to the date of a presidential inauguration, the women's suffrage movement hoped to draw more public attention to its cause. For this item, the student applies critical-thinking skills to analyze a primary source, a woman's suffrage leaflet, to answer a historical question.
	Option A is incorrect	The excerpt does not mention the use of a boycott to draw attention to the women's suffrage movement. The protest march advertised in the leaflet was organized to draw the public's attention to the movement.
	Option B is incorrect	The excerpt

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28	Option "business loans" is correct	The Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 provided adult education and other benefits, such as loans (e.g., for busi.995 ( )4998 enefi
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30	Option C is correct	The Bessemer process was used to remove impurities from iron allowing for the mass production of steel, which was much stronger than iron. Steel was stronger and ultimately cheaper to produce and could be used in a wide array of products from rails to bridge spans to the tallest buildings.
	Option A is incorrect	The Bessemer process relied on iron ore to produce steel, so the demand for iron and iron ore increased, and more iron mines opened.

31	Option B is correct      Minority women continued to fight for rights denied to them based on their race and etEM2etEM2etEM2r2ra

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Option A is correct









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36	Option A is correct	Calculating that losses in an invasion of the Japanese mainland could be in the hundreds of thousands, the United States chose to drop the atomic bomb in order to lessen further losses of American troops. For this item, the student applies critical-thinking skills by analyzing a photograph to answer a historical question.
	Option B is incorrect	The war in Europe ended on May 8, 1945, while the Battle of Okinawa raged from April to June. The Germany-first policy had been decided at the beginning of the war.
	Option C is incorrect	The U.S. policy was to encourage a Soviet declaration of war against Japan, until the atomic bombs were dropped on Japan.
	Option D is incorrect	The U.S. government interned Japanese Americans because it questioned their loyalty; it was not a tactic used as a result of the Battle of Okinawa.

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37	Score 2 points for correct answers that include one reference to Part A and one reference to Part B	<p>A: Why was there a boycott?</p> <p>The NAACP used Parks' arrest to encourage a bus boycott in order to bring attention to the segregation of Montgomery public transportation.</p> <p>B: How did the boycott affect the Civil Rights Movement?</p> <p>Her actions sparked further protests in other regions.</p> <p>Her actions sparked support from other regions.</p> <p>She galvanized other activists.</p> <p>She inspired other activists.</p>
	Score 1 point	The response provides only half of the correct details.
	Score 0 points	The response is incorrect or irrelevant.

38	Option C is correct	Following the end of World War II, consumerism in the United States increased and directly led to an increase in the number of televisions sold. For this item, the student applies critical-thinking skills to analyze a time line to identify a cause-and-effect relationship.

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39	Option B is correct	After the Spanish-American War in 1898, the United States captured Guam. This led to the United States securing its presence in the Pacific Ocean and on the world stage. For this item, the student uses critical-thinking skills to analyze the letter to acquire information to answer a historical question.
	Option A is incorrect	The United States employed Dollar Diplomacy in Latin America beginning in 1909, not during or as a result of the Spanish-American War of 1898.
	Option C is incorrect	While the Spanish-American War demonstrated U.S. naval superiority in the Caribbean Sea, it was not a result of the acquisition of Guam.
	Option D is incorrect	The Open Door Policy involved U.S. foreign policy in China, not Guam.

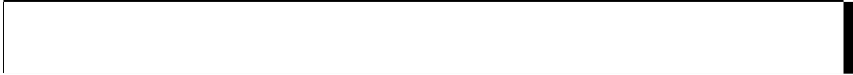
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41	Option C is correct	President Bill Clinton was not convicted by the U.S. Senate in his impeachment trial. Though some people questioned the morality of President Clinton's actions, they believed his private actions did not warrant the impeachment trial. For this item, the student uses critical-thinking skills to analyze information to summarize an argument.

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42	Option B is correct	President Truman was speaking about the Korean War and why it was necessary to enter the war to support South Korea. For this item, the student applies critical-thinking skills to analyze a primary source to acquire information to answer a historical question.
	Option A is incorrect	Advisors were first sent to Vietnam by President Truman in 1950, but this excerpt is referencing the Korean War.
	Option C is incorrect	C995 (i)-7.998 (s )7.998 (ex)

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43	Option "Vietnam" is correct	Kent State University students were protesting continued U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War. For this item, the student applies critical-thinking skills to identify cause-and-effect relationships.
	Option "Korean" is incorrect	The students were protesting U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War, not the Korean War.
	Option "Persian Gulf" is incorrect	The students were protesting U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War, not the Persian Gulf War.
	Option "weakened public support for the war" is correct	When Ohio National Guard troops fired on the crowd at Kent State, four students were shot, which helped weaken public support for the Vietnam War. For this item, the student applies critical-thinking skills to identify cause-and-effect relationships.
	Option "strengthened U.S. resolve to win the war" is incorrect	The incident did not strengthen resolve to win the war; it led to weaker public support for continuing the war.
	Option "strengthened support for the U.S. government" is incorrect	The incident did not strengthen support for the U.S. government; it weakened

44	Option D is correct	Asian American citizens had historically been subjected to intense racism and stereotyping. Bruce Lee's popularity and the popularity of his martial-arts films helped present Asian Americans more positively.

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45	Option B is correct	President Truman cited concerns of anticipated strong Japanese resistance resulting in heavy U.S. casualties as reasons for using atomic bombs instead of invading Japan.
	Option A is incorrect	President Truman's decision to use atomic bombs was not influenced by the island-hopping campaign or by a change in U.S. public opinion.
	Option C is incorrect	President Truman's decision to use atomic bombs was not influenced by the destruction of U.S. Navy ships or by the failure of the Allies to send reinforcements.
	Option D is incorrect	President Truman's decision to use atomic bombs was not influenced by the need to move supplies from the Pacific to Europe, as the war in Europe had ended about four months earlier.

46	Option B is correct	Decreased income tax rates did cause more people to keep more of their money, allowing them to spend their extra money on
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47	Option A is correct	American Indian children were sent to boarding schools to learn a trade and American culture in hopes they would spread these ideas about Americanization back to their tribes.

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48	Option B is correct	The excerpt describes the effect of segregation laws on Mexican Americans. At this time, there was widespread enactment of segregation laws by states, which determined access to public facilities according to race. For this item, the student applies critical-thinking skills to analyze a secondary source to acquire information to answer a historical question.
	Option A is incorrect	The excerpt describes the effect of segregation laws on Mexican Americans, not the Navajo Code Talkers, who are associated with World War II and who did not set a legal precedent for Mexican Americans.
	Option C is incorrect	The excerpt describes the effect of segregation laws on Mexican Americans; it does not refer to prohibition laws.
	Option D is incorrect	The excerpt describes the effect of segregation laws on Mexican Americans. Deportations affecting Mexican Americans during the Great Depression were a result of rising unemployment, not segregation.



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49	Option C is correct	Improved water-purification, computing, and global search-and-rescue systems happened as a result of the U.S. government investing funds into aerospace technology. For this item, the student applies critical-thinking skills to identify cause-and-effect relationships.
	Option A is incorrect	The improvements from the list were not developed as a result of upgraded telecommunication infrastructure.
	Option B is incorrect	Government-funded tax incentives for automobile companies did not lead to the improved systems listed.
	Option D is incorrect	The government did not provide subsidies to agricultural businesses that resulted in the developments listed.

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50	Option B is correct	The people in line in the cartoon represent wealthy business owners in the upper class of society who were faced with paying taxes. For this item, the student applies critical-thinking skills to analyze a political cartoon to acquire information to answer a historical question.
	Option A is incorrect	The people in line in the cartoon do not represent poor immigrant workers in the lower class of society.
	Option C is incorrect	The people in line in the cartoon do not represent moderate-income professionals in the middle class of society.
	Option D is incorrect	The people in line in the cartoon do not represent elected government officials who represent all classes of society.

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51	Option D is correct	Gas masks were developed to protect soldiers from chlorine and mustard gases, chemical weapons used by German forces on the Western Front during World War I.
	Option A is incorrect	The masks were used to prevent soldiers from ingesting chemical gases such as chlorine and mustard gases.
	Option B is incorrect Option C is	The purpose of masks was to protect against chemical gases.

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52	Option A is correct Option B is incorrect	The Moral Majority was a political movement rooted in Christianity and saw a need for religion to play a larger role in public life. The Moral Majority was conservative and advocated for traditional family structures.

53	Option B is correct	Workers most effectively addressed labor issues by organizing and participating in the labor movement and joining labor unions. For this item, the student applies critical-thinking skills to analyze a primary source to acquire information to answer a historical question.
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55	Option B is correct	The U.S. government has given the reason that Israel is one of the few democracies in the Middle East as to why it supports Israel.
	Option A is incorrect	While Israel and NATO often have similar foreign-policy goals, Israel is not a petroleum-exporting country, and Israel did not provide NATO countries with any oil.
	Option C is incorrect	While the territory that would become Israel was part of the Allied countries during World War II, that is not a reason the U.S. government has given for supporting Israel.
	Option D is incorrect	While Israel does import large amounts of consumer goods, that is not a reason the U.S. government has given for supporting Israel.

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56	Option B is correct	The value of popular sovereignty in a constitutional republic is demonstrated when citizens vote for or elect other people to represent them and to make laws on their behalf. For this item, the student uses critical-thinking skills to analyze primary documents to acquire information to answer a historical question.
	Option A is incorrect	Unlike a direct democracy that requires the people to gather in one place, the United States is too large and spread out for its citizens to gather and directly enact their own laws. Therefore representatives are elected under a constitutional republic.
	Option C is incorrect	Citizens still gather to make changes for themselves and their local communities, but it is not necessary nor possible nationally under a constitutional republic.
	Option D is incorrect	Under a constitutional republic,



57	Option A is correct	The AFL-CIO is a labor organization that seeks to improve conditions for unionized workers.
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58	Option B is correct At the end of the Spanish-American War, the United States
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59	Option "I. The Supreme Crime Against Civilization: The Tragic Destruction of the Lusitania" is correct	In 1915 the RMS <i>Lusitania</i> left New York bound for Liverpool and was spotted off the coast of Ireland by a German u-boat and torpedoed. Of 1,962 passengers, 1,198 lost their lives. Among the dead were 128 Americans, causing widespread outrage in the United States. This was a reason for the United States declaring war on Germany. For this item, the student uses critical-thinking skills to analyze a secondary source to acquire information to answer a historical question.
	Option "XXVI. How 'Neutral' Waters Are Violated" is correct	In 1915 Germany had pledged to stop unrestricted submarine warfare, making the waters connecting the United States to Europe a "neutral" zone. However, in 1917 Germany resumed unrestricted submarine warfare. This was a reason for the United States declaring war on Germany. For this item, the student uses critical-thinking skills to analyze a secondary source to acquire information to answer a historical question.
	Option "XXIX. The Deadly Submarine and Its Stealthy	

60	Option C is correct
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61	Option "Federal courts ruled against those leading the boycotts and strikes" helped private businesses	Private businesses such as the Pullman Company used the federal courts to support its goal of breaking the strike and breaking the labor unions that supported it. For this item, the student analyzes information by categorizing.
	Option "The federal government sent troops to Illinois in order to break the strike" helped private businesses	The federal government supported private businesses and sent federal troops to Illinois to break the labor union's strike that slowed the delivery of the U.S. mail carried by the railroads. For this item, the student analyzes information by categorizing.
	Option "President Grover Cleveland signed an act making Labor Day a national holiday" helped workers	Since 1882 Labor Day had been celebrated at local and state levels. President Cleveland signed the law to appease working-class voters, especially after sending in federal troops against the Pullman strike. For this item, the student analyzes information by categorizing.
	Option "Union officials were arrested and jailed for violating court orders"	

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62	Option B is correct	The goal referenced in the cartoon was Prohibition, and the temperance movement was rooted in the idea that alcohol use was immoral and a detriment to society. For this item, the student analyzes a primary source to acquire information to answer a historical question.

63	Option D is correct      The excerpt makes the connection between
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64	Option C is correct	From 2006 to 2018, global robot sales more than tripled. Robotics have
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