A Land of Contrasts

Part 1: Main Ideas (4 points each)

In the spaces provided, write the letter of the best answer in the space provided.

1. One type of climate found in the United States but not in Canada is
   a. tundra.  b. marine west coast.  c. tropical wet and dry.  d. humid continental.

2. The St. Lawrence Seaway
   a. uses a series of locks that raise and lower water levels.
   b. uses a series of canals.
   c. was the first water link between the Great Lakes and the Atlantic Ocean.
   d. altered the river’s natural course.

3. The landform that borders the Great Plains on one side is
   a. the Continental Divide.  b. the Rocky Mountains.  c. the Canadian Shield.  d. the Appalachian Mountains.

4. After crossing Beringia, early nomads most likely began settling
   a. in areas suitable for agricultural activity.  b. in a region with a temperate, mild climate.
   c. near areas of water.  d. quickly, in order to avoid the hazards of their past.

5. An area of low population density in Canada most likely includes
   a. the southern region of the Canadian Shield.  b. the corridor along the St. Lawrence River.
   c. the marine west coastal climate area.  d. the islands of Ellesmere, Victoria, and Baffin.

6. The greatest amount of Canada’s energy exports go to the United States because
   a. the two countries have a trade agreement that excludes most other energy-producing countries.
   b. the United States consumes more energy resources than any other country.
   c. energy resources are scarce in the United States.
   d. the shared waterways of the two countries ease the transportation of these resources.

7. The Mackenzie River flows primarily through
   a. British Columbia.  b. Toronto, Montreal, and Quebec.  c. the Northwest Territories.
   d. the midwestern United States.

8. The rivers of North America flow eastward or westward at the Continental Divide because
   a. it is situated along the highest points of the Rocky Mountains.
   b. the Rocky Mountains have not yet experienced significant erosion.
   c. the rivers mark areas of mineral deposits.
   d. the environment was artificially altered to improve water flow to agricultural areas.

9. You would most likely see a wide variety of climate and vegetation along the

10. The Appalachian Mountains have experienced far greater erosion than the Rocky Mountains because
    a. the Appalachians are bordered on both sides by major waterways.
    b. the Appalachians are about 300 million years older than the Rockies.
    c. the Appalachians have been traveled more extensively by man.
    d. the Rocky Mountains reach far higher levels of elevation than the Appalachians.
Part 2: Map Skills (4 points each)

Use the map to answer the questions that follow. Write the letter of the best answer in the space provided.

11. Which climate zones run along the border of Mexico and the United States?
   a. desert and semi-arid
   b. desert, semi-arid, Mediterranean
   c. desert
   d. desert and highland

12. Which of these climate zones is found in Canada but not the United States?
   a. marine west coast
   b. sub-arctic
   c. tundra
   d. ice cap

13. In which of these cities are you most likely to find permafrost?
   a. Miami
   b. Seattle
   c. Barrow
   d. Toronto

14. How many different climate zones are found in the United States?
   a. 11
   b. 10
   c. 12
   d. 9

15. If you were traveling from Anchorage to New York, in which types of climates would you begin and end your trip?
   a. tundra to sub-arctic
   b. sub-arctic to humid continental
   c. sub-arctic to tropical wet
   d. humid continental to highland
Use the chart to answer the questions that follow. Use the space provided.

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**Part 3: Interpreting Charts—Constructed Response** (4 points each)

**16.** Which city showed the largest increase in the percentage of its population from 1990 to 2000?

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**17.** What factor do you think most accounts for the large jump in the population of Naples?

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**18.** Which city showed the biggest percentage drop in its population from 1990 to 2000?

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**19.** Which region’s population grew the most between 1990 and 2000?

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**20.** What is the most likely explanation that the Northeast saw little growth and even some decline in the area’s population from 1990 to 2000?

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Part 4: Extended Response (10 points each)
Answer each of the following questions by writing a short essay. Use the space provided. If you need more space to write, use your own paper.

21. Seeing Patterns As humans moved through North America from Beringia, what recurring difficulties did they confront? In what ways do people face those same problems today?

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22. Drawing Conclusions What are the major physical factors that contribute to making the United States such a productive, vital area? What are some challenges the country faces because of its physical geography?

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