

7TH GRADE SOCIAL STUDIES COMPREHENSIVE FINAL EXAM STUDY GUIDE Fall 2016

As part of the Gulf War, the US came to the aid of Kuwait during Operation Desert Storm in 1991. Which country invaded Kuwait?
Where are most of the desalination plants located in Southwest Asia?
What is the most pressing challenge facing the Middle East in terms of its water supply?
Using your knowledge of the geography of the Middle East, what country would LEAST likely benefit from oil production?
Create a chart to compare and contrast the following groups' religion, language and location in Southwest Asia. (Persians, Kurds and Arabs).
What caused the split between the Sunni and Shia?
How has the physical geography of Iraq impacted the nation's population distribution?
How is Southwest Asia an example of uneven distribution?
What is the largest country in land size in Southwest Asia?
In what country do the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers begin?
The water supply in the Middle East is being threatened by climate changes, shrinking aquifers, and overpopulation. What is MOST LIKELY the biggest challenge in finding a way for the nations there to cooperate to solve these problems?
What was the environmental result of the destruction of Kuwait's oil wells during the Persian Gulf War?
What are two main reasons that desalination is not commonly used throughout Southwest Asia?
In Southwest Asia where would you expect to find the most economically developed areas?
What is the name of the African country that gained its independence in 2011?
Describe the characteristics of Lake Tanganyika?
What are the Five Pillars of Islam?
Why is the population in the Sahara so low?
Turkey's building a dam on the Euphrates to protect and ensure their water supply had what effect on the neighboring country of Iraq?
The culture of Israel is most influenced by which ethnic group?
What was the stated purposes of the war in Iraq that began in 2003?
What lands did Great Britain receive after the fall of the Ottoman Empire?
How did European involvement in Southwest Asia impact the region after the collapse of the Ottoman Empire?
What nation issued the Balfour Declaration in 1917? What did the Balfour Declaration say about the lands in Palestine after the fall of the Ottoman Empire?
During World War I, the Arabs who were living in the Ottoman Empire supported the Allied forces who were fighting against the Ottoman Turks. What was the outcome for the Arabs after World War I?
Define the following terms: Anti-Semitism Zionism
At the root of many conflicts in the Middle East is a religious issue concerning historical ownership of the land. Who do Jews say gave them land of Palestine?
What events caused the formation of the nation of Israel?
President George H.W. Bush was able to convince U.N. forces to invade Iraq in a military effort known as "Operation Desert Storm" because of what fear?
What is the chief source of the Arab-Israeli conflict in the Middle East?
What country's government underwent a massive change due to a military conflict beginning in 2003?
After supporting the independence of Israel, the United States was MOST concerned with what issue in that region?

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How does a Democratic government differ from an Oligarchic government?
Saudi Arabia can be best described as having which type of government?
The citizens of Israel have a little more influence over the election of their chief executive than the citizens of Saudi Arabia. Why is this?
Define theocracy. What country in Southwest Asia is a theocratic republic?
What is the name of Israel's legislative branch of government?
Under Saddam Hussein what type of government did Iraq have?
Create a chart to compare and contrast the governments of Iraq, Iran, Saudi Arabia and Turkey.
Why is it that the government of Israel can be classified as a parliamentary democracy?
After the Persian Gulf War, the United Nations imposed an embargo on Iraq. What would be the reason an embargo was used by the United Nations?
Saudi Arabia's literacy rate increased from approximately 48% in 1980 to over 78% by 2009. Why is this important for the Saudi Arabian economy?
Why is a system of currency exchange important in international business?
Draw the economic continuum. Where does most of the world fall on this continuum?
What is the primary function of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC)?
In what way can oil production have a negative impact on a country's economy?
Industrial development in the twentieth century has led to worldwide dependence on which region for sources of fuel?
Define the following terms and give one real world example: entrepreneur Human capital Capital goods currency exchange trade barrier
How has the use of chemical fertilizers affected water supplies in many countries in Southwest Asia?
Who are the "Taliban"?
What events caused the collapse of the Ottoman Empire
In 1973, countries in the Middle East stopped exporting oil to the United States in protest against US support of Israel. Such a strategy is an example of a(n)_____.
Who is allowed to vote in Israeli elections?
CONSTRUCTED RESPONSE
Identify the 20th-century world event that significantly reduced the number of Jews in Europe. Explain why many Jews from around the world want to move to a new homeland?

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Selected 2012 Economic Data for Iran, Israel, and Saudi Arabia

	Export Revenues from Oil	Gross Domestic Product (in billions of dollars)	Per Capita GDP ¹
Iran	80%	1016.0	13,300
Israel	0%	252.8	32,800
Saudi Arabia	90%	921.7	31,800

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¹Per Capita GDP—the value of all goods and services a country produces within a year divided by its population

Part A

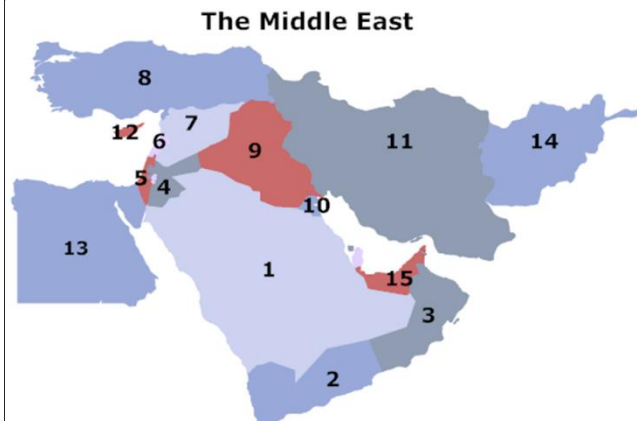
Explain how Iran and Saudi Arabia will likely be affected if the world demand for oil decreases.

Part B

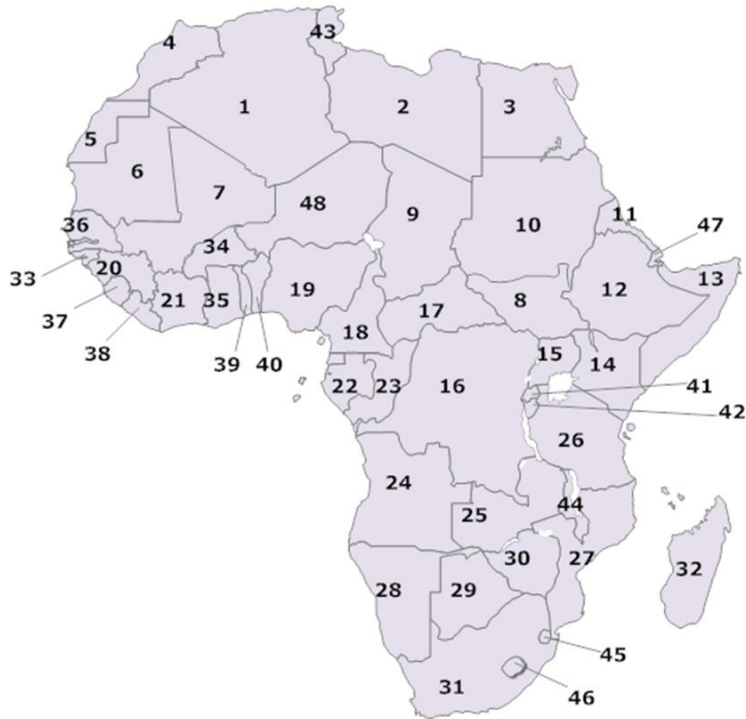
Explain the argument that Israel has a stronger economy than Iran and Saudi Arabia.

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African Countries



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