

Hard copy of Homework 5 on Chapter 2

In the Chapter 2 story, How to starve a nation: Russian edition, during what time period did the story take place?

Question 1 options:

1920s
1890s
1950s
World War II

Question 2 (1 point) Question 2 Unsaved

In the Chapter 2 story, How to starve a nation: Russian edition, what were the main reasons for the decline in agricultural production?

Question 2 options:

Forcing family farmers to send their eldest sons to join the Red Army instead of having them work on the farm.

The confiscation of grain and price controls reduced the profits one could make farming.

Preventing farmers from exporting grain outside of their province (a province is like a county)

The lack of public investment in fighting epidemics of locusts and various fungal infections of crops.

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Question 3 (1 point) Question 3 Unsaved
In the Chapter 2 story, How to starve a nation: Chinese edition, during what time period did the story take place?

Question 3 options:

During the Opium Wars between the Chinese and the British

Before World War I

Shortly after World War II

Between World War I and World War II

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Question 4 (1 point) Question 4 Unsaved
In the Chapter 2 story, How to starve a nation: Chinese edition, which of the following actions taken by the Communist Party led to starvation?

Question 4 options:

Collective farms feeling obliged to pledge more rice to the government than they should have

Collective farms forced to convert their farm implements into steel

Eradication of sparrows led to large insect infestation of crops

Confiscation of livestock, causing people to slaughter their livestock in advance

Communist party officials with little agricultural knowledge telling farmers how to raise crops

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Question 5 (1 point) Question 5 Unsaved
In the Chapter 2 story, How to starve a nation: Chinese edition, about how many Chinese died due to the man-made famines?

Question 5 options:

10 million
5 million
55 million
2 million

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Question 6 (1 point) Question 6 Unsaved
What key attribute of information in an economy suggests that much decision-making should be decentralized?

Question 6 options:

Information is dispersed, disseminated throughout an economy

Information only becomes really valuable if it is paired, or is "lumped together" with much other information

Most information is highly, highly technical and can only be understood by those with a high education

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Question 7 (1 point) Question 7 Unsaved
When British officials forced Tanzanians onto constructed villages in an attempt to "modernize" their agriculture, why did the British construct these villages on land ill-suited for agricultural production?

Question 7 options:

Because they did not believe the Tanzanians would ever be able to work machinery, they choose land that was easily accessible by foot

Because the British officials did not realize that the soil types in Tanzania are very different than those back in Britain

Because, rather than choosing land with good agricultural potential, they choose land that made it easier for them to monitor the Tanzanians.

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Question 8 (1 point) Question 8 Unsaved
Before the 1800s, how was profit-making viewed by most of the world

Question 8 options:

As a sacred activity encouraged by the gods

As the only way one could gain political power

As an ignoble activity

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Question 9 (1 point) Question 9 Unsaved
Much creative destruction has taken place in the last century. Industries like wagon makers are replaced by car manufacturers, book makers replaced with electronic devices, and much unskilled labor replaced with machines. How has all this creative destruction impacted the unemployment rate in the last 70 years?

Question 9 options:

The unemployment rate has remained about the same for past 70 years

The unemployment rate has risen sharply in the last 70 years

The unemployment rate has declined greatly in the past 70 years

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Question 10 (1 point) Question 10 Unsaved
Why does the North Korean government bribe business people instead of punishing them for breaking the law, as market trading is illegal in North Korea?

Question 10 options:

Pressure from other eastern governments like China

The government learned that relying on markets is the only way to secure an adequate food supply

Pressure from western governments like the U.S.

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Question 11 (1 point) Question 11 Unsav
What is the main reason the Irish starved during the period 1845 - 1850, according to Chapter 2?

Change in reserves of fossil fuels

Change in social culture

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Question 11 options:

The British would not allow any crop except potatoes to be planted in Ireland, so when one bad potato fungus arrived it destroyed all of Ireland's food supply.

British landlords decided to export much of Ireland's food production instead of letting the Irish consume it.

A fungal infection destroyed much of its potato production

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Question 12 (1 point) Question 12 Unsav
Which statement best describes soil erosion in the U.S.?

Question 12 options:

Each year we lose more soil than we did the year before.

We are still losing soil, but the rate of erosion has fallen over time.

We used to lose soil, but now we are accumulating soil instead.

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Question 13 (1 point) Question 13 Unsav
Which of the following statements best describes the cause of the Great Enrichment?

Question 13 options:

Change in climate