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| 1. Nobel laureate Robert Fogel contends that which of the following are good proxies for current levels of nutrition?

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|   | a.  | Changes in height during the growing years  |
|   | b.  | Total height  |
|   | c.  | Total weight  |
|   | d.  | Changes in weight during the growing years  |

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| 2. Which of the following most accurately describes world population growth?

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|   | a.  | World population has increased steadily during the past 6,000 years.  |
|   | b.  | World population has exhibited significant cyclical patterns of growth and decline. |
|   | c.  | World population was relatively small until 1750, when it increased extremely rapidly.  |
|   | d.  | World population was small until after World War II, when it increased very quickly.  |

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| 3. Which of the following most accurately describes changes in life expectancy?

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|   | a.  | Life expectancy was relatively low until 1750, when it increased extremely rapidly.  |
|   | b.  | Life expectancy has increased steadily during the past 6,000 years. |
|   | c.  | Life expectancy was low until after World War II, when it increased very quickly. |
|   | d.  | Life expectancy has exhibited significant cyclical patterns of growth and decline. |

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| 4. Per capita GDP in the US between 1900 and 2011 \_\_\_\_\_.

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|   | a.  | has remained about the same.  |
|   | b.  | increased until about 1970 and decreased since then.  |
|   | c.  | was cyclical, but generally trending upward throughout the century. |
|   | d.  | grew very quickly for the first half of the century and grew at a much lower rate in the second half of the century.  |

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| 5. Which is true about present day Americans who are at the official poverty level?

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|   | a.  | Their incomes are about the same as those at the poverty level in 1950. |
|   | b.  | Their incomes are higher than all but the richest Americans in 1900. |
|   | c.  | Their incomes are about the same as those at the poverty level in 1900. |
|   | d.  | Their incomes are about the same as those in the middle class in 1950. |

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| 6. Which is true about present day Americans who are at the official poverty level?

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|   | a.  | Their incomes are about the same as the average world income. |
|   | b.  | Their incomes are about half of the average world income.  |
|   | c.  | Their incomes are above the world average per capita income. |
|   | d.  | Their incomes are about the average income of people in nations like China, India and Pakistan. |

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| 7. Which of the following is most accurate about ownership of household goods, such as flush toilets, refrigerators, televisions, clothes dryers and automobiles?

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|   | a.  | Very few Americans at the poverty level in 2005 own these goods. |
|   | b.  | Americans at the poverty level in 2005 own these goods at about the same rate as average households in 1950. |
|   | c.  | Americans at the poverty level in 2005 own these goods at higher rates than average households in 1950. |
|   | d.  | Americans at the poverty level in 2005 own these goods at about half the rate as average households in 1950. |

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| 8. Which is most accurate about those who were in the bottom fifth of the income distribution in 1977?

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|   | a.  | In 2009, about 85% of them were still in the bottom fifth of the income distribution. |
|   | b.  | In 2009, about 50% were still in the bottom fifth of the income distribution. |
|   | c.  | In 2009, about 25% were in the bottom fifth and another 25% were in the second poorest group. |
|   | d.  | In 2009, about 14% were in the middle fifth and another 9% were in the second richest group. |

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| 9. Which of the following was the most likely wealth status of the children of both the richest and the poorest quintile of parents (measured in 1977)?

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|   | a.  | They will remain in the richest or  poorest quintile, respectively. |
|   | b.  | They will move up in wealth. |
|   | c.  | They will drop in wealth. |
|   | d.  | The poor will move to the higher quintile in wealth, whereas the richtest will drop to the second wealthiest quintile. |

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| 10. Why was the upgrade of the diplomats of the leading European powers from ministers to ambassadors in Washington D.C. in 1892 somewhat belated?

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|   | a.  | The United States already held a trade surplus with Europe in 1877. |
|   | b.  | By that time, U.S. output per capita was already only a little below that of Great Britain. |
|   | c.  | The United States had already joined the Western Alliance of Britain and France as a major military power. |

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