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Directions

Read each question and choose the best answer. Then fill in the circle on your answer document for the answer you have chosen.

Sample

Which action will the government take when it needs more money?

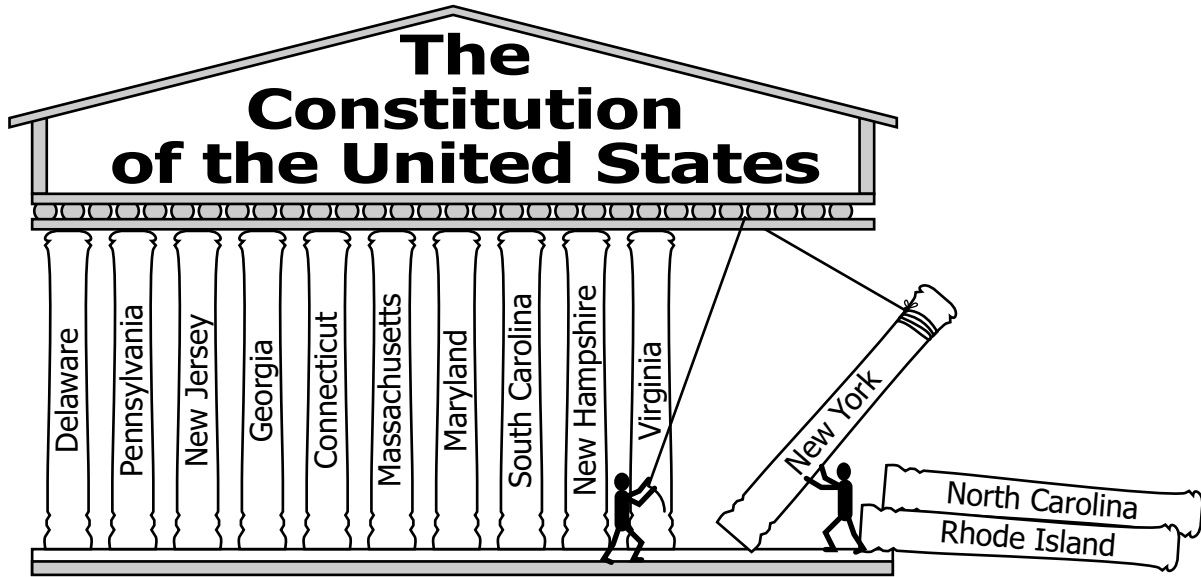
- A** Hold elections
- B** Lower prices
- C** Increase taxes
- D** Hire workers

1 Why were the charters of the Virginia Company of London important?

- A** They created a federal court system.
- B** They established a national banking system.
- C** They guaranteed the colonists' rights as Englishmen.
- D** They stated the colonists' grievances against the English king.

2 In order for a United States citizen to receive a fair trial, other citizens must —

- F** evaluate judges
- G** vote in elections
- H** pay poll taxes
- J** serve on juries



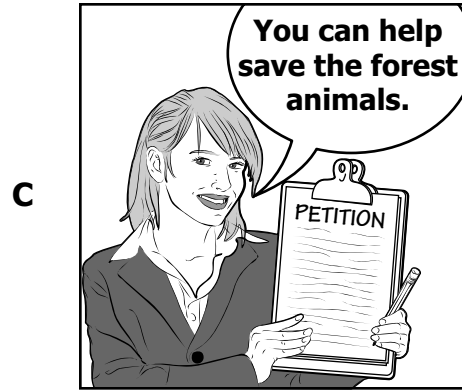
Which goal of the Preamble to the Constitution of the United States is illustrated by this cartoon?

- A** Provide defense
- B** Ensure domestic peace
- C** Establish justice
- D** Form a union

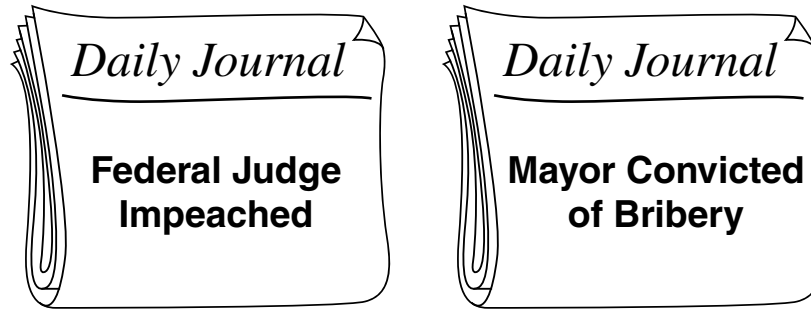
4 Which is necessary to amend the Constitution of the United States?

- F** Majority vote by the Electoral College
- G** Unanimous vote by both houses of Congress
- H** Ratification by legislatures or conventions in the states
- J** Recommendation by the executive and judicial branches in the states

5 Which drawing shows a freedom guaranteed in the 1st Amendment?



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These headlines best illustrate the concept of —

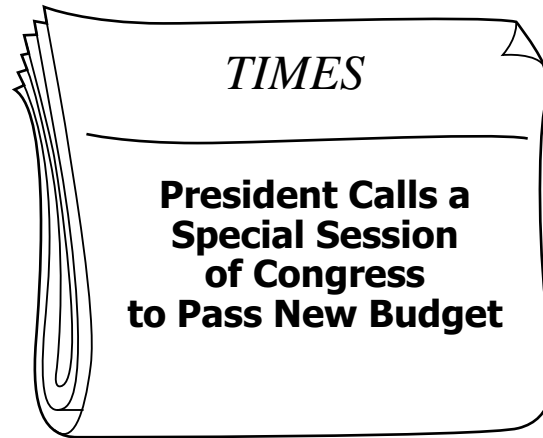
- F** democracy
- G** consent of the governed
- H** rule of law
- J** popular sovereignty

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Aiko and Ian know that some children at their school lack school supplies. With the support of their principal, parents, and teachers, they organize a district-wide school supply drive.

By starting this school supply drive, Aiko and Ian are —

- A** engaging in community service
- B** demonstrating a civic duty
- C** fulfilling their duties as students
- D** engaging in patriotic acts



The principle of United States government that is best illustrated in this headline is —

- F popular sovereignty
- G representative democracy
- H concurrent and reserved powers
- J checks and balances



This headline illustrates a power of which branch of government?

- A** State executive
- B** State legislative
- C** Federal legislative
- D** Federal judicial

State of the Union Address



In this situation, the President is acting as the —

- F** chief citizen
- G** chief diplomat
- H** chief legislator
- J** chief executive

11 According to the 10th Amendment of the Bill of Rights, powers not specifically delegated are reserved to the people or —

- A** local governments
- B** the courts
- C** political parties
- D** the states

12 Which level of government can declare war on foreign nations?

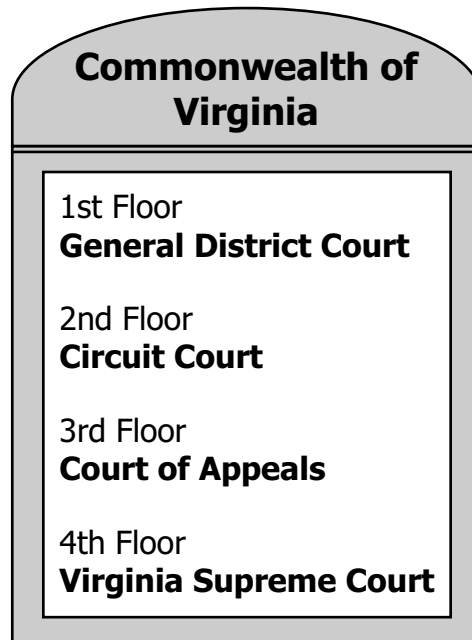
- F** City
- G** State
- H** County
- J** Federal

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One way for Mrs. Jones to gain this office is to be elected by —

- A** members of the Governor's cabinet
- B** legislative representatives of the county
- C** members of the General Assembly
- D** registered voters of the city



Which floor would a teenager go to for misdemeanor charges?

- F** 1st
- G** 2nd
- H** 3rd
- J** 4th

15 Which action by the Governor of Virginia is an example of maintaining public safety?

- A** Delivering a speech to the General Assembly of Virginia
- B** Sending Virginia's National Guard to help after a disaster
- C** Working on Virginia's budget with the Secretary of Finance
- D** Attending a meeting on the Virginia economy



Which legal process does this headline describe?

- F** Legislative proceeding
- G** Civil trial
- H** Judicial review
- J** Criminal prosecution

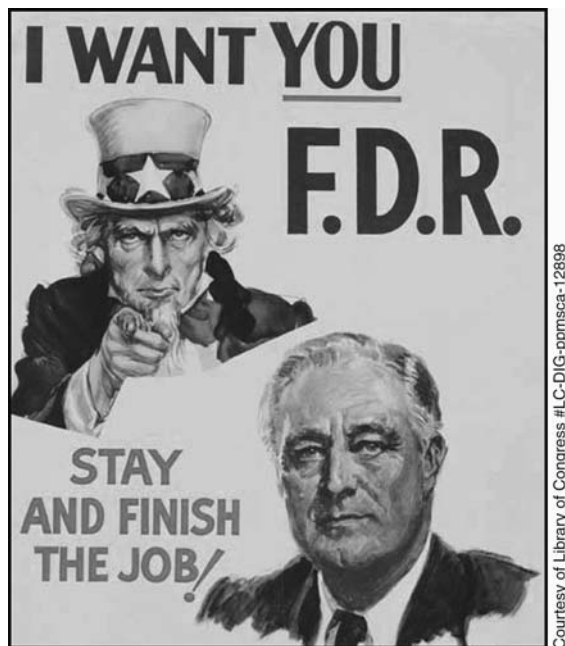
17 Political parties distribute literature about their candidates in order to —

- A** recruit individuals to run for office
- B** educate the electorate about campaign issues
- C** help new residents register to vote
- D** assist people in getting to their polling places

18 In order to win an election, a major party is most likely to —

- F** appeal to the political center
- G** propose cuts to popular programs
- H** divide campaign funds between candidates equally
- J** organize leaders of special interest groups

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This campaign poster is most likely trying to —

- A** introduce a concern about the President
- B** persuade voters to reelect the candidate
- C** emphasize certain issues about the President
- D** identify a fact relating to the candidate

1. Bill is debated
2. Bill is proposed
3. Bill is voted on by both houses
4. Bill is worked on in committees

What is the correct sequence for the law-making process in the General Assembly?

F 1, 3, 4, 2

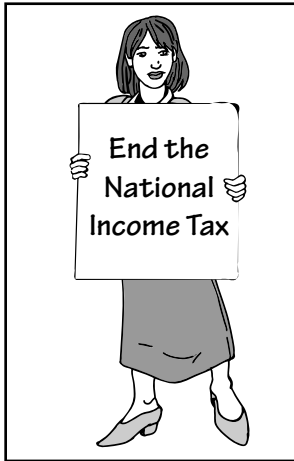
G 2, 4, 1, 3

H 1, 4, 3, 2

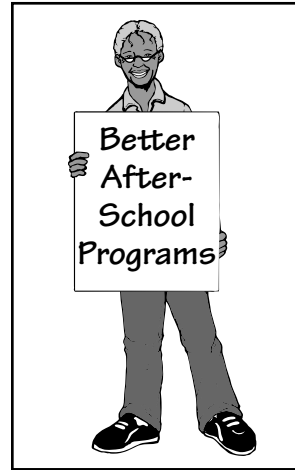
J 2, 1, 4, 3

21 Which person has the best chance of influencing local legislation?

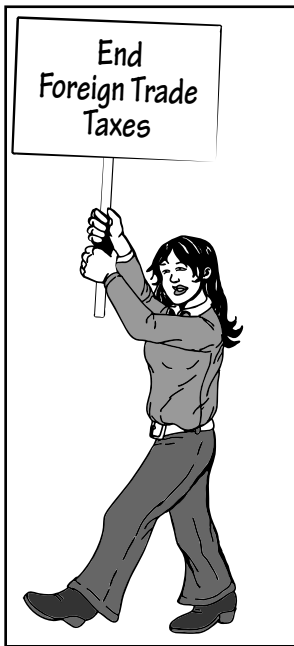
A



C



B



D



**State Criminal Court
Notice of Arraignment**

Defendant: Cyrus Phillippe

Attorney: Hilda Oskray

Date: September 18

Time: 9:00 A.M.

Which action is most likely to occur at this event?

- F** Entering of a plea
- G** Filing of an appeal
- H** Reading of a verdict
- J** Selection of a jury



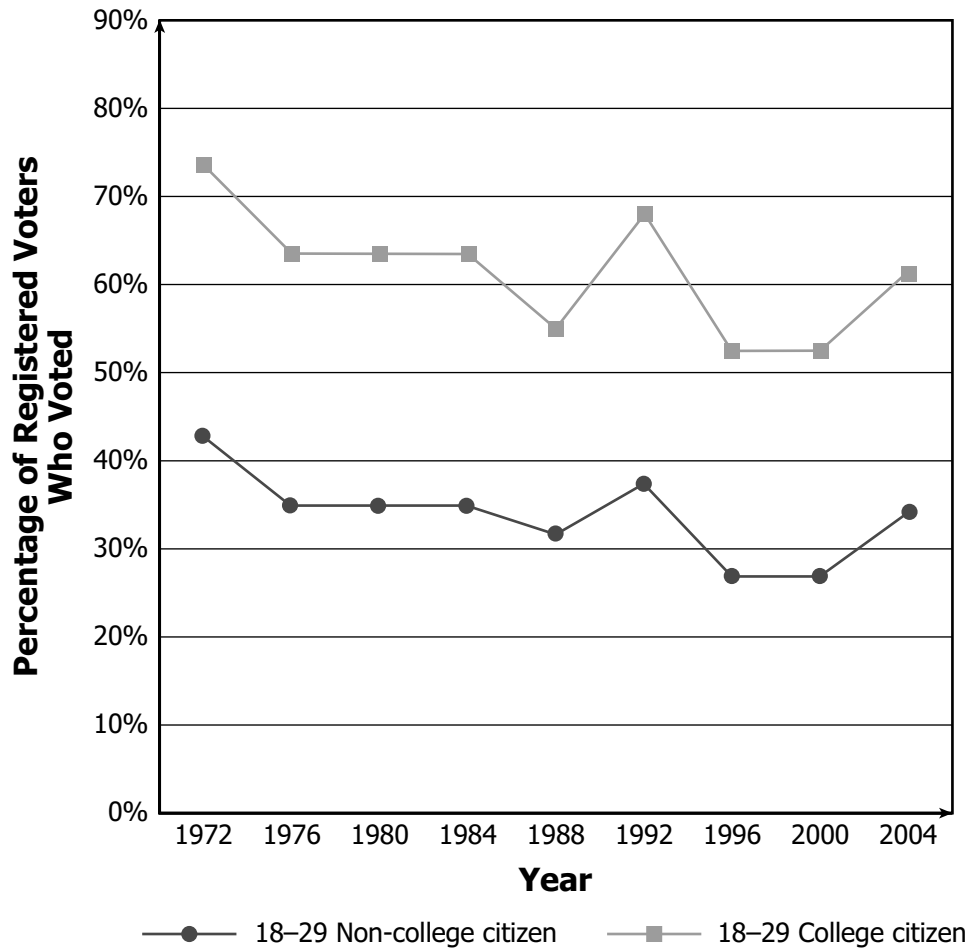
This cartoon illustrates how government officials use the media to —

- A** communicate with other countries
- B** approve federal legislation
- C** influence political lobbyists
- D** communicate with the public

24 Local governments preparing a response for an international health crisis would most likely —

- F** end visits by international travellers
- G** develop a public safety plan for the city
- H** shut down international airline flights
- J** ask the military to police the city

**18–29-Year-Old Citizen Voter Turnout
by Education Level, Presidential Years**



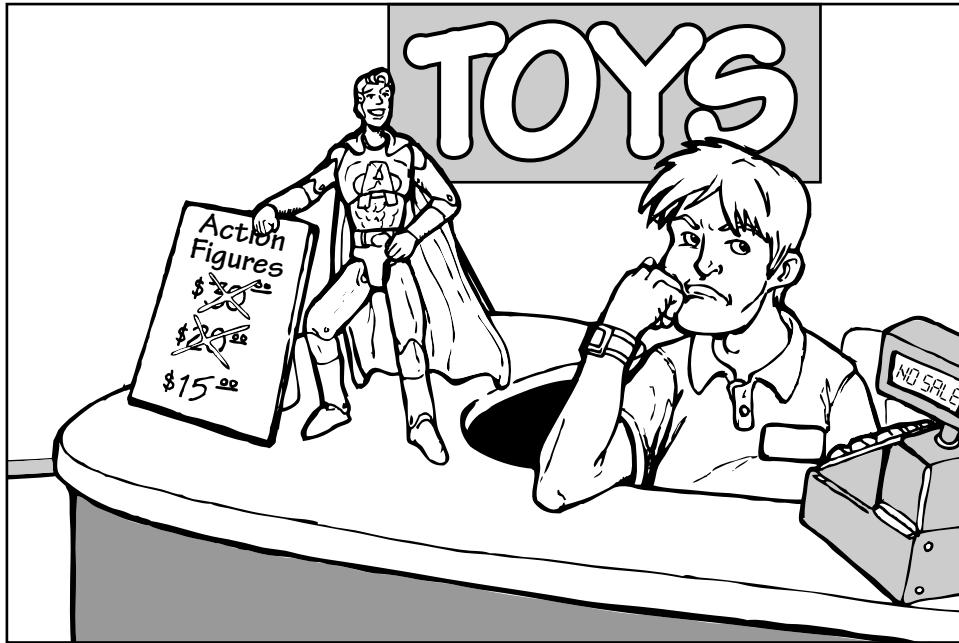
Based on this graph, which statement is most accurate?

- A** The number of college- and non-college-educated voters increased between 1972 and 2004.
- B** The percentage of voter turnout remained the same for both groups between 1972 and 2004.
- C** The number of registered voters in both groups declined each year in all elections.
- D** The college-educated voters were more likely to vote than were non-college-educated voters.

	Dear Representative Shelby,
	I represent the Verne County Historic Preservation Society. Please consider
	voting in favor of Proposition 118 which
	will ensure the protection of historic
	sites in Verne County.
	Sincerely,
	Ellis Frankwell

This letter is an example of —

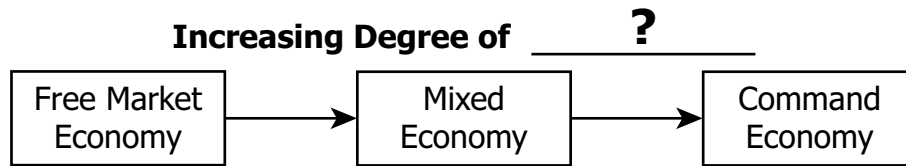
- F** demonstrating
- G** lobbying
- H** policymaking
- J** campaigning



Which economic factor has most likely determined the price in this picture?

- A Capital
- B Scarcity
- C Demand
- D Consumption

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Which phrase best completes the title of this diagram?

- F** Government Regulation
- G** Industrial Productivity
- H** Business Profit
- J** Consumer Choice

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An economy in which communities use simple tools and methods to harvest and hunt for food often results in little economic growth.

Which type of economy is being defined?

- A** Command
- B** Free market
- C** Mixed
- D** Traditional

30 Advances in technology have increased the number of people needed to —

- F** develop computer software
- G** teach children in schools
- H** work on assembly lines
- J** serve in the military

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Clerk Needed
No experience necessary
Hours Mon–Fri from 4 P.M.–7 P.M.

During the school year, which student would be the best match for this job?

- A** Lisa goes to school every day and is often late.
- B** Juanita has good attendance and good work skills.
- C** Mike studies hard and plays in all afterschool programs.
- D** Shawn will graduate early and attend an out-of-state college.

32 What is the first step in career planning?

- F** Marketing
- G** Self-assessment
- H** Interviewing
- J** Job search

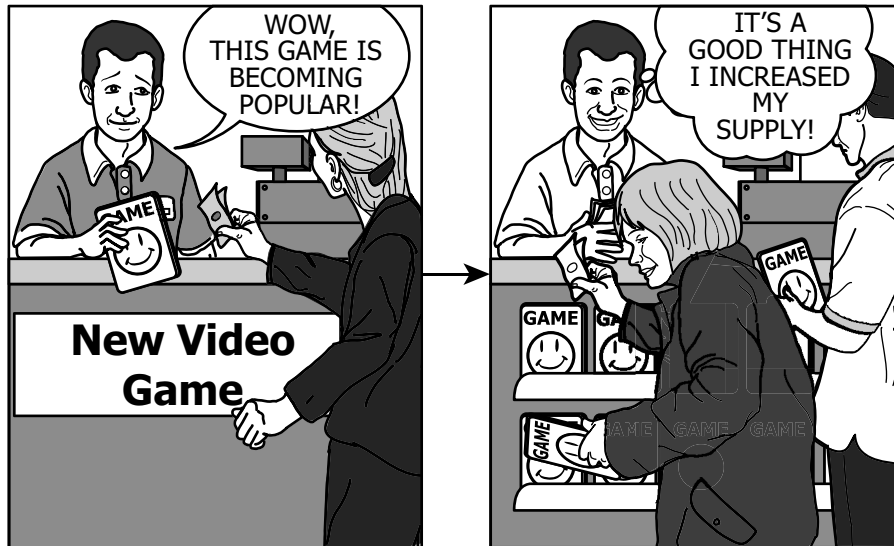
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Level of Education	Average Salary
Doctoral Degree	\$89,400
Master’s Degree	\$62,300
Bachelor’s Degree	\$52,200
Associate’s Degree	\$38,200
Some College	\$36,800
High School Graduate	\$30,400
Some High School	\$23,400

This table supports the conclusion that a salary —

- A** doubles once a college level is attained
- B** stays the same for the high school levels
- C** grows at the same rate for each level of education
- D** increases as the level of education increases





Next Week

Which economic concept is illustrated in these drawings?

- F** Consumer sovereignty
- G** Profit margin
- H** Opportunity cost
- J** Central planning

35 What term describes a company that is authorized to operate as a legal person?

- A** Proprietorship
- B** Entrepreneur
- C** Corporation
- D** Partnership

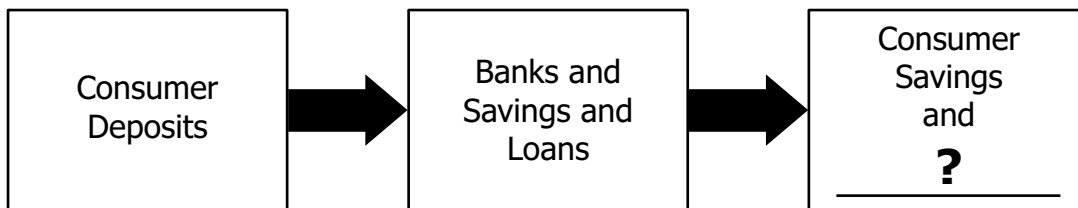
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A plastics company cuts costs and gains control of the plastics market in the United States.

The federal government would investigate this company's practices in order to —

- F preserve competition
- G conserve resources
- H protect workers' rights
- J safeguard international trade

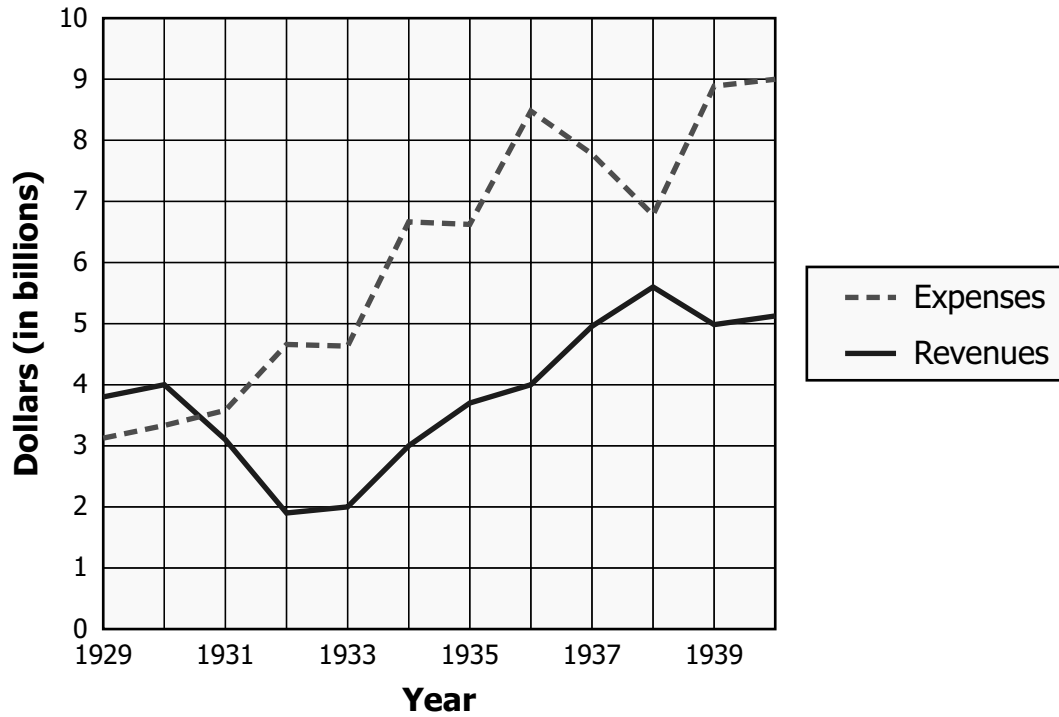
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Which incentive best completes this diagram?

- A Dividend payments
- B Interest payments
- C Bonuses
- D Salaries

**United States Government Revenues
and Expenses (1929–1940)**



This graph shows that from 1931 to 1939, the —

- F** government received more money than was spent
- G** amount of money spent decreased every year
- H** government spent more money than it received
- J** amount of money collected increased every year



This cartoon shows that the Federal Reserve System is —

- A** the federal government's bank
- B** responsible for legislative purchases
- C** the federal government's tax collector
- D** accountable for legislative actions

40 Which picture shows a service usually provided by the government?

F



H



G



J



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5	C	001	Principles of Government and Citizenship
6	H	001	Principles of Government and Citizenship
7	A	001	Principles of Government and Citizenship
8	J	002	Structure of American Government
9	C	002	Structure of American Government
10	H	002	Structure of American Government
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