

APEC

APEC's 21 member economies account for approximately how much of the world's GDP?

- a) 25%
- b) 46%
- c) 54%
- d) 62%

CURRENT EVENTS

In June 2008, what country's ruling junta did not allow aid to enter the following country after Cyclone Nargis?

- a) Myanmar/Burma
- b) China
- c) Malaysia
- d) North Korea

In June 2008, thousands of people protested against the import of U.S. beef in which of the following countries?

- a) China
- b) Thailand
- c) South Korea
- d) Japan

FOOD PRODUCTION & CONSUMPTION

Which of the following United Nations agency is responsible for leading international efforts to defeat hunger?

- a) WHO
- b) UNICEF
- c) FAO
- d) UNDP

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

In February 2008, which of the following presidents stepped down after nearly 50 years of rule?

- a) Pervez Musharraf, Pakistan
- b) Robert Mugabe, Zimbabwe
- c) Fidel Castro, Cuba
- d) Omar al-Bashir, Sudan

How long did Yasu Fukuda serve as Japan's Prime Minister before resigning on September 1, 2008?

- a) 4 years
- b) 2 years
- c) 11 months
- d) 13 months

WORLD GEOGRAPHY

Which of the following river valleys was not a "cradle" of, or among the earliest locations for, an ancient civilization?

- a) Nile
- b) Tigris & Euphrates
- c) Yangtze
- d) Indus

Today Iran occupies the same geographical area as that of ancient:

- a) Mesopotamia
- b) Egypt
- c) Persia
- d) India

WORLD RELIGIONS

Japan's oldest indigenous religion is:

- a) Zen Buddhism
- b) Taoism
- c) Shintoism
- d) Hinduism

According to the Old Testament of the Bible, who was the earliest patriarchal leader of the Hebrews that led the people out of Ur to Palestine?

- a) Joseph
- b) David
- c) Abraham
- d) Moses