

GIV- 20th Century Geographic Problems

- Desertification: when a piece of land becomes dry, empty, and unsuitable for growing trees or crops (Africa and China)
- Deforestation: the removal of trees causes land erosion (Amazon River in Latin America)
- Problems like pollution, acid rain and depletion of the ozone layer call for greater cooperation in the years to come

Sample Questions

1. The global problems of pollution, acid rain, and the breakdown of the ozone layer indicate a need for

- (1) greater international cooperation (3) a balance of trade between nations
(2) increased urbanization (4) an increase in space exploration

2. During the late 1900s, the Sahel region of Africa has been faced with problems resulting from

- (1) increasing desertification (3) the effects of acid rain
(2) the lack of rainfall from the monsoons (4) water pollution

3. During the late 20th century, in which area did deforestation, become a serious problem?

- (1) Great European Plain (3) Deccan Plateau
(2) Amazon Basin (4) Great Rift Valley

4. In Latin America, the deforestation of the Amazon rain forest has led to

- (1) the maintenance of a traditional way of life (3) overpopulation in rural regions
(2) the discovery of new medicines (4) environmental dangers