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# AP Human Geography

## Free-Response Questions

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**HUMAN GEOGRAPHY**

**SECTION II**

**Time—75 minutes**

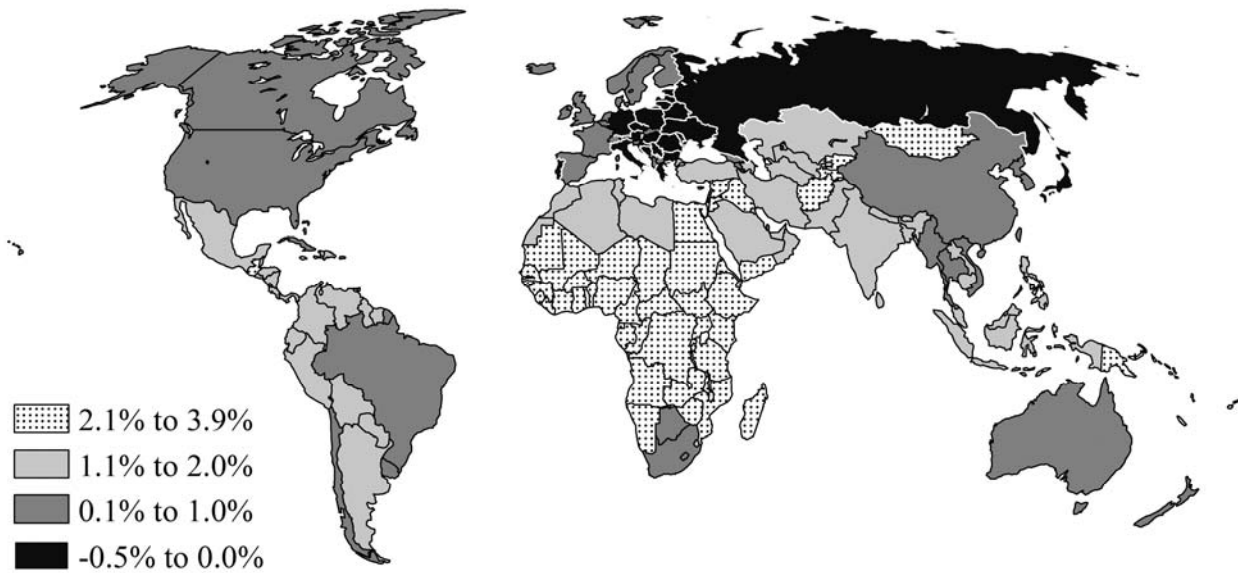
**Percent of total score—50**

**Directions:** You have 75 minutes to answer all three of the following questions. It is recommended that you spend approximately one-third of your time (25 minutes) on each question. It is suggested that you take up to 5 minutes of this time to plan and outline each answer. You may use the unlined space below each question for notes. Be sure to write your answers on the lined pages immediately following each question.

1. In the last half of the twentieth century some United States cities experienced decline due to deindustrialization and loss of population due to suburbanization. To counteract the inner city decline, urban planners have embraced New Urbanism and mixed-use development to attract residents back to the city.
  - A. Identify TWO goals of the New Urbanism movement.
  - B. Explain the difference between mixed-use development and traditional zoning practices.
  - C. Explain TWO benefits of mixed-use development in promoting urban growth.
  - D. Explain TWO criticisms of New Urbanism.

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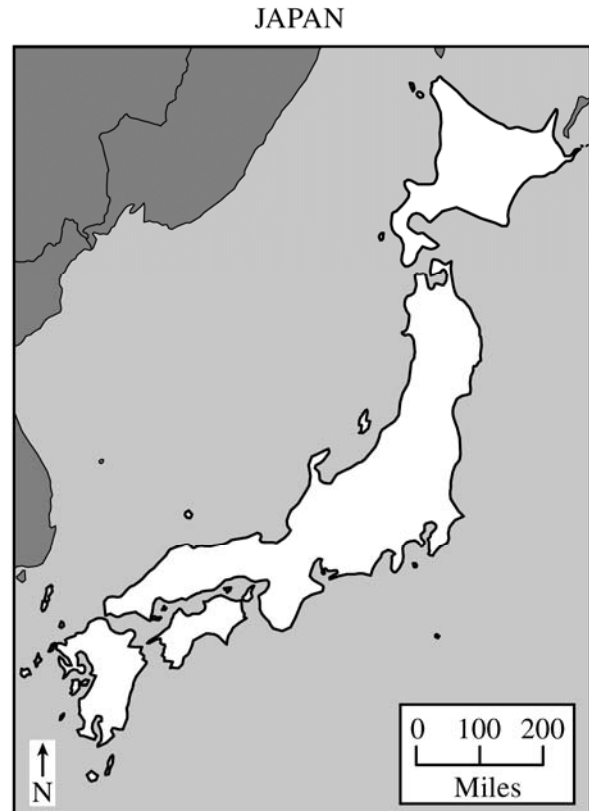
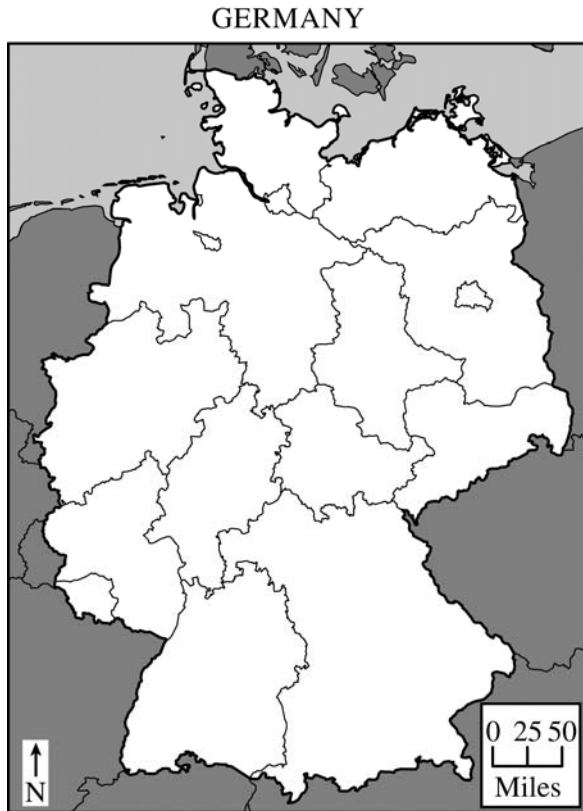
**RATE OF NATURAL INCREASE, 2014**



Source: Population Reference Bureau

2. The map shows rates of natural increase in human population.
  - A. Identify the world region on the map with the highest rates of natural increase.
  - B. Using the region identified in part A, explain **THREE** factors that contribute to high population growth rates.
  - C. Describe **ONE** economic incentive that a country with a high population growth rate could use to decrease population growth, and identify **ONE** potential impact of this strategy.
  - D. Describe **ONE** social program or policy that a country with a high population growth rate could use to decrease population growth, and identify **ONE** potential impact of this strategy.

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3. Political geographers classify most countries as either unitary states or federal states.
- A. Define unitary state and identify the country shown that fits the definition of a unitary state.
  - B. Explain ONE positive and ONE negative impact of a unitary system.
  - C. Identify and explain ONE reason why some countries are governed as federal states.

**STOP**

**END OF EXAM**