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**SAMPLE ITEMS
FOR
WORLD GEOGRAPHY**

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1 Rainforests and mountains have affected the economic growth of Latin America by —

- A** limiting the development of transportation systems
- B** preventing the establishment of colonial empires
- C** encouraging the exchange of cultural ideas
- D** supporting the expansion of agricultural plantations

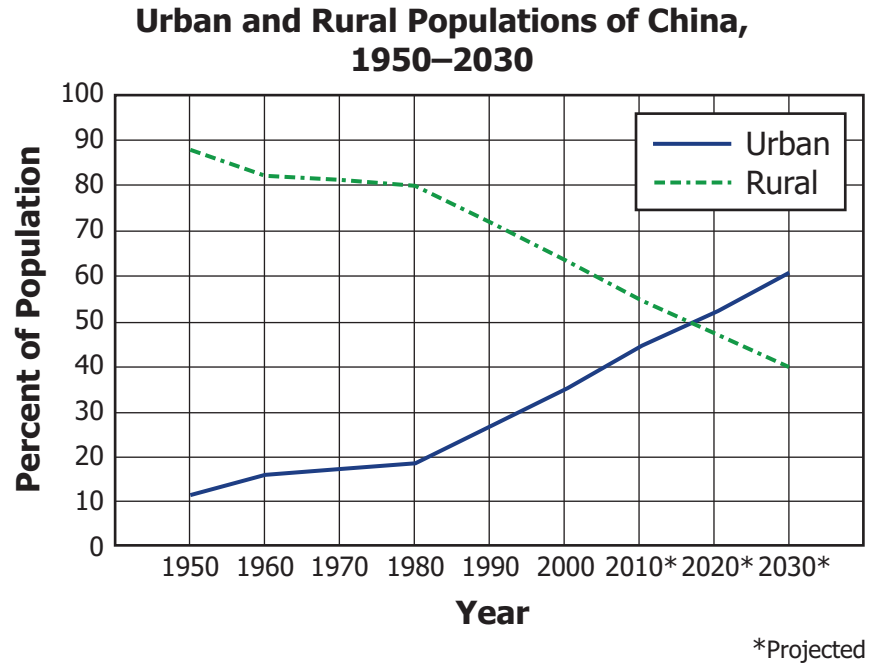
Eastern Hemisphere



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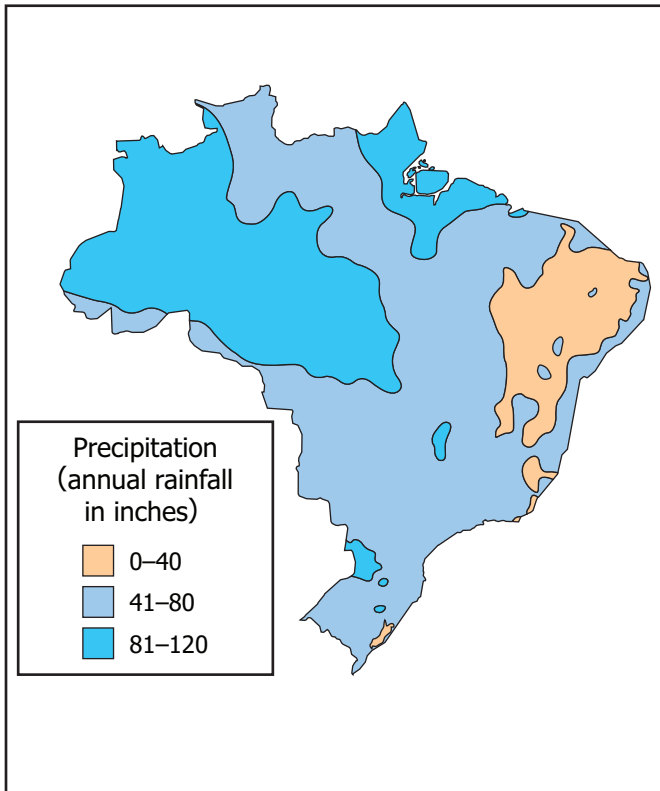
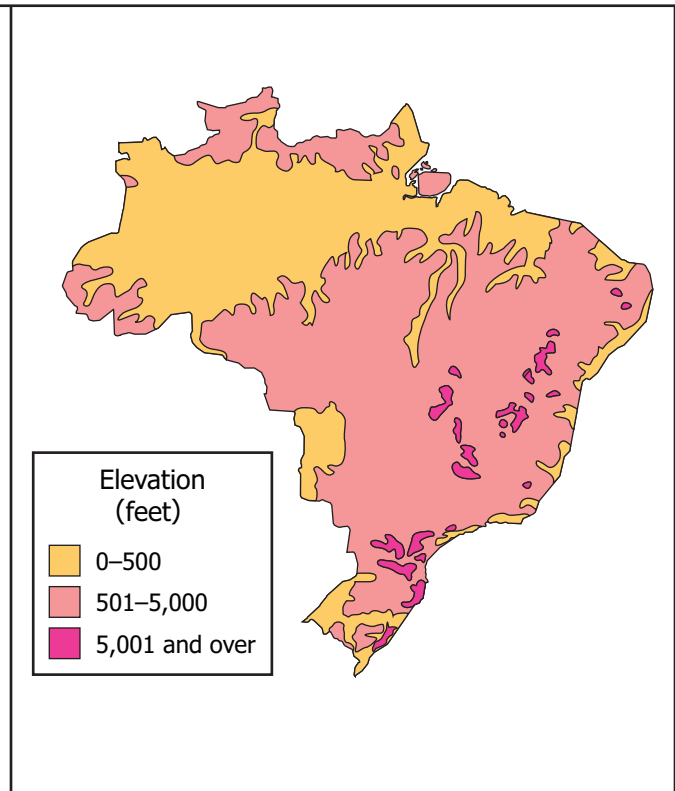
In which region on the map was this photograph most likely taken?

- A** 1
- B** 2
- C** 3
- D** 4



The change of the urban and rural populations in China is related to the increasing —

- A** political turmoil in the cities
- B** economic prosperity on the farms
- C** globalization of the economy
- D** desertification of the country

Precipitation in Brazil**Elevation of Brazil**

Based on these maps, Brazil experiences the greatest amount of rainfall at an elevation that is —

- A** greater than 930 feet
- B** lower than 490 feet
- C** at 1,640 feet
- D** at 6,560 feet

**Selected Standard of Living Indicators
for Latin American Countries, 2003**

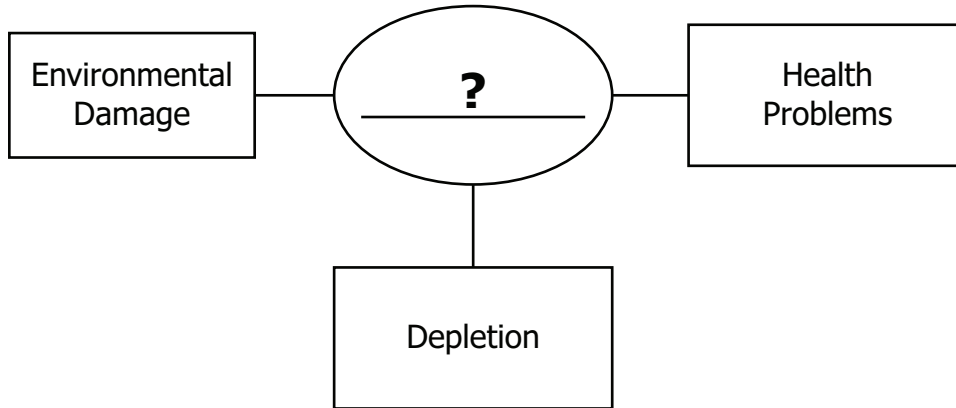
	Gross National Income (per capita)	Life Expectancy at Birth (years)	Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)
Bolivia	\$920.00	65	56
Chile	\$4,330.00	76	9
Costa Rica	\$4,160.00	76	11
Haiti	\$380.00	52	76

Source: World Bank

According to this table, which country is likely to have the highest emigration rate due to push factors?

- A** Bolivia
- B** Chile
- C** Costa Rica
- D** Haiti

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Which title best completes this diagram?

- A** Demand Created by Technology
- B** Cultural Influences on Production
- C** Costs of Resource Use
- D** Priorities in Economic Development

Northwestern Europe, c. 1200**Netherlands, 2004**

Which factor explains the change in land area along the coast of the Netherlands?

- A** Soil deposited by ocean currents
- B** Building of terraces
- C** Lava from undersea volcanoes
- D** Construction of polders

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Answer Key

Item Sequence	Correct Answer
1	A
2	B
3	C
4	B
5	D
6	C
7	D