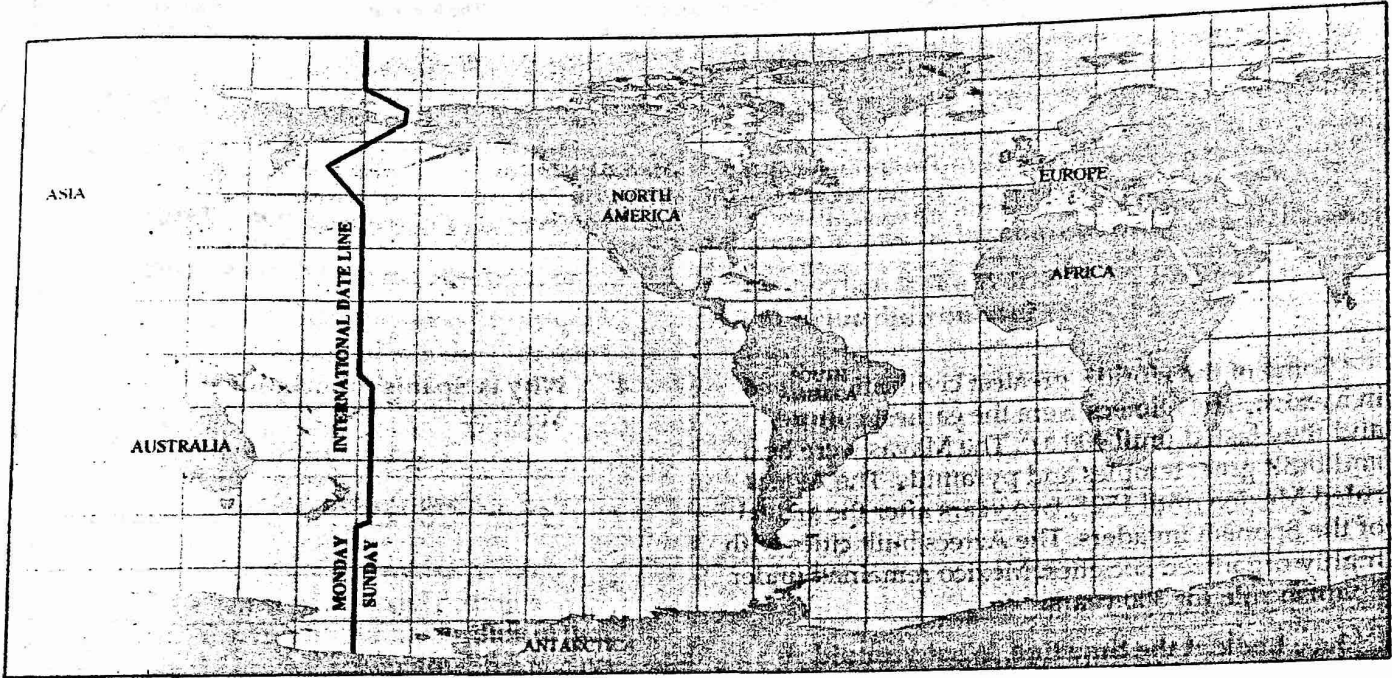


Objective 5: Making Inferences and Generalizations

Sometimes a passage will have a graph or diagram with it. These are there to help you understand the passage.

Tuesday HW



The international date line is a line on a map. It is the ending line for measuring time zones. On one side of the international date line, it is one day. On the other side of the international date line, it is a day later or earlier. The international date line does not always follow a straight line. If it followed a straight line, it would cross land. This would cause problems for the people living in these areas.

1 According to the map, if the international date line were straight, which continent would it go through?

- A Asia
- B Africa
- C Europe
- D North America

Hint: Look for each choice on the map and mark it.

2 What day will it be in North America if it is Tuesday in Asia?

Hint: Look at the map to see where each continent is.

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Answers

1 (A) (B) (C) (D)

Wednesday

KEY EVENTS IN MEXICO'S HISTORY

The Olmecs, Mexico's first great civilization, flourished.

The Aztecs dominated Mexico.

Mexico became independent from Spain.

The Mexican Revolution started.

Mexico signed the North American Free Trade Agreement with Canada and the United States.

The Mayas' "Classical Period," when the great temples and pyramids were built.

The first Spaniards arrived, beginning the conquest.

Mexico lost half its territory in a war with the United States.

Mexico expelled foreign oil companies and nationalized the industry.

Some of the world's greatest civilizations lived in Mexico. The Olmecs were the earliest culture, and they lasted until 400 B.C. The Mayas were next and built great temples and pyramids. The Aztecs ruled Mexico until 1521, two years after the arrival of the Spanish invaders. The Aztecs built cities with highly organized societies. Mexico remained under Spanish rule for 300 years.

3 Look at the time line. What year did Mexico gain its independence?

F 400 B.C.

G 1519

H 1521

J 1821

Hint: Check each choice on the time line.

4 Why is Spanish the national language of Mexico?

Hint: Use the time line to help you.

Answers

3 (F) (G) (H) (J)



Objective 2: Identifying Supporting Ideas

Sometimes it is helpful to arrange events in the order they happened. This may help you to understand a passage better.

In southern India, many people make a living by cutting and hauling wood. They could not do this without the help of trained elephants. Elephants are very smart. They can follow at least fifty different commands called out by the mahouts. A *mahout* is a person who works with elephants.

The mahouts first cut down the tall, heavy trees that grow on the mountains. They take bark from the logs. Next they drill a hole through a tree trunk and put a long, heavy chain through the hole. Then the mahouts tie a short rope to the chain.

Now the elephant takes over. A mahout sits on top of the elephant with his feet behind the elephant's ears. "Lift!" the mahout shouts. The big beast picks up the rope in its trunk and begins to drag the log. The heavy log may weigh as much as three and a half tons. This is about half the elephant's weight.

The elephant drags the log up a steep slope. All the time the mahout commands, "Lift the log over the rock! Walk straight!" The elephant often obeys, but it also thinks on its own. When the animal knows the ground is too slick, it changes direction. When the log gets stuck on a rock, the elephant drops the log, rolls it over, and picks it up again. The elephant does all this without being told.

At the top of the hill, the mahout shouts, "Drop the rope!" The elephant slowly lowers the log onto a huge pile of logs. Another mahout loosens the rope and chain. The animal then carries the mahout down the steep hill again.

The elephant may make this trip as many as thirty times each day. It is as strong as a small truck. But the elephant has what a truck does not have—brain power, common sense, and the ability to follow commands.

Thursday HW
1 When does the elephant drag the log?

- A before the mahout shouts directions
- B while the mahout cuts down the tree
- C after the elephant picks up the rope
- D before the mahout puts the chain through

Hint: Sometimes it helps to write down the steps in order.

2 When does the elephant take over?

Hint: Find the paragraph that starts with this.

3 Which of these happen first when cutting and hauling wood?

- F Mahouts attach chains to logs.
- G Mahouts drill holes.
- H Mahouts chop down trees.
- J Mahouts take the bark from the logs.

Hint: Look at the beginning of the passage.