

Chapter 1: *Test Bank*

Multiple Choice

1) During the 1990s, the Hispanic population in Texas

- A) decreased considerably.
- B) decreased a small amount.
- C) stayed about the same.
- D) increased a small amount.
- E) increased considerably.

Answer: E

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2) The population of Texas is

- A) 1.2 million.
- B) 4.7 million.
- C) 15 million.
- D) about 10 million.
- E) over 20 million.

Answer: E

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3) The largest ethnic group in Texas is

- A) Hispanics.
- B) Anglos.
- C) African Americans.
- D) Asians.
- E) Native Americans.

Answer: B

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4) What is the most common landform in Texas?

- A) plateaus
- B) plains
- C) mountains
- D) hills
- E) valleys

Answer: B

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5) Which of the following was NOT a component of Spanish colonization efforts in Texas?

- A) the mission
- B) the presidio
- C) the rancho
- D) civilian settlements
- E) slavery

Answer: E

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6) How does the size of the Texas population compare with other states?

- A) Texas is the most populous state in the nation.
- B) Texas is the second most populous state in the nation.
- C) Texas is the tenth most populous state in the nation.
- D) The population of Texas is about average compared with other states.
- E) Texas is the least populous state in the United States

Answer: B

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7) The first inhabitants of Texas were the

- A) Native Americans.
- B) African Americans.
- C) Asian Americans.
- D) Anglos.
- E) Germans.

Answer: A

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8) The bulk of settlement by African Americans in Texas occurred during the

- A) 1600s.
- B) 1700s.
- C) 1800s.
- D) 1900s.
- E) 2000s.

Answer: C

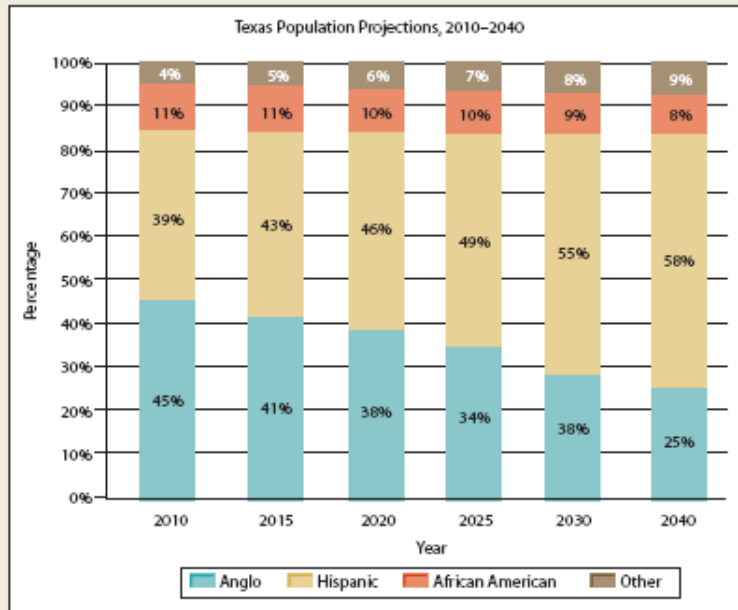
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Analyzing Visuals

Texas Population Projections, 2010–2040

Study the chart depicting population projections for Texas based on data by the Texas State Data Center.



9) According to projected population trends (see “Analyzing Visuals” in this chapter of your text), when will Hispanics exceed 50% of the state’s population?

- A) 2040
- B) 2030
- C) 2020
- D) 2015
- E) 2010

Answer: B

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10) Beginning in 1991, Native American tribes in Texas were allowed to open casinos for the first time because

- A) the United States Supreme Court issued a court order.
- B) Congress passed the Indian betting Act of 1991.
- C) The Texas Legislature elected the first Native American speaker of the Texas House of Representatives.
- D) The Texas Constitution was amended to allow some forms of gambling.
- E) Jack Abramoff sued the state.

Answer: D

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11) _____ has the largest Asian American population in Texas.

- A) Dallas
- B) Houston
- C) Austin
- D) Lubbock
- E) Galveston

Answer: B

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12) Which of the following Texas cities elected the first Asian American woman to the Texas legislature?

- A) Houston
- B) Dallas
- C) San Marcos
- D) Lubbock
- E) Austin

Answer: A

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13) Since the 1940s, the majority of Texans have lived in

- A) desert areas.
- B) rural areas.
- C) rural areas along the border with Mexico.
- D) urban areas along the border with Mexico.
- E) urban areas.

Answer: E

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14) By 2000, the _____ population of Texas fell below 16%.

- A) rural
- B) urban
- C) suburban
- D) Anglo
- E) middle-aged

Answer: A

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15) The largest city in Texas is

- A) San Antonio.
- B) Houston.
- C) Dallas.
- D) El Paso.
- E) Fort Worth.

Answer: B

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16)The ideological basis for politics in Texas can best be called

- A) liberalism.
- B) populism.
- C) libertarianism.
- D) the Texan Creed.
- E) Retro Liberalism.

Answer: D

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17)The Texan Creed consists of

- A) liberty, individualism, constitutionalism, and equality.
- B) liberty, communitarianism, constitutionalism, and freedom.
- C) liberty, freedom, socialism, and constitutionalism.
- D) liberty, individualism, freedom, and populism.
- E) populism, freedom, and anarchism.

Answer: A

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18)Constitutionalism places

- A) limits on citizens' powers over government.
- B) limits on government through a written document.
- C) limits on government through oral agreements.
- D) limits on the authority of the United Nations.
- E) limits on the executive branch of government but not on the other branches.

Answer: B

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19)The first real economy in Texas was created by

- A) cattle ranchers.
- B) computer software entrepreneurs.
- C) southern planters.
- D) oil tycoons.
- E) commodity traders in the 1950s.

Answer: C

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20) Students from Texas high schools in Dallas, Houston, and Austin participated in protests against

- A) the firing of minority teachers.
- B) increasing the length of the school day to 10 hours.
- C) making illegal immigration a felony.
- D) forcing illegal immigrants to pay back taxes.
- E) making all immigrants take literacy tests.

Answer: C

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True/False

1) Native Americans constitute a small percentage of Texas's population.

Answer: TRUE

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2) The mission was an important institution of Spanish colonization.

Answer: TRUE

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3) The term *Anglos* is used to refer to non-Hispanic whites.

Answer: TRUE

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4) In the late 1800s, Chinese laborers in Texas helped construct railroads.

Answer: TRUE

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5) Almost all of Texas legislators in the late twentieth century have been Hispanics.

Answer: FALSE

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6) Prior to the 1940s, most Texans lived in rural areas.

Answer: TRUE
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7) Texas's population declined dramatically in the 1990s.

Answer: FALSE
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8) By the late 1800s, relatively few Native Americans remained in Texas.

Answer: TRUE
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Difficulty Level: 1

9) All of Texas's governors have been Anglos.

Answer: TRUE
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Difficulty Level: 1

10) The most important economic issue for Hispanics is trade with Mexico.

Answer: FALSE
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Difficulty Level: 2

11) In Texas, the frontier era lasted only one decade.

Answer: FALSE
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Difficulty Level: 2

12) The Alamo exemplifies Texans' passion for liberty.

Answer: TRUE
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Difficulty Level: 1

13) *Tejanos* are native Texans of Mexican decent.

Answer: TRUE
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Difficulty Level: 1

14) American conservatism believes that humans are selfish by nature.

Answer: TRUE
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Difficulty Level: 1

15) Texas has a strong populist tradition.

Answer: TRUE
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Difficulty Level: 2

16)The Texas economy began to diversify in the 1960s.

Answer: FALSE
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Difficulty Level: 2

17)Unprecedented economic growth in Texas has lessened the gap between the rich and the poor.

Answer: FALSE
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Difficulty Level: 2

18)When compared with other states, the distribution of income in Texas is among the most unequal.

Answer: TRUE
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Difficulty Level: 2

19)The poor in Texas live primarily in metropolitan areas and along the border with Mexico.

Answer: TRUE
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Difficulty Level: 2

Short Answer

- 1)How does the Texan Creed differ from the American Creed?
- 2)Discuss the significance of the Alamo to the idea of liberty.
- 3)Describe how the Texas economy has changed.
- 4)Select one of the four ethnic groups in Texas and briefly explain their impact on Texas's politics and economy.
- 5)Discuss shifts in Texas's population during the 1980s and 1990s.

Essay

- 1)Discuss Hispanics' impact on Texas politics since 1990 and their potential impact on Texas's politics in the future. Be sure to discuss the ideologies Hispanics tend to embrace and the political issues Hispanics tend to be most concerned about.
- 2)Briefly summarize the four ideologies discussed in the chapter and explain why ideologies are important to an understanding of Texas politics.
- 3)Discuss shifts in the Texas economy since 1980 and how these changes link to changes in the Texas population during the same time.

4)How common is poverty in Texas compared with the nation as a whole? Within Texas, how does poverty differ by ethnicity? What possible explanations might account for these patterns?

5)What are the arguments for whether non-English-speaking students should be taught using bilingual education? Which set of arguments do you find most persuasive? Why?