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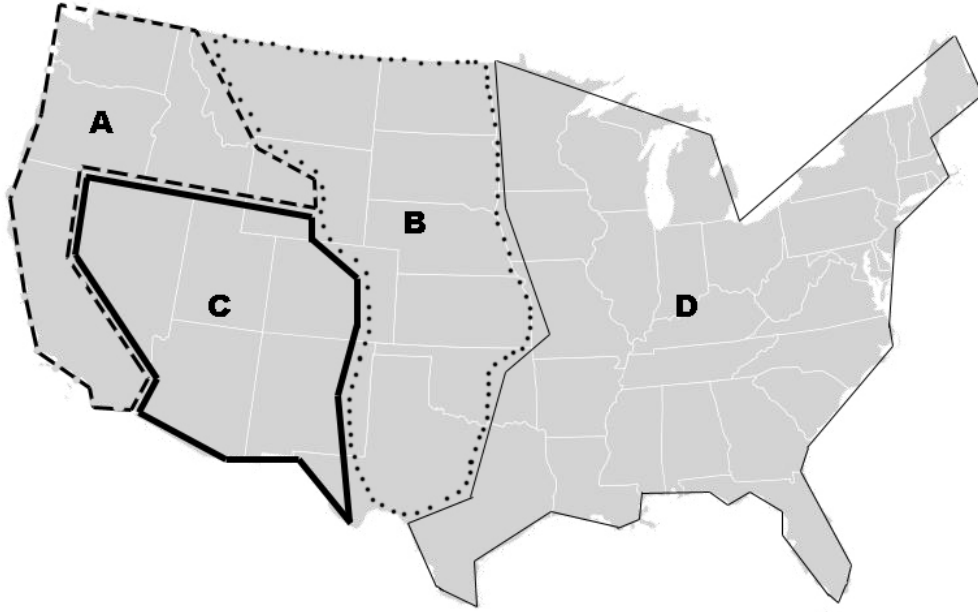
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**Directions: Choose the best answer for each question.**

**1** Which section of the map below shows the Great Plains?



- A** D
- B** C
- C** B
- D** A

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**2** The Great Plains are bordered by what physical geographic feature on the east and west?

- A** Appalachian Mountains on the east and Rocky Mountains on the west
- B** Mississippi River on the east and Appalachian Mountains on the west
- C** Lake Michigan on the east and Arkansas River on the west
- D** Mississippi River on the east and Rocky Mountains on the west

- 3 What region of the United States is being described in the following quote?

*You see nothing but the rise and swell of land and grass, and then more grass—the monotonous, endless prairie!*

—painter John Noble, 1927

- A The Great Plains
  - B The Southwest
  - C The East Coast
  - D The Great Divide
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- 4 Read the following quote and identify the two elements Webb claims had been withdrawn.

*East of the Mississippi, civilization stood on three legs—land, water, and timber; west of the Mississippi not one but two of these legs were withdrawn...*

—historian Walter Prescott Webb, 1931

- A Land and timber
  - B Water and land
  - C Water and timber
  - D None of the above
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- 5 In the mid to late 1800s, mapmakers referred to the Great Plains as the Great American Desert because —

- A the area suffered from high temperatures year round
  - B the area was flat and uninhabited
  - C the area was dry with very little vegetation
  - D the annual precipitation of the area was below thirty inches
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- 6 What animal was “a galloping department store” for American Indians of the Plains?

- A The buffalo
- B The horse
- C The antelope
- D The wolf