Kentucky Sample Questions 8th **Grade Social Studies**

1. This is a quote from writings created by the Mesopotamian civilization.

If anyone takes [an enslaved] male or female...of the court, or [an enslaved] male or female...of a freed man, outside the city gates, he shall be put to death.

If anyone takes over a field to till it, and obtains no harvest therefrom, it must be proved that he did no work on the field, and he must deliver grain, just as his neighbor raised, to the owner of the field.

If anyone is committing a robbery and is caught, then he shall be put to death.

If a merchant gives an agent grain, wool, oil, or any other goods to transport, the agent shall give a receipt for the amount, and compensate the merchant therefore, he shall obtain a receipt from the merchant for the money that he

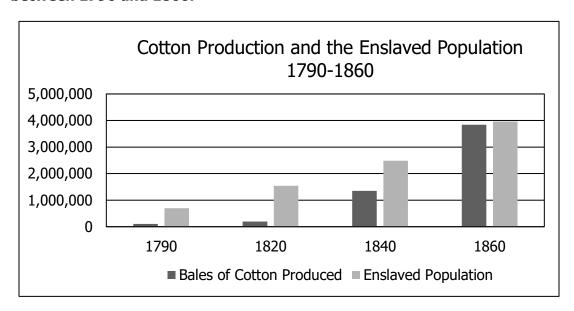
What was the significance of these writings?

- **A** They created polytheistic religion.
- **B** They provided the first set of written laws.
- **C** They established a social structure.
- **D** They created job specialization.

How did the invention of the steamboat stimulate the American economy?Select <u>three</u> that apply.

- **A** It gave farmers in the West better access to markets.
- **B** It lowered the value of land along waterways.
- **C** It opened the West and South to further settlement.
- **D** It changed waterfront villages into commerce centers.
- **E** It raised taxes on interstate trade.

3. This graph shows the cotton production and the enslaved population of the nation between 1790 and 1860.



What most likely accounts for the trend in this graph?

- A invention and use of the cotton gin
- **B** end of the international trade of enslaved Africans
- **C** opening of textile mills in the South
- **D** reduction in immigration from Europe

4. This is a timeline of events in Kentucky during the Civil War.



Which event completes this timeline?

- **A** Kentucky seceded from the Union.
- **B** Kentucky was divided into North Kentucky and South Kentucky.
- **C** Kentucky committed to stay in the Union.
- **D** Kentucky became the most-contested battleground of the Civil War.