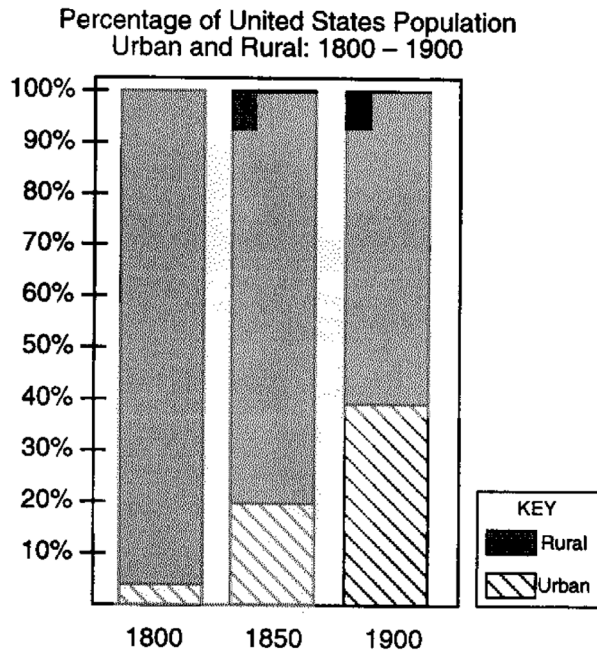


US History Regents Exam Questions: Interpreting Graphs

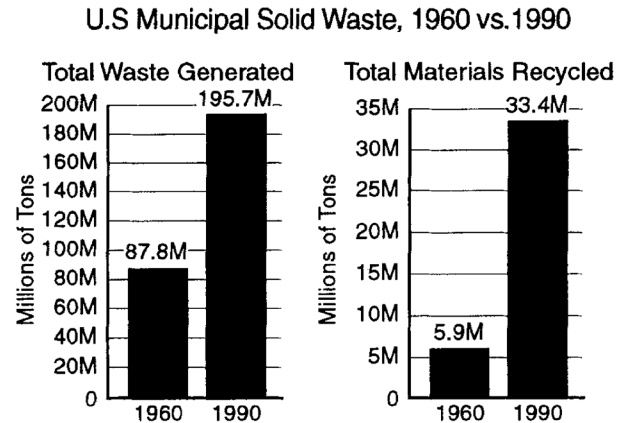
- 1 Base your answer on the graph below and your knowledge of social studies.



Which generalization concerning population trends during the 19th century is most clearly supported by the information provided by the graph?

- 1) Jobs attracted about 60% of the population to rural areas.
- 2) Most immigrants moved to rural areas.
- 3) Family size was greater in rural areas than in urban areas.
- 4) The percentage of the population living in urban areas grew.

- 2 Base your answer on the graphs below and your knowledge of social studies.

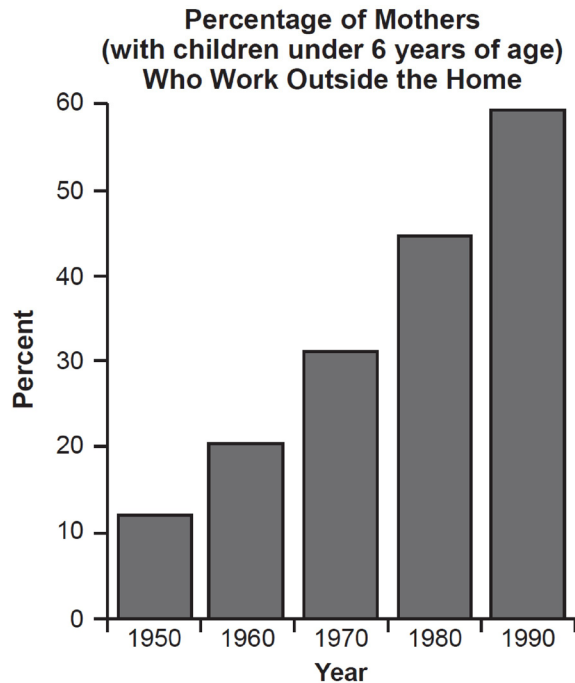


Source: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Data from the graphs support the conclusion that between 1960 and 1990

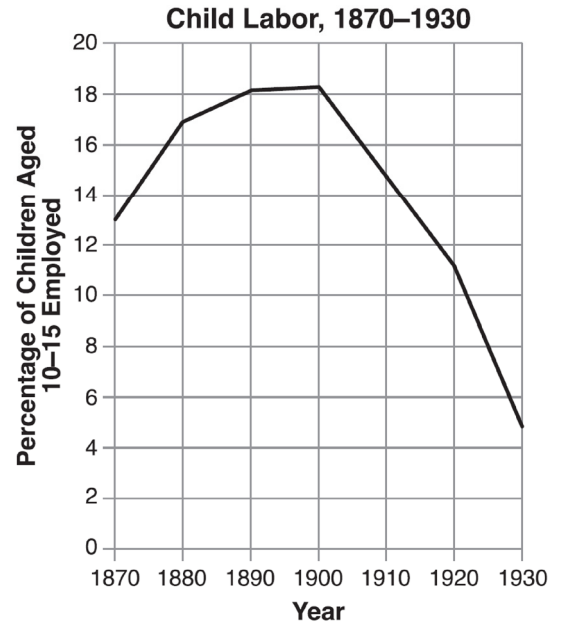
- 1) the government failed in its efforts at recycling
- 2) the amount of waste that was recycled increased
- 3) most people favor mandatory recycling efforts
- 4) efforts to recycle waste decreased steadily

- 3 Base your answer on the graph below and your knowledge of social studies.



Source: 1996 *Green Book*, U.S. Department of Labor,
Bureau of Labor Statistics (adapted)

- 4 Based on this graph, how did the use of child labor change between 1900 and 1920?

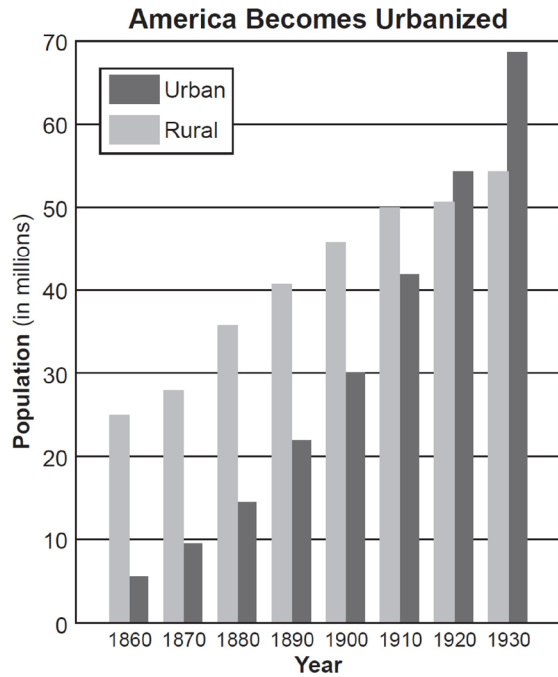


Source: United States Bureau of the Census
(adapted)

Which statement is most clearly supported by the information in the graph?

- 1) More children were under age 6 in 1990 than in 1950.
- 2) Since 1990, women have made up more than half of the workforce.
- 3) The gap between male and female incomes has declined.
- 4) Fewer women are staying home to raise their young children.

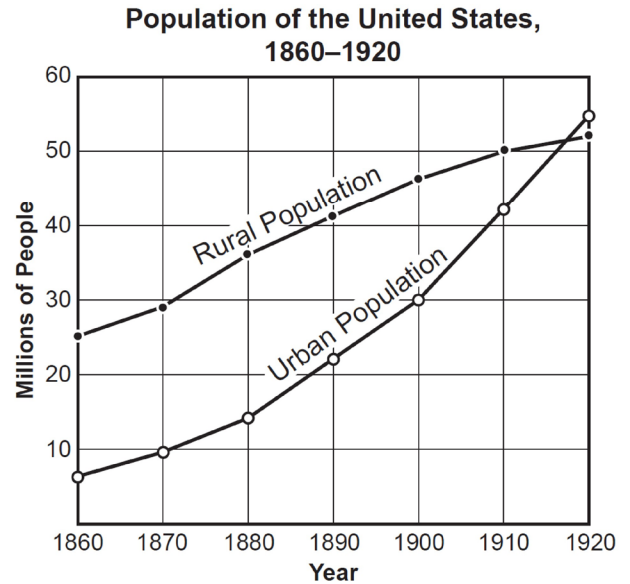
- 5 Base your answer on the graph below and your knowledge of social studies.



According to the graph, which was the first year in which more Americans lived in urban areas than in rural areas?

- 1) 1860
- 2) 1890
- 3) 1920
- 4) 1930

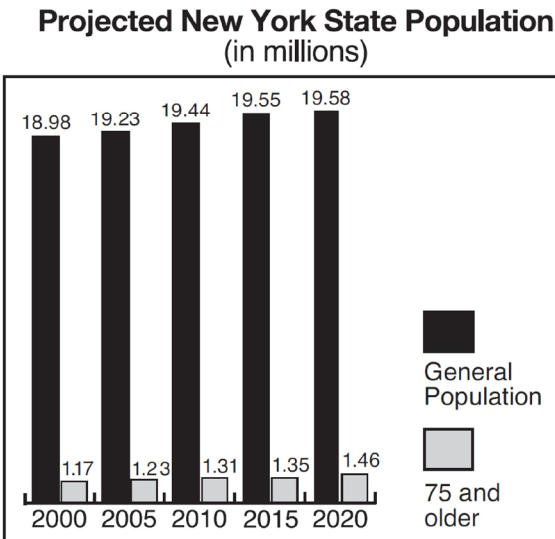
- 6 Base your answer on the graph below and your knowledge of social studies.



Which statement about population distribution in the United States between 1860 and 1920 is best supported by the graph?

- 1) Rural population declined after 1910.
- 2) Many Americans migrated from urban to rural areas.
- 3) Immigration played a limited role in urban growth.
- 4) The population of cities grew at a faster rate than that of rural areas.

- 7 Base your answer on the graph below and your knowledge of social studies.

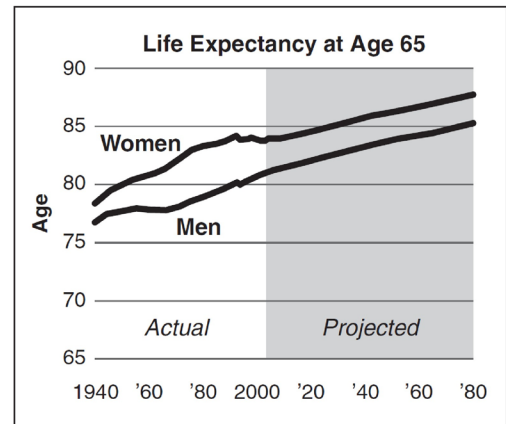


Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, 2005 (adapted)

Which generalization about the projected population in New York State is most clearly supported by the information on the graph?

- 1) The death rate will slowly increase by 2020.
- 2) The number of citizens 75 and older will double by 2020.
- 3) The number of citizens 75 and older will steadily decline by 2020.
- 4) The population of both groups shown on the graph will increase by 2020.

- 8 Base your answer on the graph below and your knowledge of social studies.

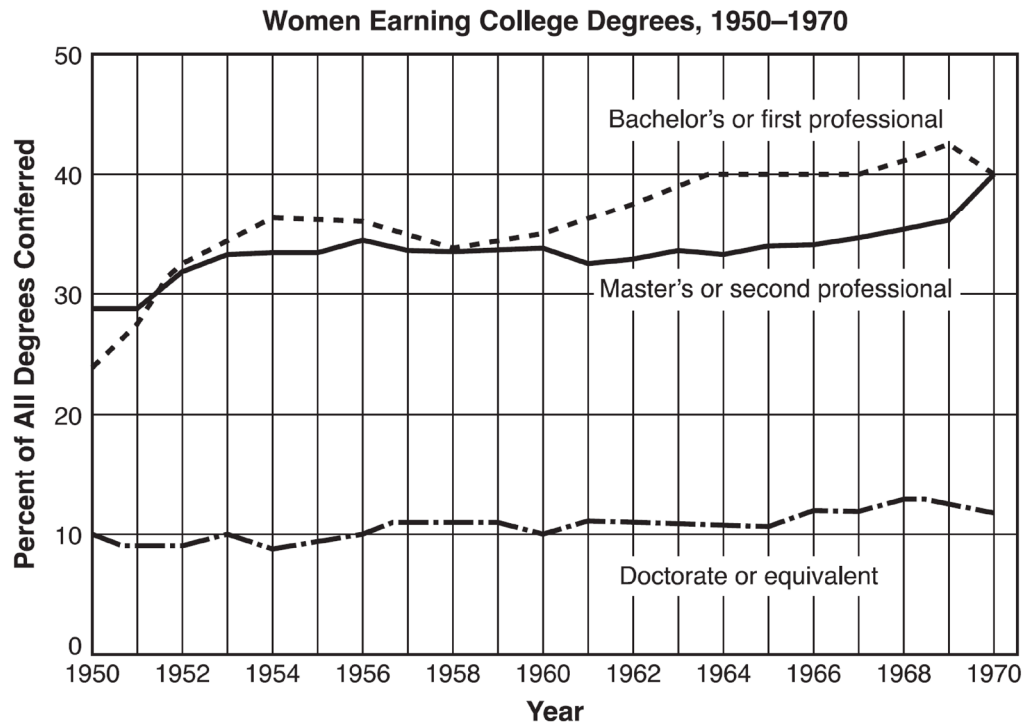


Source: *New York Times*, June 12, 2005 (adapted)

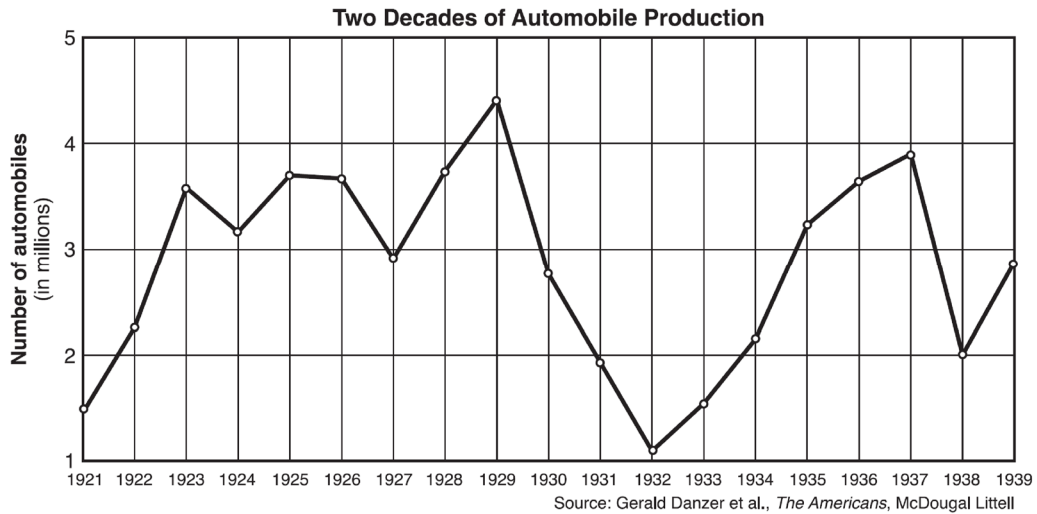
Which conclusion about life expectancy at age 65 is most clearly supported by the information in the graph?

- 1) Life expectancies for men and women are likely to remain the same.
- 2) Life expectancy rates for men show a steady decline since 1980.
- 3) By 2040, the life expectancy of men will exceed that of women.
- 4) Current life expectancy exceeds age 80 for both men and women.

- 9 According to this graph, what generalization can be made about the levels of education attained by women between 1950 and 1970?



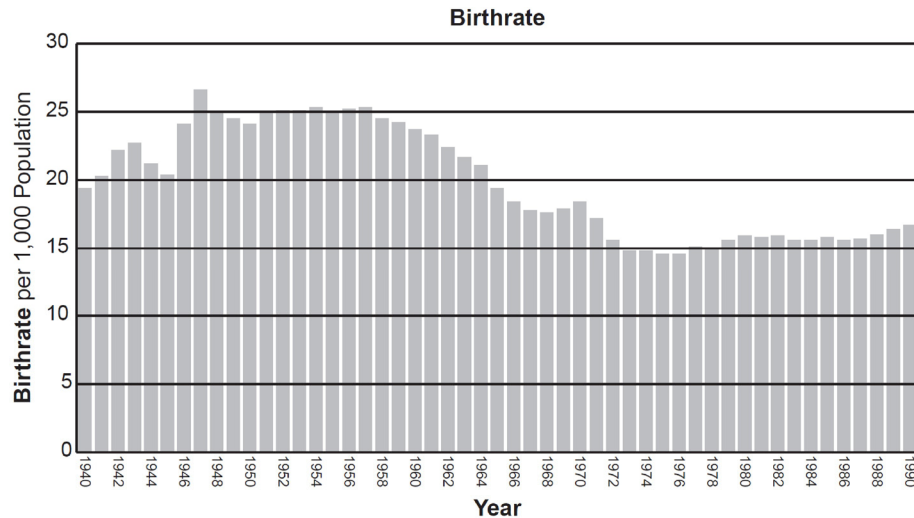
10 Base your answer on the graph below and your knowledge of social studies.



Which conclusion is best supported by the information on the graph?

- 1) The level of automobile production remained constant.
- 2) The average American family found the automobile too expensive to purchase.
- 3) By 1929, most of the automobiles in the world were produced in the United States.
- 4) Changes in economic conditions led to changes in automobile production.

Base your answers to the following two questions on the graph below and your knowledge of social studies.

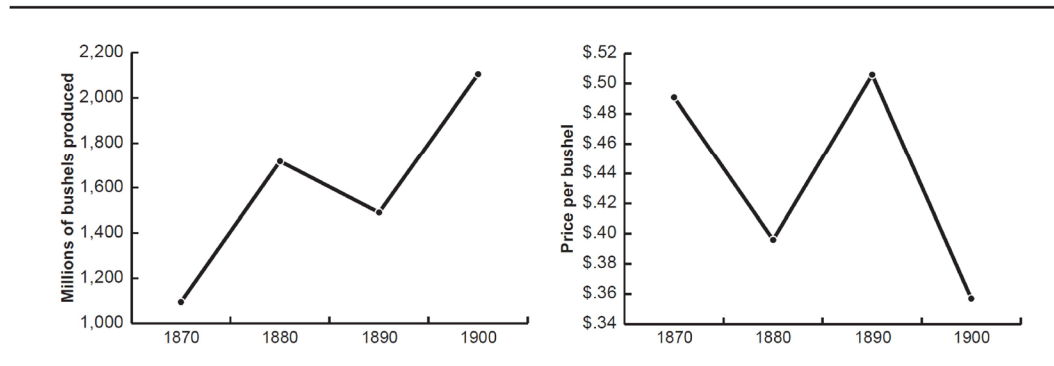


Source: U.S. Census Bureau, *Statistical Abstract of the United States* (adapted)

- 11 Which situation can be inferred from the population trend shown on the graph?
- 1) In the 1980s, more new schools were needed than in the early 1960s.
 - 2) In the 1970s, there was increased migration to the northeast.
 - 3) In the 1980s, the number of baby boomers was recognized as a threat to the future of Social Security benefits.
 - 4) In the 1990s, death rates increased.
- 12 Information on the graph shows that the birthrate peaked in
- 1) 1940
 - 2) 1947
 - 3) 1957
 - 4) 1970

13 Base your answer on the graphs below and your knowledge of social studies.

Corn Production and Prices, 1870–1900

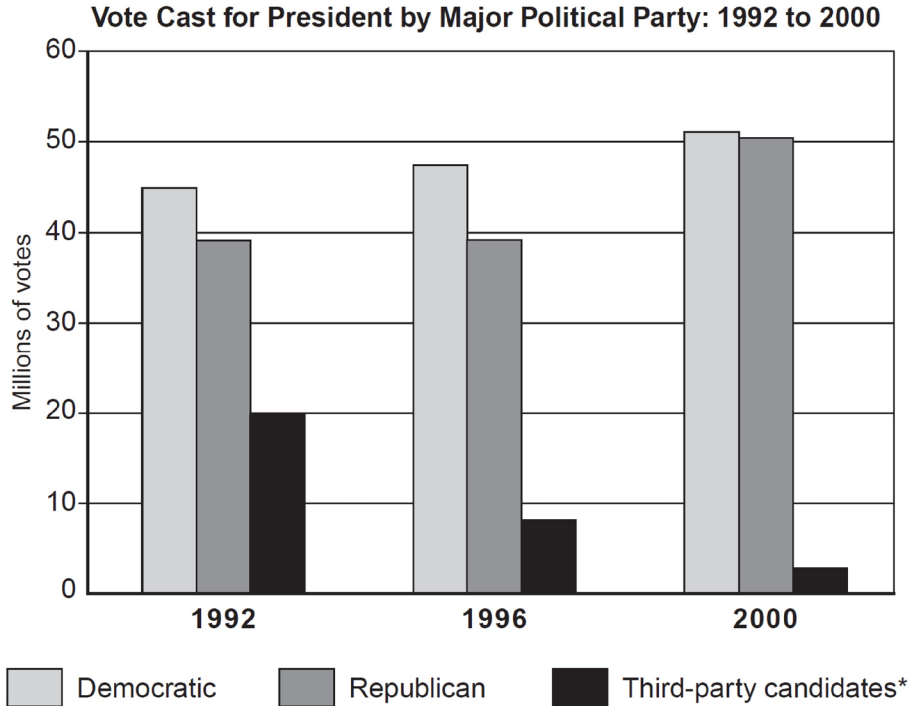


Source: *Statistical Abstract of the United States*, 1900 (adapted)

Which trend is shown in these graphs?

- 1) When production increases, prices decrease.
- 2) When production increases, prices increase.
- 3) When production remains unchanged, prices decrease.
- 4) Prices and production are usually unrelated.

14 Base your answer on the graph below and your knowledge of social studies.



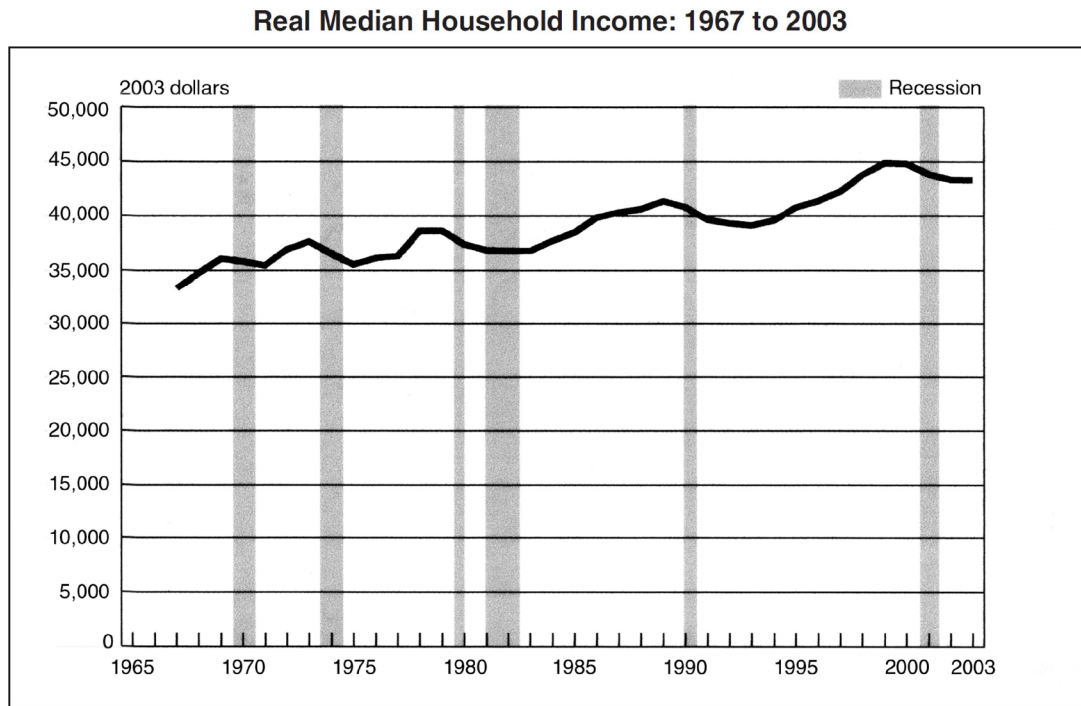
* Candidates with 1 million or more votes: 1992 – Independent Party, Ross Perot
1996 – Reform Party, Ross Perot
2000 – Green Party, Ralph Nader

Source: U. S. Census Bureau, *Statistical Abstract of the United States: 2004–2005* (adapted)

Data from this graph support the conclusion that between 1992 and 2000

- | | |
|--|---|
| 1) the Democrats lost more votes to third-party candidates than the Republicans did | 3) less than 50 percent of eligible voters participated in elections |
| 2) third-party candidates received less support in each succeeding presidential election | 4) the Republicans received more than 40 million votes in each election |

15 Base your answer on the graph below and your knowledge of social studies.

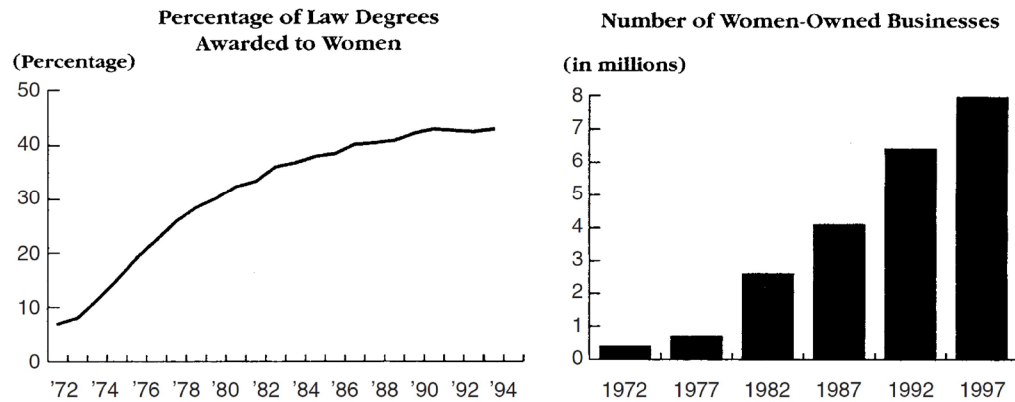


Source: U. S. Census Bureau, *Current Population Survey, 1968 to 2004, Annual Social and Economic Supplements* (adapted)

Based on the graph, which statement about median household income between 1967 and 2003 is most accurate?

- 1) It doubled.
- 2) It decreased by about \$5,000.
- 3) It increased by about \$10,000.
- 4) It increased by about \$50,000.

16 Base your answer on the graphs below and your knowledge of social studies.



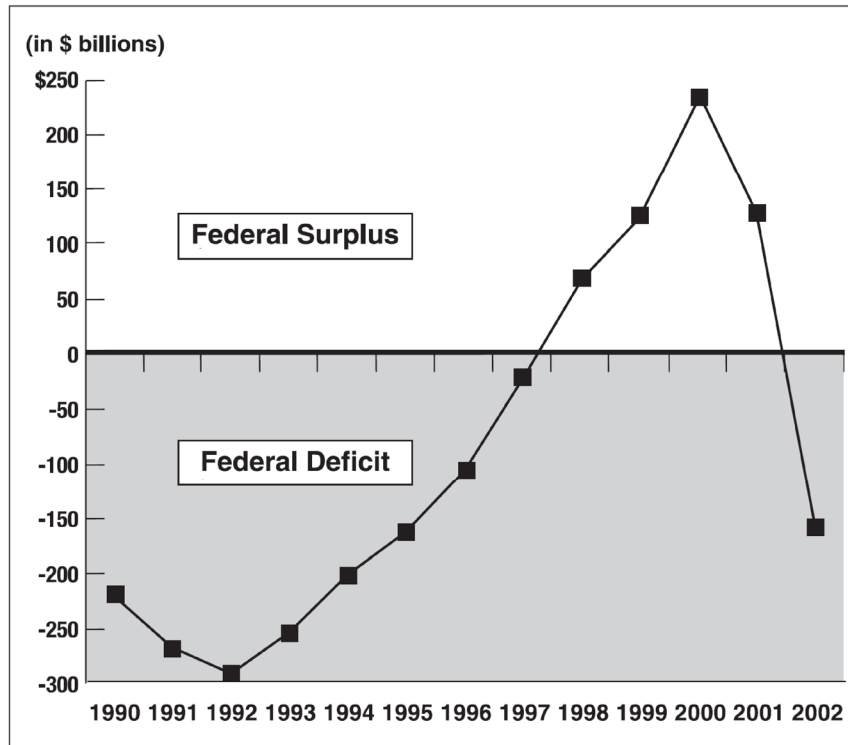
Source: "Feminism's Future," *The CQ Researcher*, February 1997 (adapted)

Data from the graphs most clearly support the conclusion that by the mid-1990s, American women as a group

- | | |
|---|--|
| 1) surpassed men in the number of businesses owned and law degrees received | 3) had gained more opportunities in professional areas |
| 2) had given up marriage in favor of careers outside the home | 4) earned more than men in the legal profession |

17 Base your answer on the graph below and your knowledge of social studies.

**Federal Budget Deficits and Surpluses
(1990–2002)**



Source: CQ Researcher, 2003 (adapted)

Which statement about the federal budget is most clearly supported by the information in the graph?

- 1) The budget was balanced throughout most of the 1990s.
- 2) The budget surplus began declining in 1998.
- 3) The budget deficit became smaller between 1992 and 1997.
- 4) The budget deficit remained unchanged between 1992 and 2000.

US History Regents Exam Questions: Interpreting Graphs
Answer Section

1 ANS: 4 REF: 019818us

2 ANS: 2 REF: 060145us

3 ANS: 4 REF: 010445us

4 ANS:

child labor decreased; not as many children between 10 and 15 worked; child labor increased before 1900 and then started to decrease

REF: 010511A5us

5 ANS: 3 REF: 060645us

6 ANS: 4 REF: 080631us

7 ANS: 4 REF: 080846us

8 ANS: 4 REF: 060949us

9 ANS:

women were becoming better educated; women were earning more college degrees

REF: 080211A4us

10 ANS: 4 REF: 010525us

11 ANS: 3 REF: 010549us

12 ANS: 2 REF: 010550us

13 ANS: 1 REF: 080515us

14 ANS: 2 REF: 060844us

15 ANS: 3 REF: 010938us

16 ANS: 3 REF: 080950us

17 ANS: 3 REF: 011048us