Using the Performance Level Descriptor for Proficient, identify the most difficult item that a student who is just barely proficient would have a 2/3 chance of answering correctly. Enter its page number in the box below.
2. Many American colonists believed that the Stamp Act (1765) represented a form of

A. taxation without representation.
B. colonial self-government.
C. compromise with the British Parliament.
D. limitation on international trade.

Key = A
6. What did the United States government do in response to the event referred to in the cartoon and headline?

A. The government decided to seek peace immediately and to end the Cold War.
B. The government banned civilian contact between United States and Soviet citizens.
C. The government decided to spend more on both scientific education and the military.
D. The government requested that the United Nations prohibit Soviet space exploration.

Key = C
During the 1500’s and 1600’s, what was the major cause of death among Indians of the Americas?

A. Warfare between Native Americans and Europeans
B. Infections and diseases brought by Europeans
C. Changing climatic conditions
D. Warfare among tribes

Key = B
5. A consequence of Prohibition was

A. the failure of the Republicans in the 1928 presidential election.
B. the growth of organized crime.
C. the turning of public attention to pressing international issues.
D. widespread popular support for further moral reform.

Key = B
4. The Monroe Doctrine was intended to

A. promote United States trade with China.
B. help keep the peace in Europe.
C. protect United States business in Japan and Korea.
D. discourage European involvement in the Americas.

Key = C

Achievement level required for a 2/3 chance to answer correctly: 0.72
LIVE BIRTHS PER 1,000 RESIDENTS IN THE UNITED STATES

3. The graph above supports which statement about the birthrate in the United States?

A. It declined steadily from 1920 to 1950.
B. It increased rapidly during the Great Depression.
C. It increased after the Second World War.
D. It tended to increase after each war.

Key = D