Social Studies sample questions

What prevented Texas from becoming a state immediately after winning its independence from Mexico?

A. Texas had amassed huge war debts.
B. The balance of slave and free states would have been upset.
C. Mexico threatened to retake southern California and Arizona.
D. Most Texans were actually of Mexican descent.

Which economic/political system is in theory characterized by a classless society, government control of wages and prices, and national resources owned collectively by the people?

A. anarchism
B. fascism
C. capitalism
D. communism

Which event was partly caused by the sinking of the Lusitania?

A. The Germans began using mustard gas in World War I.
B. The United States ratified the Treaty of Versailles.
C. The United States entered World War I.
D. World War I ended.

Use the information below to answer the next two questions.

A group of political science students considered protesting recent tuition hikes at their college. In order to find out what kind of support they could expect, they conducted a survey of the student body. They asked 120 of the total 3,000 students at the college these questions:

1. Do you oppose recent tuition hikes?
   - Yes 70%
   - No 30%

   If Yes, answer questions 2 and 3.

2. Would you sign a petition in protest?
   - Yes 50%
   - No 50%

3. Would you participate in a strike?
   - Yes 20%
   - No 80%

Which conclusion is best supported by the results of the student survey?

A. Of the students surveyed, 70% would both sign a petition and strike.
B. Of the students surveyed, 20% would participate in a strike.
C. Half of the students who oppose the tuition hike would sign a petition.
D. A majority of the students at the college oppose the tuition hikes.

How could the students have improved the survey?

A. Request student signatures for the petition on the spot.
B. Include more students in the sample surveyed.
C. Have the survey designed by students from a variety of majors.
D. Determine more information about the students: age, sex, and major field of study.