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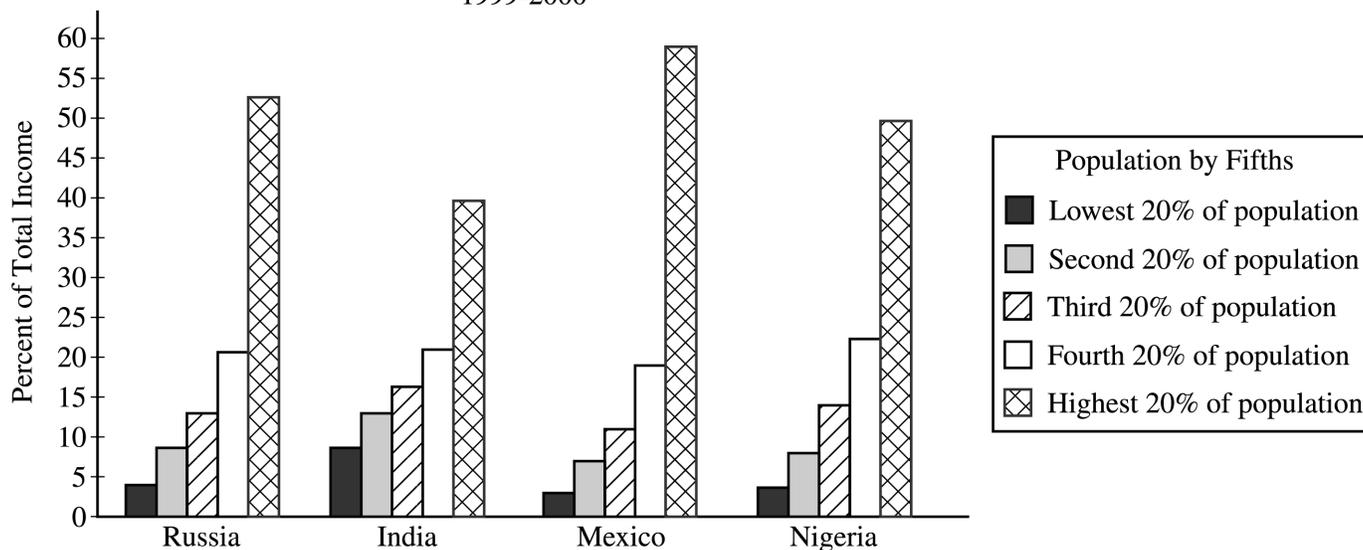
Section II

Time—100 minutes

Directions: You have 100 minutes to answer all four of the following questions. Unless the directions indicate otherwise, respond to all parts of all four questions. It is suggested that you take a few minutes to plan and outline each answer. Spend approximately one-fourth of your time (25 minutes) on each question. In your response, use substantive examples where appropriate. Make certain to number each of your answers as the question is numbered below.

1. In China opportunities for citizen participation in politics have increased since the initiation of reform.
 - (a) Support this thesis with responses to each of the following.
 - Discuss two forms of political participation used by Chinese citizens in the last ten years.
 - Describe how two factors account for the increased opportunities for political participation.
 - (b) Explain one consequence of increased Chinese citizen participation for China.

INCOME DISTRIBUTION IN RUSSIA, INDIA, MEXICO, AND NIGERIA
1999-2000



Percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

2. The chart above lists income distribution by quintiles (fifths) of the population.
 - (a) Compare the overall income distribution in Russia to the overall income distribution in India or Mexico or Nigeria.
 - (b) Identify one policy that has contributed to the overall income distribution in Russia and explain how it has contributed to the overall income distribution in Russia.
 - (c) Identify one policy that has contributed to the overall income distribution in India or Mexico or Nigeria and explain how it has contributed to the overall income distribution in India or Mexico or Nigeria.

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3. India, Mexico, and Nigeria all have political parties and party systems. Using your knowledge of India or Mexico or Nigeria for your analysis, complete the following tasks.
- (a) Describe the party system that currently exists in either India or Mexico or Nigeria.
 - (b) Explain how one specific electoral procedure has contributed to the structure of the party system described in (a).
 - (c) Explain how one factor other than electoral procedures has contributed to the structure of the party system described in (a).
4. The development of the European Union (EU) may influence national sovereignty, as seen in member countries' differing responses to EU policy areas.
- (a) Describe how the governments of France and Great Britain have responded to EU policy initiatives in two specific areas from the list below.
 - Defense
 - Judicial system
 - Monetary system
 - Trade
 - (b) Based on your descriptions in (a), describe the implications of each country's policy response for its sovereignty.

END OF EXAMINATION