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Question 1

This question is concerned with the manifestation of changing global economies on the landscape.

A. Define a Maquiladora: (2 points) 1 point for any 2 bulleted items, 2 points for 3-4 bulleted items
   - Foreign owned plants located in Mexico (outsourcing)
   - Advantage of cheap labor (sweatshops can serve as a synonym for cheap labor)
   - Export of assembled products to the US (export processing zones)
   - Import of product components (not acceptable: manufacturing without assembly and use of raw materials)

B. Refer to the map to explain the spatial distribution of maquiladoras within Mexico: (2 points) 1 point for location on the border of the US (e.g., Ariz., Calif., New Mexico, Texas) & Mexico, 1 point for explanation why maquiladoras are located on the border
   Acceptable:
   - Close to major cities/points of entry to the US
   - Ease of transportation into the US
   - Mexican government originally insisted that maquiladoras be within 35 miles of the US border
   Not acceptable:
   - Low cost labor
   - Ocean ports
   - Physical environmental factors

C. Discuss FOUR factors that explain why Mexico has emerged as an important location in the global system of industrial organization: (4 points) 1 point for each factor
   Labor:
   - Inexpensive labor costs in Mexico: New/global international division of labor
   Political/Economic:
   - NAFTA
   - Weak environmental regulations in Mexico
   - Tax incentives/No Mexican tariffs on imported parts or for exported products
   - Mexico’s stable government
   - Mexico’s stable economy
   - Mexico’s proximity to US market
   - Mexico’s expanding middle class/urbanization/skilled labor
   - Exploitation of less developed countries/core-periphery model
   - Rise of transnational corporations
   - Use of oil as leverage in international market (equity for international loans)
   - US shift to a tertiary economy
   - Tourism as a source of foreign currency
Question 1 (cont’d.)

Location/Infrastructure - Mexico/US:
- Transportation connections between US and Mexico
- US transportation structure

Not Acceptable:
- Landlocked countries/land bridge to South America
- Abundant labor source
- Climate
- Maintaining a global inequality of income (dependency theory argument)
Question 2

A. List TWO factors that have increased the demand for poultry. (One-word answers acceptable; 2 points)

- Population increase (national or global)
- Health benefits (e.g., low fat diets)
- Safety of poultry vs. other meats like beef & pork (e.g., “mad cow”)
- Enhanced image of poultry (e.g., ease of preparation, appearance, marketing, advertising)
- Availability (e.g., growth of poultry-based franchises like Chick Fil-A, restaurant menus) NB Supply based arguments not acceptable
- Everydayness: shift in cultural tradition to the consumption of poultry more frequently (not just special occasions like Thanksgiving)
- Some groups have ethnic/religious/cultural taboos against beef and pork
- Falling prices (compared to other meats, or historically), NB Supply based arguments not acceptable

B. Briefly describe TWO characteristics of the present economic organization of poultry production in the U.S. (2 points)

- A corporation controls multiple elements of poultry production (feed production-delivery of feed & chicks-raising-processing-marketing) (i.e., vertical integration/commodity chains)
- Large scale operations (as seen in the number of birds per farm)
- Specialized farms (they raise poultry only)
- Application of manufacturing process (mass production style/factory-like) (e.g., use of chemicals to produce a healthier & faster growing product, inputs-outputs, assembly line process)

C. Describe TWO features of the present geographic distribution of poultry production in the U.S. (2 points)

- Regional concentration or clustered in a particular location. NB Not acceptable: regional names only, explanations based on references to climate or grain growing
- Proximity to markets or transportation corridors
- Regional concentration in economically depressed farming areas
- Regional concentration in areas with low wage rates
- Attraction of an immigrant work force
- Effects of concentration of poultry into small areas (e.g., environmental concerns, land use conflicts), NB Ethical arguments not acceptable
Question 3

A. (2 points) 1 point for population density and/or land rent decline with increasing distance from the CBD because there is less competition for less accessible land, 1 point for the profile dips at the CBD because commercial/industrial land users are willing/able to pay higher rent for a central location than residential land users are willing/able to pay

B. (2 points) 1 point for each difference identified (see age cohorts and description in table below), 2 points maximum (not acceptable: country-scale analysis of these local-scale populations)

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C. (4 points) 1 point each for explanation of two bullets related to X, 1 point each for explanation of two bullets related to Y

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<td>• Cars enable low density development at Y</td>
<td>• City amenities (museums, night life, music) at X</td>
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<td>• Positive perception of neighborhood at Y (e.g., safety, good schools)</td>
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