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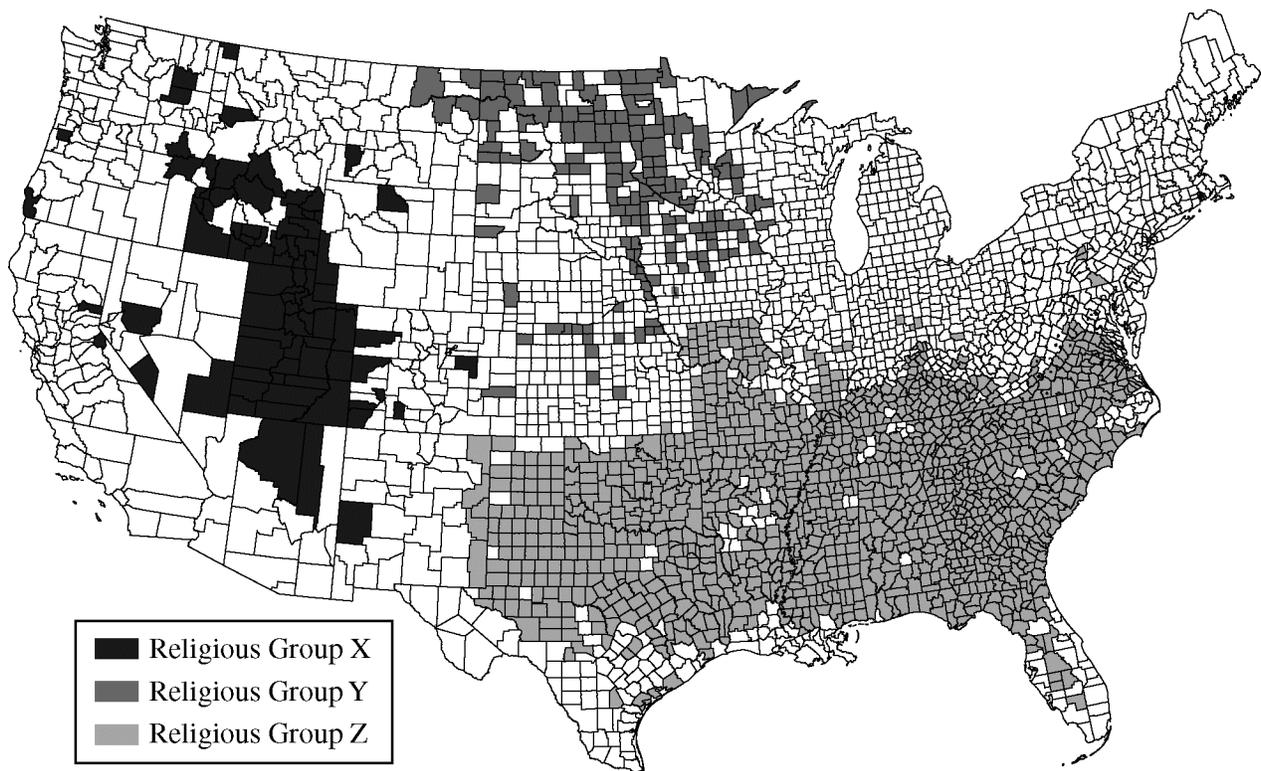
SECTION II

Time—75 minutes

Percent of total grade—50

Directions: You have 75 minutes to answer all three of the following questions. It is recommended that you spend approximately one-third of your time (25 minutes) on each question. It is suggested that you take up to 5 minutes of this time to plan and outline each answer. While a formal essay is not required, it is not enough to answer a question by merely listing facts. Illustrate your answers with substantive geographic examples where appropriate. Be sure that you number each of your answers, including individual parts, in the answer booklet as the questions are numbered below.

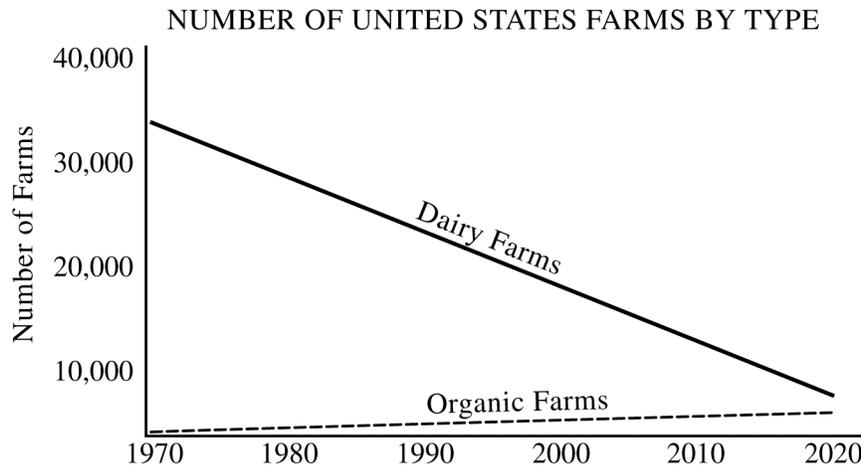
PREDOMINANT CHURCH AFFILIATION BY COUNTY, 2000



1. The map above shows the distribution of three religious groups in the contiguous United States.
 - A. Using the letters in the legend, name the three religious groups shown on the map.
 - B. For ONE of the three religious groups, first identify and then explain TWO factors that have influenced the distribution shown on the map.
 - C. Explain how the map as presented at this scale is an incomplete representation of the geography of religion in the United States.

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2. A large proportion of urban residents in the megacities of the periphery of the world system live in squatter settlements.
- Describe a typical location of squatter settlements within urban areas of megacities on the global periphery.
 - Describe two factors that contribute to the formation of squatter settlements.
 - Give a detailed account of THREE consequences of the rapid growth of squatter settlements. The three consequences you discuss may be social, economic, political or environmental.
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3. Agriculture in the United States has changed significantly in the past few decades. With respect to the past, present, and projected trends in agriculture shown in the diagram above, answer the following:
- First identify and then explain TWO factors contributing to the steady decline in the number of dairy farms since 1970.
 - First identify and then explain TWO factors contributing to the increase in the number of organic farms since 1970.

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