

Whigs, on the other hand, were more comfortable with the market. For them, commerce and economic development were agents of civilization. Nor did the Whigs envision any conflict in society between farmers and workers on the one hand and businesspeople and bankers on the other. Economic growth would benefit everyone by raising national income and expanding opportunity. The government's responsibility was to provide a well-regulated economy that guaranteed opportunity for citizens of ability.

4. According to paragraph 3, Whigs believed that commerce and economic development would have which of the following effects on society?
 - ☐ They would promote the advancement of society as a whole.
 - ☐ They would cause disagreements between Whigs and Democrats.
 - ☐ They would supply new positions for Whig Party members.
 - ☐ They would prevent conflict between farmers and workers.
5. According to paragraph 3, which of the following describes the Whig Party's view of the role of government?
 - ☐ To regulate the continuing conflict between farmers and businesspeople
 - ☐ To restrict the changes brought about by the market
 - ☐ To maintain an economy that allowed all capable citizens to benefit
 - ☐ To reduce the emphasis on economic development

Whigs and Democrats differed not only in their attitudes toward the market but also about how active the central government should be in people's lives. Despite Andrew Jackson's inclination to be a strong President, Democrats as a rule believed in limited government. Government's role in the economy was to promote competition by destroying monopolies¹ and special privileges. In keeping with this philosophy of limited government, Democrats also rejected the idea that moral beliefs were the proper sphere of government action. Religion and politics, they believed, should be kept clearly separate, and they generally opposed humanitarian legislation.

1. Monopolies: Companies or individuals that exclusively own or control commercial enterprises with no competitors

6. The word "inclination" in the passage is closest in meaning to
 - ☐ argument
 - ☐ tendency
 - ☐ example
 - ☐ warning
7. According to paragraph 4, a Democrat would be most likely to support government action in which of the following areas?
 - ☐ Creating a state religion
 - ☐ Supporting humanitarian legislation
 - ☐ Destroying monopolies
 - ☐ Recommending particular moral beliefs