Economy Choice Check

Compare how private choices and government control shape three economies.

SS6E1.c "Compare and contrast the basic types of economic systems found in Mexico, Cuba, and Brazil."

NAME ______________________ DATE ____________

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline details about private owners, businesses, or consumer choices, and circle details about government control. Write M, C, or B beside each marked detail to show whether it describes Mexico, Cuba, or Brazil.

Three Economic Systems

1 Mexico has a mixed market economy. People and companies own many farms, stores, factories, and banks. Buyers usually choose what to purchase, and businesses decide what to make and sell. Prices often change with supply and demand. Mexico's government still sets rules, collects taxes, provides public services, and runs some businesses. It also makes trade agreements with other countries. This system combines private economic choices with government action, rather than giving one group control of every business.

2 Brazil also has a mixed market economy, but its economy is larger and uses different industries and resources. Private owners operate most shops, farms, and factories, and consumers can choose among competing products. The government writes laws for businesses, collects taxes, and funds services such as schools and roads. It also owns or influences some major companies, especially in areas important to the country. Like Mexico, Brazil mixes market choices with government involvement. Unlike Cuba, private ownership has a much wider role in daily economic life.

3 Cuba is mainly a command economy, also called a planned economy. The government owns or directs many major businesses and makes many decisions about production, jobs, and prices. National plans guide important economic activities instead of leaving most choices to competing private businesses. Cuba has allowed some small private businesses and self-employment, so its system includes limited market activity. However, government control remains much stronger than in Mexico or Brazil. All three countries have governments that affect their economies, but Mexico and Brazil give private owners and consumers more economic freedom.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What two features show that Mexico and Brazil are both mixed market economies?

2. How does the government's role in Cuba differ from its role in Mexico?

3. How are private ownership and consumer choice different in Cuba and Brazil?

4. State one similarity shared by all three countries and one difference between Cuba and the other two countries.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write exactly four sentences comparing the economic systems of Mexico, Cuba, and Brazil. Name each country's economic system, include one similarity among all three, and explain one important difference.

ANSWER KEY **Economy Choice Check** **GRADE 6 · SS6E1.c**

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline details about private owners, businesses, or consumer choices, and circle details about government control. Write M, C, or B beside each marked detail to show whether it describes Mexico, Cuba, or Brazil. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What two features show that Mexico and Brazil are both mixed market economies?	**Both have private owners and consumer or business choices, while their governments also regulate, fund services, or influence parts of the economy.**
2	How does the government's role in Cuba differ from its role in Mexico?	**Cuba's government owns or directs many major businesses and makes many production, job, and price decisions. Mexico's government sets rules and runs some businesses, but private owners and businesses make many choices.**
3	How are private ownership and consumer choice different in Cuba and Brazil?	**Brazil has widespread private ownership and consumers can choose among competing products. Cuba allows limited private activity, but government control is much stronger.**
4	State one similarity shared by all three countries and one difference between Cuba and the other two countries.	**All three governments affect their economies. Mexico and Brazil are mixed market economies with more private economic freedom, while Cuba is mainly a command economy with stronger government control.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Mexico and Brazil have mixed market economies. Cuba has mainly a command economy, even though it allows limited private activity. All three governments affect economic life. In Mexico and Brazil, private owners and consumers have more choices than they do in Cuba.

Accept equivalent wording that correctly identifies Mexico and Brazil as mixed market economies and Cuba as mainly a command economy. Students should support comparisons with private ownership, consumer choice, or the strength of government control.