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Has the Arab Spring Failed?

* Read the above article and answer the following questions. Reading technique today: Read the entire article before looking at the questions. Then go back to find answers if needed.

1. What is the Arab Spring and how did it begin?
2. Why do you think that it has been difficult for Middle Eastern countries to become politically, socially, and economically stable after toppling their autocratic rulers?
3. What led to the current situation in Egypt? What challenges does the US face in deciding how to respond?
4. In July, Egypt’s military ousted the nation’s first democratically elected president,
   1. Bashar al-Assad
   2. Mohamed Morsi
   3. Hosni Mubarek
   4. Muammar el Qaddafi
5. In the year leading up to the military coup, many Egyptians were unhappy about
   1. A declining economy
   2. Gas shortages
   3. Electric power outages
   4. All of the above
6. In July, Egypt’s interim government
   1. Returned many freedoms to the Egyptian people
   2. Outlawed Christianity
   3. Held a new democratic general election
   4. Place the county under martial law
7. The Arab Spring movement began when
   1. Libya’s longtime dictator fell from power.
   2. The US withdrew financial and military aid from Egypt
   3. A fruit vendor in Tunisia set himself on fire to protest treatment by police
   4. Egypt’s Muslim Brotherhood attacked police stations and churches.
8. Which of these countries has NOT been part of the Arab Spring?
   1. Libya
   2. Syria
   3. Iran
   4. Egypt
9. According to the Article, secularists are those who
   1. Want to keep religion and government separate
   2. Practice any religion other than Islam in a Muslim Country
   3. Believe in government under Islamic Law
   4. Favor military rule and martial law.
10. Based on the reading of the last section entitled Freedom to Insult
    1. Although it may be subtle, the Arab Spring is working in many instances
    2. The Arab Spring has been a complete failure and has not increased any rights for Middle Eastern people.
    3. The Arab Spring, like the European Revolutions, will not have any effect on change for the future.
    4. Freedom of expression has decreased as a result of the Arab Spring.