

Immigration Overhaul?

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❶ The immigration-reform guidelines backed by President Obama and a bipartisan group of senators include all of the following EXCEPT

- a** a possible path to citizenship for the nation's 11 million illegal immigrants.
- b** a measure to ensure that the flow of illegal immigrants from Mexico is halted.
- c** quotas to ensure that more immigrants come to the U.S. from East Asia.
- d** a provision ensuring that visiting foreigners leave the U.S. when their visas expire.

❷ According to the proposed reform guidelines, what would illegal immigrants have to do to become permanent legal residents?

- a** pay a fine and any back taxes they owe
- b** pass background checks
- c** wait their turn behind immigrants who came to the U.S. legally
- d** all of the above

❸ From 2006 to 2011, illegal immigration from Mexico

- a** surpassed legal immigration for the first time.
- b** dropped substantially.
- c** shifted to unmonitored spots on the border.
- d** reached an all-time high.

❹ According to Senator John McCain, the _____ caused some Republicans to rethink immigration reform.

- a** failure of the Dream Act
- b** economic recession that began in 2007
- c** nation's failure to secure its borders
- d** party's loss in the 2012 presidential election

❺ Which statement accurately describes Mexico's current economy and birth rate?

- a** Both are growing.
- b** Both are shrinking.
- c** The economy is growing but the birth rate is shrinking.
- d** The birth rate is growing but the economy is shrinking.

IN-DEPTH QUESTIONS

❶ Why do you think President Obama has made immigration reform a priority for 2013?

❷ What was the Dream Act? Why do you think it failed?

❸ Republican Senator Marco Rubio of Florida claims that immigration reform will result in economic growth. Do you agree? Why or why not?