THINK CRITICALLY
Handwrite your responses in the space below; 2 sentences each.

1. What relationship exists between international trade and global banking activities?

2. What is the purpose of a regional development bank?

3. Early banking activities in ancient civilizations included _____
   a. online banking
   b. coins made from precious metals
   c. checking accounts that earned interest
   d. credit cards

4. True or False? _____The World Bank and the International Monetary Fund both provide loans to countries to stimulate economic development.

5. The organization most likely to meet the local needs of a country when improving its economic situation would be the _____
   a. World Bank
   b. International Monetary Fund
   c. Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development
   d. Regional Development Bank

6. True or False? _____A regional development bank has the main purpose of helping a country stabilize the value of its currency.

7. Maintaining an orderly system of currency exchange rates is a primary function of the _____
   a. International Monetary Fund
   b. Federal Reserve System
   c. World Bank
   d. Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development

TEAMWORK
Discuss in pairs or small groups and then write your conclusions below.

8. Many countries continue to face difficult economic situations. In your team, develop a list of actions that could be taken to encourage improved business development and expanded economic growth in various geographic regions.