Chapter 14 Section 3 Study Guide: The Benelux Countries

1. The term “Benelux” refers to these three small countries: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, located in Northwestern Europe.

2. The Benelux countries share the similarity of their geographic location between three of the most powerful countries

of Europe: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

3. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, an organization of European countries who practice economic and political

cooperation between each other, began in the 1950s with the initial purpose of reducing \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

4. Most members of the EU share a common currency called the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . The EU works to promote cooperation

in terms of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and social issues.

5. Many parts of the Netherlands are located below \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in areas called polders and the water of the

North Sea is held back only by the construction of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

6. Belgium is divided into two main cultural regions: the northern Dutch-speaking region called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

and the southern French-speaking region called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

7. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the capital of Belgium, is the headquarters of the EU as well as NATO while the Netherlands has its

main capital in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and its Parliament and the International Court of Justice in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

8. Luxembourg has the world’s highest \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ due to its economy based on international banking

and steel. It, like the other Benelux countries, also has a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ form of government

with a figurehead royal family.

Short Answer Practice:

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Chapter 14 Section 4 Study Guide: Scandinavia

1. Scandinavia is generally considered to consist of five countries: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ who are the northernmost in Europe.

2. Similarities between the Scandinavian countries include (fill out with specifics):

Language: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Government: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Religion: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ History\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Settlement Patterns (include 2): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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3. Although its name sounds appealing, Greenland is mostly covered by an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and therefore

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, a place where humans cannot live. Greenland is currently a territory of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

4. Iceland

5. Most Scandinavian countries export and manufacture high-tech goods including \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

6. Many Scandinavian countries have a system of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, wherein the government owns and controls

many of the major economic factors in a country. They also have higher \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ but also more government

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as a result.

What do you think? Write down on the left-hand column at least two points in favor of the kind of socialism and two points against. Be prepared to discuss if called on in class.

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| Advantages of Socialism  | Disadvantages of Socialism  |
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Do you think on the whole the socialist approach is better than a more capitalist approach? Why or why not?

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