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WHAT MAKES IT A MIXED SYSTEM

Each of the situations described below has a mixture of tradition, command, and market economy factors. Read each paragraph. Underline one traditional element in the economy. Circle one command element. Draw a double line under one market element. (Some paragraphs may have more than one of each element; just show one of each.)

1. The government has told the farmers that they must produce more vegetable and meat and less wheat. The women have always been responsible for raising the vegetables. They are not sure they can produce as much as the government wants. The men have always raised the meat animals. Some men have been making leather from the skins. They have found many customers who want to buy their leather goods. The money they earn from selling leather goods is their own money. More meat animals will also mean more leather.
2. For many years, the country had a good textile industry. The owners of textile companies did many studies to find out what people wanted. Then they produced what they believed customers would buy. Several generations of people in textile towns expected to work in the textile mills. Lately, however, other countries have been making cheaper textiles and selling them for lower prices. Now both the textile companies and the textile workers want the government to limit the amount of foreign textiles coming into the country.
3. The government keeps the prices on bread and milk low so that children can get healthful food. Many of these children earn money after school by running errands for small shop owners. They use the money to buy school supplies. Their mothers buy the bread and milk in government stores, but they sell many other home-grown foods in the local market. The local market in most towns is open on Tuesdays and Fridays. Farm people have been coming here for centuries to buy and sell their goods.
4. Mina wants to be an acrobat. For more than 200 years, most of the members of her family have worked as acrobats in the circus. Her parents and grandparents have trained her since she was little. The government, however, wants Mina to go to college. She is outstanding at math and science, and the country needs more scientists. Acrobats earn a good living, but a shortage of scientists has made the government raise wages to attract more people to work in science.