

39. Correct. The answer is false. Kazakhstan has extreme environmental problems. Oil pollutes the soil and Caspian Sea, methane leaks from wells, pipelines, and coalmines. The burning of fossil fuels emits particulate matter, carbon, sulphur and nitrogen oxide. All transitional economies have poor environmental quality because they are at an earlier stage of development than richer countries, poorly developed institutions coupled with corruption mean environmental laws were poorly enforced, and the lack of political freedom meant less pressure on government owned facilities to provide a clean environment.