

For the question below, find the sentence that best completes the paragraph.

The city of Istanbul —or earlier Constantinople, has existed as a mega residential zone since the very early times in history. The city was there a thousand years before London was established. Moreover, it has been the center of trade and exports thousands of years before Paris appeared. ——. These distinctions made Istanbul appealing for people not only to inhabit, but also to invade.

- **A)** Its geographical location on the Bosporus, easy access from Asia and Europe and being the center for Eastern Christians were some of the cities characteristics
- **B)** The modern Turkish name Istanbul has been used to describe this city, in a range of different variants, from as far back as the 10th century
- **C)** The city has also been nicknamed "The City on Seven Hills" because the historic peninsula, the oldest part of the city, was built on seven hills, each of which bears a historic mosque
- **D)** The location of Byzantium attracted Constantine I in 324 after a prophetic dream was said to have identified the location of the city.

ANSWER: A