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**Topic 1.1 Reading Check**

**Song (960-1279)**

1. How did Confucianism assist the government in functioning?
2. What did Emperor Taizu do to make the government run more effectively?
3. How did Emperor Taizu implement a meritocracy?
4. How did the bureaucracy begin the decline of the Song?
5. What was the significance of the Grand Canal?
6. How did gunpowder spread from China to other parts of Asia and Europe?
7. Why was champa rice so effective in increasing the Song population?
8. How did the Song implement steel into their culture?
9. How was the Song Empire Proto-industrial?
10. What innovations assisted the Song in maritime navigation?
11. What exports allowed the Song to become the largest commercialized empire during period 1?
12. Give two examples of how the Song made Japan, Korea, and Vietnam part of their tributary System.
13. China became the most urbanized society in the world. What was the significance of these cities?

* Chang’an
* Hangzhou
* Guangzhou

1. Draw a social pyramid of the Song Dynasty (Include Scholar Gentry).
2. What was the significance of foot binding?
3. What effect did paper have on the Song Dynasty?
4. Explain how Buddhism became influential in China?
5. What are the 3 denominations of Buddhism?

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1. Explain how Zen Buddhism is a syncretic faith
2. Why did Confucian scholars resist the influence of Buddhism in china?
3. How did the Song Dynasty use filial piety to justify its rule?
4. What was the focus of Neo-Confucianism and where did it spread?
5. Give an example of how Japan emulated China and an example of how they demonstrated some autonomy.
6. How was the civil service exam different in Korea than China?
7. Give two examples of how Vietnam differed from China socially?

**Topic 1.2 Reading Check**

**Dar al-Islam**

1. Who was Muhammad?
2. How did Islamic Empires treat non-Muslims within their empires?
3. What was the House of Wisdom and where was it located?
4. How did the spread of Islamic empires spread knowledge?
5. Explain the impact of the Seljuk Turks, Mamluks, Crusaders, and Mongols on the Abbasid Empire.
6. What caused Baghdad’s decay?
7. How did Islamic scholars maintain and continue cultural achievements?
8. Why is this time period referred to as a “golden age” culturally?
9. What were the achievements of Nasiral-Din al-Tusi and A’ishah al-Ba’uniyyah?
10. Explain Sufism and its impact on the spread of Islam.
11. How did Islamic control allow Silk Road trade to flourish?
12. Describe the life of slaves in the Islamic empires.
13. What was the status of women in the Islamic empires?
14. How did Islamic rule impact language in Africa?
15. Describe the Umayyad rule in Spain.
16. How did Ibn Rushd influence Maimonides?

**Topic 1.3 Reading Check**

**South and Southeast Asia**

1. Who is Mother Lalla and what was her impact?
2. Which three religions influenced India?
3. How did the fall of the Guptas affect India?
4. What was the first kingdom to rule over southern India?
5. Who were Harihara and Bukka? Why did they convert to Islam?
6. How did the Rajput kingdoms demonstrate the regionalism in India?
7. How did the Delhi Sultanate demonstrate the regionalism in India?
8. How did Islamic armies conquer India?
9. Why did some Hindus resent the Delhi Sultanate?
10. What was the jizya?
11. How did the Mongols “conquer” the Delhi Sultanate?
12. Contrast Hinduism and Islam.
13. What is proselytize? How is Islam a universalizing religion?
14. How did Islam attract converts? How does this compare with Christianity in the Roman Empire?
15. Why did Buddhists make up the largest converts to Islam?
16. What benefit did the caste system provide?
17. How were Muslims absorbed into the caste system?
18. What was Islam’s impact on women in South and Southeast Asia?
19. What are Arabic numerals?
20. How does the Qutub Minar show Hindu and Islamic influences on architecture?
21. How does Urdu show Hindu and Islamic influences on language?
22. Compare the Bhakti Movement with Sufism.
23. How did India influence Southeast Asia?
24. Describe the two sea-based kingdoms.
25. What was the impact of Buddhism on the Sinhala dynasties?
26. How did the Khmer Empire rise to power?
27. Which group conquered the Khmer Empire?
28. What do the structures of Angkor Thom and Angkor Wat represent?
29. How did Islam expand into the Indian Ocean region?
30. How did Sufis encourage conversion to Islam?

**Topic 1.4 Reading Check**

**The Americas**

1. How is knowledge about the Americas prior to European arrival collected?
2. What were the achievements of the Mississippian culture?
3. Why is the Mississippian culture classified as a matrilineal society?
4. Why did the Mississippians decline?
5. Compare the Chaco and Mesa Verde in terms of architecture and environment.
6. Where were the Maya located?
7. How did the Maya structure their government?
8. Describe the Maya religious beliefs.
9. Why are the Maya sometimes called the “Greeks of the New World”?
10. Who were the Mexicas?
11. How did the Aztecs build their capital city on a lake?
12. How did the Aztec tribute system insure Aztec dominance?
13. Why is the Aztec government classified as a theocracy?
14. Draw out a social pyramid of Aztec society.
15. Compare Aztec and Maya use of human sacrifice.
16. What was the role of women in Aztec society? How does their role compare to those of women in the Mississippian civilization?
17. Why did the Aztecs decline?
18. Who was Pachacuti?
19. What was the mita system?
20. What was the role of the sun and ancestor veneration in Incan religion?
21. What elements of animism appear in Inca religion?
22. What were the achievements of the Inca empire?
23. Why did the Inca decline?

**Topic 1.5 Reading Check**

**Africa**

1. Why is Ibn Battuta significant?
2. What is sharia?
3. How did Africa react to Islam’s arrival?
4. How were sub-Saharan Africa’s political relationships differ from Asia and Europe?
5. What caused kin-based networks to be more difficult to govern?
6. What were the strengths and weaknesses of the Hausa Kingdoms political structure?
7. What outside forces affected the Hausa Kingdoms?
8. How did trade impact Africa?
9. Which religions were practiced in Africa?
10. What caused Ghana’s growth?
11. How did Ghana organize politically?
12. Describe Ghana’s role in the trans-Saharan trade network.
13. What caused Ghana to weaken?
14. Who was Sundiata and how did he grow Mali’s wealth?
15. What is a zimbabwe and why did it come to be the name of a kingdom?
16. Where did Zimbabwe’s wealth come from?
17. What was Zimbabwe’s role in the Indian Ocean trade network?
18. Describe the significance of the Great Zimbabwe.
19. What caused the weakening of Zimbabwe?
20. How did Axum demonstrate its power and religion?
21. Is Ethiopian Christianity a syncratic faith? Defend your answer.
22. How did African society organize in terms of kinship, age, and gender?
23. Describe the three forms of slavery: chattel, domestic, and debt bondage.
24. What was slavery’s role in the Indian Ocean trade network?
25. What was the Zanj Rebellion’s cause, leader, short-term result, and long-term results?
26. What was the significance of music in African culture?
27. What was the significance of visual art in African culture?
28. What was the significance of story-telling/literature in African culture?
29. What was the role of griots/griottes?