

SAT History-World Practice Paper 5

Question 1

The Maya of Mesoamerica are best known for their achievements in:

Select an Answer

- A Ship building and navigation
- B Mathematics and astronomy
- C Animal husbandry
- D Carpentry
- E Literature

Question 2

The rapid colonization of Africa by the European powers after 1880 was motivated primarily by

Select an Answer

- A the demand for slaves to cultivate New World cotton and sugar
- B the desire for new markets, raw materials, and strategic advantage
- C the need to tap the hydroelectric potential of the African rivers
- D the heavy demand for African workers in European factories
- E heightened interest by Europeans in tourism and big-game hunting

Question 3

Which of the following statements is supported by the table below?

Percentage of 18-22 Year Olds of Working-Class Backgrounds Enrolled in Institutions of Higher Learning in 1960

Country	Percentage
Yugoslavia	56.0%
Czechoslovakia	39.3%
Poland	32.9%
Great Britain	25.0%
France	5.3%

West Germany	5.2%
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Want a hint?

Select an Answer

A A private enterprise system provided the greatest access for students to higher education.

B European women and men had equal access to higher education.

C In Eastern Europe the nationalization of industry had not displaced the former ruling classes from their social prominence.

D Students from working-class backgrounds in Eastern Europe had greater access to higher education than did students from similar backgrounds in Western Europe.

E Students in Eastern and Western Europe had approximately equal access to higher education.

Question 4



The ancient Chinese symbol of the universe shown above represented

Select an Answer

A the theory that everything consists of opposite but complementary elements

B the Zen concept of unity in artistic expression

C Buddha's vision of the perfect shape

D a dualism in which everything is in conflict, and nothing can be resolved

E the moral principles of Confucius

Question 5

Social Darwinists such as Herbert Spencer argued that

Select an Answer

A Competition allows individuals to develop their talents and meet their needs.

B Competition and cooperation are equally important in building a productive and compassionate society.

C Human societies progress through competition, since the strong survive and the weak perish.

D Human societies progress through cooperation, a natural instinct that should be encouraged.
E God predetermines that some members of society are fated to succeed and some members are fated to fail.

Question 6

Differences between which two religions contributed to violent conflicts in India during and after the struggle for independence in 1947?

Select an Answer

- A Hinduism and Buddhism
- B Islam and Christianity
- C Hinduism and Islam
- D Islam and Buddhism
- E Hinduism and Jainism

Question 7

Which of the following is the correct chronological order, from earliest to latest, of the origins of the religions listed here?

Want a hint?

Select an Answer

- A Buddhism, Christianity, Islam
- B Buddhism, Islam, Christianity
- C Christianity, Buddhism, Islam
- D Christianity, Islam, Buddhism
- E Islam, Christianity, Buddhism

Question 8

The 1907 painting by Picasso shown here reveals the influence of which of the following?



Select an Answer

- A Chinese art
- B African art
- C Indian art
- D European medieval art
- E European Romantic art

Question 9

The Great Leap Forward in China was primarily designed to do which of the following?

Select an Answer

- A Achieve rapid industrialization of the Chinese economy.
- B Oust the imperial government.
- C Promote capitalism within the Chinese economy.
- D Strengthen the Chinese so they could expel the Japanese from Manchuria

Question 10

The Silk Routes were important in ancient times because they

Select an Answer

- A facilitated the exchange of goods and ideas between China and the Roman Empire
- B allowed gold and silver mined in China to be traded for European furs and wool cloth
- C provided trade links between the people of Siberia and the people living on islands in the Bering Sea
- D provided a conduit for trade in silk, porcelain, and costly gems between China and Japan
- E allowed carts and carriages to travel on paved roads across northern Asia as far west as the Caspian Sea

Question 11

The encomienda system of colonial Spanish America most closely resembled the European practice of

Select an Answer

- A absolutism
- B primogeniture
- C patronage
- D manorialism
- E nepotism

Question 12

In early modern Europe, governments sought to increase national wealth and maintain a favorable balance of trade through government intervention by advocating

Select an Answer

- A Liberalism
- B Capitalism
- C Socialism
- D Utilitarianism
- E Mercantilism

Question 13



The lined portion of the map above indicates areas at the beginning of the ninth century C.E. included within the
Want a hint?

Select an Answer

- A Byzantine Empire
- B Islamic world
- C Mongol dominions
- D Holy Roman Empire
- E Carolingian Empire

Question 14

When the Portuguese sailed around the Cape of Good Hope and entered the Indian Ocean in the late fifteenth century, they found

Select an Answer

- A numerous ports under the control of merchants from Genoa.
- B colonial domination of ports and sea lanes by the navy of the Ottoman Empire.
- C a region where sea trade had not yet developed.
- D a region defended and patrolled by fleets of the Chinese navy.
- E a network of long distance trade routes dominated by Muslim merchants.

Question 15

Which of the following is an accurate statement about the right of Latin American women to vote?

Select an Answer

- A It was won when Latin America gained its independence.
- B It has typically been won as a result of mass political action and civil disobedience.
- C It has been won only where socialist or Marxist governments have come to power.
- D It has been tied to property ownership in most countries.
- E It was generally won by the mid-1900's.

Question 16

Which of the following was an important virtue in Confucianism?

Select an Answer

- A Warlike prowess
- B Filial piety
- C Public charity
- D Poverty
- E Manual labor

Question 17

Early Christians developed the monastic ideal as a means of counteracting

Select an Answer

- A government interference
- B heresy
- C competition from Eastern religions
- D worldliness

E Persecution

Question 18



The bronze plaque shown above was created in

Select an Answer

- A Italy
- B Central Asia
- C Arabia
- D West Africa
- E China

Question 19

Which of the following was characteristic of the physical environments of early river-valley civilizations in the Near East?

Select an Answer

- A Cool summer temperatures encouraged the production of grain crops.
- B Tropical forests along the riverbanks provided the population with most of its food.
- C The rivers maintained a steady flow year-round, fed by melting mountain glaciers.
- D The rivers flowed through deep mountain valleys, which sheltered early civilizations.
- E Rainfall was low, requiring irrigation of crops with river water.

Question 20



In the map above, the numbered dots correspond to cities. In the eighth century, which cities were near the east-west limits of the Islamic world?

Select an Answer

- A 1 and 7
- B 1 and 9
- C 2 and 6
- D 2 and 8
- E 5 and 7

Question 21

"Where it is an absolute question of the welfare of our country, we must admit of no considerations of justice or injustice, or mercy or cruelty, or praise or ignominy, but putting all else aside must adopt whatever course will save its existence and preserve its liberty."
The statement above expresses the viewpoint of which of the following?

Select an Answer

- A Niccolò Machiavelli
- B Sir Thomas More
- C Desiderius Erasmus
- D Dante Alighieri
- E John Calvin

Question 22

Most of the noncitizens currently residing in Western European countries originally came to Western Europe to

Select an Answer

A consolidate the European Economic Community agreements

B find employment

C do graduate work in the universities

D participate in the democratic political process

E avoid forced military conscription in their native land