

North Carolina World History Practice Final Exam

1. How did geographic features influence the diffusion and settlement of both the Phoenician and Greek traders?

- A Both had access to the Mediterranean Sea.
- B The monsoon winds made ocean travel easier.
- C The arid climate encouraged migration.
- D Russia's rivers provided ease of travel.

2. The epilogue laws of justice which Hammurabi, the wise king, established; a righteous law, and pious statute did he teach the land. . . . the decisions which I have made will this inscription show him; let him rule his subjects accordingly, speak justice to them, give right decisions, root out the miscreants and criminals from this land, and grant prosperity to his subjects. Hammurabi, the king of righteousness, on whom Shamash has conferred right (or law) am I. My words are well considered; my deeds are not equaled; to bring low those that were high; to humble the proud, to expel insolence.

Code of Hammurabi, Epilogue

How did implementation of codified laws such as the Code of Hammurabi affect the people of ancient societies?

- A. It unified the various peoples and laws within the empire.
- B. It reduced the authority of the king over the citizens.
- C. It limited the role of government in the lives of citizens.
- D. It established the separation of government and religion.

3. Which geographic features determined the location of the early civilizations of Egypt, Mesopotamia, China, and India?

- A. oceans and coastlines
- B. rivers and valleys
- C. fertile soils and plains
- D. rainy seasons and forests

4. How did Pericles influence the functioning of Athenian government?

- A. He introduced representative democracy.
- B. He expanded direct democracy to new classes of free men.
- C. He increased the salaries of government officials.
- D. He greatly strengthened the authority of military leaders in society.



5. According to the map, how was the Silk Road associated with the development of cities?

- A. Increased trade along this route helped to establish cities within major empires.
- B. The development of many cities created a need for better roads.
- C. The Silk Road was built as an alternative to trade between large cities by the sea.
- D. European governments promoted free trade between major cities.

6. In the Middle Ages, European monarchs claimed to rule by “divine right”. What purpose was served by this claim?

- A. It enabled the separation of church and state.
- B. It enabled rulers to seize church lands.
- C. It demonstrated that religion was stronger than political power.
- D. It strengthened the monarch’s authority to rule.

7. How did the printing revolution contribute to increased global interaction?

- A. by making texts available to broader audiences, leading to the spread of new ideas
- B. by creating interchangeable parts that made repairing the printing press easier
- C. by mass producing the press to make it available to small towns
- D. by using color to gain the interest of more people.

8. *All merchants, unless they have been previously and publicly forbidden, are to have safe and secure conduct in leaving and coming to England and in staying and going through England both by land and by water to buy and to sell, without any evil exactions, according to the ancient and right customs, save in time of war, and if they should be from a land at war against us and be found in our land at the beginning of the war, they are to be attached without damage to their bodies or goods until it is established by us or our chief justiciar in what way the merchants of our land are treated who at such a time are found in the land that is at war with us, and if our merchants are safe there, the other merchants are to be safe in our land.*

-Magna Carta, 1297

Based on this passage from the Magna Carta, which basic rights were improved by the English barons?

- A. trading rights
- B. rights of the accused
- C. civil rights
- D. religious rights

9.

- Effects of the Plague (Black Death)
- Europe lost a third of its population.
- Labor shortages brought higher wages for many workers.
- Peasants left their manors, weakening the feudal system.

Which conclusion about effects of the plague can be drawn from the listed information?

- A. Catastrophic events can trigger changes in human institutions.
- B. Tragic events strengthen religion as people seek answers in their faith.
- C. People seek the comfort of traditional, familiar ways following traumatic events.
- D. Societies flourish during many types of disasters and epidemics.

10. Which is an effect of European exploration of the Americas?

- A. Germany extended its New World empire.
- B. Spain dominated North and South America.
- C. Africans were enslaved to work in mines and on plantations.
- D. American Indians maintained resistance to African and Eurasian diseases.

11. What was a significant result of European exploration through the Columbian Exchange?

- A. Europeans became dependent on crops from America.
- B. The bubonic plague spread throughout Europe.
- C. European diseases caused millions of deaths among American Indians.
- D. Raw materials from America became very expensive due to scarcity.

12. How did the new ideas and scientific advances of the Renaissance challenge the Catholic Church?

- A. New Renaissance universities, which emphasized scientific research, gave most citizens educational opportunities that challenged the religious institutions.
 - B. Individualism and humanist ideas from the Renaissance challenged citizens to seek answers for themselves rather than from religious institutions.
 - C. New merchant guilds formed by the middle class owed allegiance to the leaders of the Renaissance rather than the Catholic Church.
 - D. Feudal noble landowners accepted the scientific advances of the Renaissance that were supported by the Catholic Church.
- 13 Which was an environmental effect of the process of early industrialization? A the introduction of smallpox to American Indians B the diffusion of new animal and plant species to Afro-Eurasia C the process of desertification in Africa and Asia D the widespread deforestation in Europe and North America

13. *In the following excerpt, the Muslim scholar and traveler Ibn Battuta describes his journey to Taghadda, a city of West Africa's Songhai Empire: I then set out in the direction of Taghadda by land with a large caravan of merchants . . . I had a riding camel and a she-camel to carry my provisions. We pushed on rapidly with our journey until we reached Taghadda . . . The inhabitants of Taghadda have no occupation except trade. They travel [by caravan] to Egypt every year, and import quantities of all the fine fabrics to be had there and of other Egyptian [products]. . . . The copper mine is in the outskirts of Taghadda . . . [the copper bars are] their medium of exchange; with the thin bars they buy meat and firewood, and with the thick, slaves male and female, millet, butter, and wheat.*

Excerpted from H. A. R. Gibb, translator, Ibn Battuta: Travels in Asia and Africa, 1325–1354 London: Routledge and Kegan Paul, 1929

What conclusion about trade in the Songhai Empire is supported by the excerpt?

- A. Trade caravans allowed the Songhai Empire to exchange their valuable metals for commodities and luxury items.
- B. Trade caravans prevented the Songhai traders from selling their goods to overseas customers.
- C. Songhai traders welcomed travelers to their cities in hopes of selling them fabrics and food items.
- D. Songhai traders traveled to Egypt to seek ores and other valuable minerals for building materials.

14. How did movements like the Protestant Reformation contribute to the rise of nation-states?

- A. It ended the practice of serfdom.
- B. It gave the right of self-government.
- C. It united all Christians under one leader.
- D. It challenged the absolute power of the pope.

15. *The following excerpt is from the Edict of Fontainebleau (1685 CE), which was decreed by King Louis XIV of France: We forbid our subjects of the R.P.R. [Protestantism] to meet any more for the exercise of the said religion in any place or private house . . . We likewise forbid all noblemen . . . to hold such religious exercises in their houses or fiefs, under penalty . . . of imprisonment and confiscation. We enjoin all ministers of the said R.P.R., who do not choose to become converts and to embrace the Catholic, apostolic, and Roman religion, to leave our kingdom and the territories . . . within a fortnight.*

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What political conditions in France led to the Edict of Fontainebleau?

- A. the parliament's desire to exclude religious minorities from lawmaking activities
- B. the king's absolute authority to make laws and dictate the state religion
- C. the increase in quarreling among political factions of the landowning aristocracy
- D. the Catholic Church's reputation for challenging political power in the Holy Roman Empire

16. *In the following excerpt, a Portuguese messenger addresses a local Hindu king of southern India in 1509. The messenger asks for help in taking the Indian trading port of Calicut from Ottoman and Arab control: The King of Portugal commands me to render honour and willing service to all the Gentile Kings of this land . . . they are to be well treated by me, neither am I to take their ships nor their merchandise; but I am to destroy the Moors, with whom I wage incessant war, as I know he also does . . . I am prepared and ready to help him with the fleets and armies of the King . . . as often as he shall desire me to do so; and I likewise, for my part, expect that he will help us with his army, towns, harbours, and munitions, and with everything that I may require from his kingdom; and the ships which navigate to his ports may pass safely throughout all the Indian sea*

----Frei Luis

Which conclusion about the effects of increased trade is supported by the above excerpt?

- A. Overseas trade routes were too crowded and dangerous to produce profitable returns.
- B. Overseas trade routes encouraged cooperation between powerful empires against small kingdoms and city-states.
- C. Competition over Indian Ocean trade encouraged global empires to form military alliances with local rulers.
- D. Competition over Indian Ocean trade led to regional wars between European navies and Indian city-states.

17. *In spite of the industrial and commercial prosperity that France momentarily enjoys, the mass of the people, the twenty-five million peasants, suffer from a great depression. The good harvests of the past few years have forced the prices of corn much lower even than in England, and the position of the peasants under such circumstances, in debt, sucked dry by usury and crushed by taxes, must be anything but splendid. The history of the past three years has, however, provided sufficient proof that this class of the population is absolutely incapable of any revolutionary initiative. . . . Given this general prosperity, wherein the productive forces of bourgeois [middle class] society are developing as luxuriantly as it is possible for them to do within bourgeois relationships, a real revolution is out of the question. Such a revolution is possible only in periods when both of these factors—the modern forces of production and the bourgeois forms of production—come into opposition with each other.*

Karl Marx, 1850

Which statement best reflects Karl Marx's argument, according to this excerpt?

- A. The lower classes are prepared and motivated to revolt.
- B. A nation can be poor and suffer economic depression.
- C. Until the middle class is affected, reform is not likely.
- D. High taxes lead to protests and civil unrest, then revolutions.

18. *The following excerpt is an Englishman's firsthand account of the weeks leading up to England's Glorious Revolution (1688); in the Revolution, the Protestant ruler William of Orange overthrew King James II, a Catholic. . . . [King James II] called over 5,000 Irish, and 4,000 Scots, and continued to remove Protestants and put in [Catholics] at Portsmouth and other places of trust, and retained the Jesuits about him, increasing the universal discontent. It brought people to so desperate a pass, that they seemed passionately to long for and desire the landing of [William of Orange], whom they looked on to be their deliverer from [Catholic] tyranny*

-John Evelyn, diary entry, October 7, 1688

Using the above excerpt, what conclusion can be made about the Glorious Revolution?

- A. The revolution was furthered by English Protestants due to their distrust of Catholic leaders.
- B. The revolution was furthered by the English people due to the widespread stories of William of Orange's heroism.
- C. The revolution was slowed by the English people due to their distrust of foreigners.
- D. The revolution was slowed by the English Protestants due to their widespread admiration for King James's religious tolerance.

19. *From 1803 to 1815, Britain and France were at war with each other. Wars can bring economic opportunities, and American merchants hoped to sell goods to both sides. Neither Britain nor France wanted American goods to reach its enemy, so both sides imposed blockades and restrictions on neutral trade. Because Britain had the larger navy, British restrictions were the most crippling to U.S. shipping. British ships stopped American vessels, boarded them, seized contraband, and impressed sailors. American objections were ignored, leading to a U.S. declaration of war in 1812.*

What conclusion can be drawn about the War of 1812?

- A France ended their alliance with the United States because of the delay in their assistance.
- B To defeat France, Britain was willing to risk war with the United States.
- C British authorities felt threatened by the new U.S. Navy.
- D American citizens were indifferent toward the war.

20. *We, Wilhelm, by the grace of God King of Prussia, do herewith declare that we have considered it a duty to our common fatherland to answer the summons of the united German princes and cities and to accept the German imperial title. In consequence, we and our successors on the throne of Prussia will henceforth bear the imperial title in all our relations and in all the business of the German Empire, and we hope to God that the German nation will be granted the ability to fashion a propitious future for the fatherland under the symbol of its ancient glory.*

Kaiser Wilhelm I, The Imperial Proclamation,

January 1871

What ideology is present in the proclamation of Wilhelm I?

- A socialism
- B militarism
- C nationalism
- D globalism

21. How did the revolution in printing contribute to increased global interaction during the Renaissance?

- A. by providing free books to all people
- B. by requiring people to read scripture
- C. by increasing profits from publishing
- D. by making it easier to spread ideas

22. *[The rich] are led by an invisible hand to make nearly the same distribution of the necessaries of life, which would have been made, had the earth been divided into equal portions among all its inhabitants, and thus without intending it, without knowing it, advance the interest of the society, and afford means to the multiplication of the species.*

Adam Smith, The Theory of Moral Sentiments, 1759

How does Smith’s idea of the “invisible hand” of capitalism compare to modern-day government interventions such as the U.S.-led Marshall Plan or the social-democratic governments of Western Europe?

- A. Modern governments have modified capitalism to support other goals.
- B. Modern governments have abandoned capitalism in favor of command economies.
- C. Modern governments have adopted capitalism without modification.
- D. Modern governments have abandoned capitalism in favor of traditional economies.

23.

Capitalism — a social political-economic system characterized by individual or corporate ownership of capital goods, by investments that are determined by private decision, and by prices, production, and the distribution of goods that are determined mainly by competition in a free market

Socialism — a political-economic system of social organization in which the means of producing and distributing goods is owned collectively by the community and is administered and distributed by a centralized government

Which statement differentiates capitalism from socialism?

- A. Capitalism requires redistributing resources from the rich to the poor; socialism requires government distribution of resources.
- B. Capitalist employment is directed by the government; socialist employment is directed by individual initiative.
- C. Capitalist pricing is based on competition; socialist prices are determined by market forces.
- D. Capitalism requires individualism and competition; socialism requires governmental planning to distribute resources.

24. The Indian nationalist, Mahatma Gandhi, advocated the swadeshi movement as a protest against British rule in India in the first half of the twentieth century. The movement stressed the manufacture of Indian goods at home, especially homespun cloth, as opposed to buying British manufactured goods.

Why did Indians decide to use this strategy?

- A. to make it less profitable for the British to exploit India through colonial trade
- B. to prevent the British from establishing a monopoly in the cotton industry
- C. to prepare for the British to abandon India as a colony
- D. to limit British control of India’s domestic politics

25. *Over the past five years, a highly sophisticated team of operatives have stealthily infiltrated more than 70 U.S. corporations and organizations to steal priceless company secrets. They did it without ever setting foot in any victim's office. . . . This is the new face of corporate espionage. Thieves whose identities are safely obscured by digital trade-craft rather than a ski mask, are robbing companies of the ideas that are the source of American ingenuity. . . . Though this new corporate espionage is rampant and rising, calculating the damage to U.S. interests remains difficult. . . . In the aggregate, the theft of this property, including everything from sensitive defense technology to innovative industrial designs, insidiously erodes government and corporate competitive advantages among global peers. . . . U.S. companies invest considerable time and money in researching and developing new products, only to be undercut by competition, using their stolen property to make cheaper versions. Unfortunately, companies experience such losses every day . . . Yet many cyber-intrusions could be prevented by implementing sound cyber-security practices.*

**U.S. Commerce Secretary John Bryson,
The New Face of Corporate Espionage, March 9, 2012**

Using this information, what role does cyberespionage play in global trading?

- A. Government monitoring agencies should commit military resources to protecting commercial interests so that the world's superpowers can continue to thrive.
- B. Individuals must assist companies in protecting their ideas so employment will not decrease.
- C. Cyber crimes are difficult to prove in any court of law, so government officials have not committed sufficient resources to the matter.
- D. Ideas fuel economic growth and competition, so there is an increased need to protect electronically stored information on a worldwide scale

26. Beginning in the 1500s, European missionaries traveled to places like China to spread Christianity as part of the Catholic Reformation. How did the missionaries contribute to increased global interaction?

- A. They converted to local religions, which spread throughout Europe when they returned.
- B. They shared European knowledge of science, technology, and the humanities.
- C. They established trade networks between China and Europe.
- D. They shared knowledge of Europe's many utopian societies.

27. Francis Bacon held the belief that assumptions should be tested many times before they were accepted. How did his ideas change society during the Scientific Revolution?

- A. They reinforced that people should not question the leaders of the Church.
- B. They moved people away from the idea of faith to that of observable truths.
- C. They encouraged people to resist any man-made laws and to favor natural laws.
- D. They supported people who believed in the supernatural to control the world around them.

28. *In January of 1917, British cryptographers deciphered a telegram from German Foreign Minister Arthur Zimmermann to the German Minister to Mexico, von Eckhardt, offering United States territory to Mexico in return for joining the German cause. This message helped draw the United States into the war and thus changed the course of history. The telegram had such an impact on American opinion that, according to David Kahn, author of *The Codebreakers*, “No other single cryptanalysis has had such enormous consequences.”*

Excerpt from “The Zimmermann Telegram” by Mary Alexander and Marilyn Childress from *Social Education*, April 1981. Used by permission of National Council for the Social Studies.

Based on the excerpt, what was the role of the Zimmermann telegram in World War I?

- A. It created conflict between Mexico and the United States and delayed American arms production for the Allies.
- B. It angered many European nations who depended on the Mexican production of arms.
- C. It provoked the United States, a neutral nation, to become involved in the war.
- D. It embarrassed the British, who secretly conspired with Germany to write it.

29. *[The collapse of Indian industries] was hastened by political and economic pressure . . . The classic type of modern colonial economy was built up, India becoming an agricultural colony of industrial England, supplying raw materials and providing markets for England’s industrial goods. . . . The liquidation of the artisan class led to unemployment on a prodigious scale. . . . the standard of living fell to incredibly low levels.*

Excerpt from Jawaharlal Nehru, *The Discovery of India*, 1946

According to Nehru, how did British imperialism contribute to the rise of Indian nationalistic movements?

- A. India took pride in its colonial exchange with Britain because it created profits for native people.
- B. Widespread Indian unemployment led to increased resentment against British rule.
- C. The British helped build Indian industries such as shipbuilding and metalwork.
- D. The British imperialists’ industrial activities boosted the Indian economy.

30. *The Roman Catholic Church issued a decree in 1080 CE. It was directed at the Holy Roman Emperor Henry IV, who was appointing religious officials without approval from the church. The decree stated that any non-religious power or person who appointed church officials would be excommunicated from the church. It also warned rulers that such actions would displease God and result in suffering.*

How did this church decree affect the actions of European monarchs?

- A. European monarchs removed church leaders.
- B. The decree weakened the power of European monarchs.
- C. European monarchs appointed bishops to political offices.
- D. The decree allowed monarchs to be appointed as bishops.

31. *In the following excerpt, the governor of Portugal's colonies in India describes how his nation will protect their trading posts in India: Let all our forces be on the sea; because if we should not be powerful at sea (which may the Lord forbid) everything will at once be against us . . . now we have wars with the Venetians [the city-state of Venice] and the Turks of the [Ottoman Empire] . . . With the force we have at sea we will discover what these new enemies may be . . . as long as you may be powerful at sea, you will hold India as yours . . .*

**Francisco de Almeida to King Emmanuel, 1507 in Rulers of India:
Albuquerque, H. Morse Stephens, 1892**

Based on the excerpt, what was the relationship between increased global trade and interactions between nations?

- A. Overseas trade encouraged nations to build powerful navies to defend their routes and aggressively expel regional rivals.
- B. Overseas trade led to increased use of military alliances between naval powers and wealthy city-states.
- C. Shifts in the balance of global trade discouraged Middle Eastern and Asian empires from claiming valuable trading sites in Asia.
- D. Shifts in the balance of global trade led to short and violent wars of European allies against their Asian rivals.