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ANCIENT CIVILIZATIONS OF THE AMERICAS

1. Scholars generally believe that human beings first came to populate the American continents by immigrating
 - a. across the Pacific Ocean from Asia to Mexico.
 - b. across the Pacific Ocean from Australia to Peru.
 - c. across a natural bridge from Siberia into Alaska.
 - d. across the Atlantic Ocean from Europe and Africa to the Caribbean.

2. Difficulties confront scholars trying to understand the ancient civilizations of the Americas because
 - a. Andean civilizations never developed writing.
 - b. Mesoamerican civilizations never developed writing.
 - c. Andean writing displays a pro-Spanish bias.
 - d. the writing systems have never been deciphered.

3. Christopher Columbus and other early explorers
 - a. destroyed written records of the Maya.
 - b. believed they had reached the East Indies.
 - c. were sensitive to Native American cultures.
 - d. conquered all of South America.

4. Mesoamerica extends from
 - a. central Mexico into Central America.
 - b. Central America to Brazil.
 - c. North America to Mexico.
 - d. Chile north to Panama.

5. Before 1000 B.C.E., the two most influential peoples for the formation of early Mesoamerican culture were
 - a. the Zapotec and the Aztec.
 - b. the Mixtec and the Zapotec.
 - c. the Aztec and the Maya.
 - d. the Maya and the Olmec.

6. Metallurgy came early to

- a. Mesoamerican civilizations.
- b. Moorish civilizations.
- c. Andean civilizations.
- d. Merovingian civilizations.

7. The best-known Olmec works of art are

- a. scrolls.
- c. massive stone heads.
- b. clay pottery.
- d. cave paintings.

8. The Mesoamerican calendar is based on

- a. a lunar year of 260 days.
- b. two interlocking solar cycles.
- c. a century of 35 years.
- d. All of these answers are correct.

9. The first true city-state of Mesoamerica was probably

- a. Cuicuilco.
- c. San Lorenzo.
- b. Monte Alban.
- d. Teotihuacán.

10. The Pyramid of the Sun is closely associated with which civilization?

- a. Teotihuacán.
- c. Aztec
- b. Incad.
- d. Maya

11. Which of the following characterized Maya civilization?

- a. Maya cities were not really cities but empty ceremonial centers.
- b. Maya inscriptions were concerned entirely with astronomical and calendrical observations.
- c. Scattered Maya farming communities surrounded the cities.
- d. None of these answers are correct.

12. The Maya civilization was composed of cities that

- a. competed for dominance.
- b. were subservient to one large center.
- c. did not serve as religious centers.
- d. were cosmopolitan with many merchants from overseas.

13. Recently, historians have learned more about the Maya civilization because of

- a. the examination of Aztec imperial records.
- b. the architectural analysis of trade patterns in Mesoamerica.
- c. their ability to decipher Mayan writing.
- d. None of these answers are correct.

14. The capitol of the Aztec Empire was

- a. Teotihuacán.c. Cuzco.
- b. Tenochtitlán.d. Chavín.

15. After a conquest, the Aztecs

- a. destroyed their enemy's cities.
- b. did not demand tribute in goods or labor.
- c. left the local elite in power and ruled indirectly.
- d. compelled them to worship Aztec gods.

16. All of the following were early Andean cultures except

- a. Chavín de Huantar.c. Moche.
- b. Oaxaca.d. Nazca.