ENGLAND GCSE HISTORY EDEXCEL · UNIT 3 · 25 QUESTIONS

Spain and the New World, c1490-c1555 — Practice Test

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1 **How many voyages did Columbus make to the Americas?**

- A Two
- B A number of trips across the Atlantic
- C Four
- D One

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2 **Which mountain range runs through Peru?**

- A The Pyrenees
- B A range that held the Inca capital
- C The Alps
- D The Andes

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3 **From which country did Magellan sail in 1519?**

- A Portugal
- B A kingdom that paid for his voyage
- C Spain
- D England

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4 **What did the Spanish call the children of Spanish and native parents?**

- A A name for people of mixed descent
- B Peninsulares
- C Mestizos
- D Creoles

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5 **Which two kingdoms were joined by the marriage of Ferdinand and Isabella?**

- A Aragon and Castile
- B Castile and Portugal
- C Two kingdoms in the north and centre of Spain
- D Leon and Aragon

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6 **Which country gained Brazil under the Treaty of Tordesillas?**

- A A kingdom that sailed east around Africa
- B Spain
- C Portugal
- D France

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7 **Where was the great silver mine of Potosi?**

- A A mine high in the Andes mountains
- B In Mexico
- C In Bolivia
- D In Peru

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8 **What did the Catholic Monarchs do to unite Spain?**

- A They joined their kingdoms by marriage
- B A union that kept each kingdom separate
- C They conquered Portugal
- D They made one law code

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9 **In which year did Columbus first sail across the Atlantic?**

- A 1493
- B 1491
- C 1492
- D 1502

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10 **What happened on the Night of Sorrows in 1520?**

A Cortes was crowned

B The Spanish fled Tenochtitlan

C Moctezuma surrendered

D A night when many Spaniards were killed

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11 **Where did Pizarro capture Atahualpa?**

A Lima

B A town in the highlands of Peru

C Cajamarca

D Cuzco

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12 **Which food from the Americas changed eating in Europe?**

A The potato

B A crop that grew well in poor soils

C Wheat

D Rice

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13 **In which year did Isabella die?**

A 1505

B 1504

C 1514

D 1503

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14 **Which Portuguese explorer reached India by sea in 1498?**

A Magellan

B Columbus

C Vasco da Gama

D A sailor who rounded the Cape of Good Hope

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15 **Which native group helped Cortes against the Aztecs?**

A The Tlaxcalans

B A people who hated Aztec rule

C The Maya

D The Incas

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16 **Which disease spread among the Incas before Pizarro arrived?**

- A Measles
- B Smallpox
- C A sickness that killed the Inca ruler
- D Typhus

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17 **What did the Casa de Contratacion do?**

- A A body that licensed every voyage to the Indies
- B It built ships
- C It trained sailors
- D It controlled trade with the Americas

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18 **Who led the Spanish conquest of the Aztec Empire?**

A Columbus

B Pizarro

C Hernan Cortes

D A soldier who landed in Mexico in 1519

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19 **What happened to Atahualpa after his capture?**

A He escaped

B He was executed

C He was freed

D A prisoner who was put to death in 1533

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20 **Who ruled each Spanish colony in the Americas?**

A A governor

B A bishop

C A viceroy

D A man who acted in the king's name

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21 **Which kingdom did Isabella rule?**

A Granada

B Aragon

C Castile

D A kingdom in the centre of Spain

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22 **What did the Treaty of Tordesillas do in 1494?**

- A A line drawn on a map that split the Atlantic world in two
- B It ended a war between Spain and France
- C It shared new lands between two kingdoms
- D It gave Spain all of the Americas

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23 **In which year did Tenochtitlan fall to Cortes?**

- A 1520
- B 1531
- C 1522
- D 1521

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24 **What did Pizarro found as the capital of Spanish Peru?**

- A Lima
- B Quito
- C Cuzco
- D A city on the coast of Peru

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25 **What were the Laws of Burgos of 1512 meant to do?**

- A Tax the colonies
- B Ban trade
- C A set of rules to limit abuse by settlers
- D Protect native workers

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ANSWER KEY

1. C
2. D
3. C
4. C
5. A
6. C
7. C
8. A
9. C
10. B
11. C
12. A
13. B
14. C
15. A
16. B
17. D
18. C
19. B
20. C
21. C
22. C
23. D
24. A
25. D

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