WORLD HISTORY · NEBRASKA

World History

Practice Test

Unit 2: Medieval and Early Modern World

25 Questions

Original practice test based on the Nebraska curriculum. Work through each question, then check your answers at the end.

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Question 1

In medieval feudalism, what did a vassal receive from a lord in return for military service?

A) A seat in parliament

B) A printing press

C) A fief of land

D) A merchant fleet

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Question 2

Which ruler was crowned emperor by the pope in the year 800?

A) William the Conqueror

B) Justinian

C) Alfred the Great

D) Charlemagne

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Question 3

Which empire preserved Roman law and learning in Constantinople after the fall of Rome in the west?

A) Byzantine Empire

B) Ottoman Empire

C) Holy Roman Empire

D) Persian Empire

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Question 4

The code compiled under Emperor Justinian is best known for doing what?

A) Abolishing all trade

B) Organizing Roman law into a clear collection

C) Creating the first printing press

D) Ending farming in Europe

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Question 5

Which religion began in Arabia in the seventh century with the teachings of Muhammad?

A) Christianity

B) Judaism

C) Islam

D) Hinduism

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Question 6

Which text is the holy book of Islam?

A) The Torah

B) The Vedas

C) The Analects

D) The Quran

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Question 7

What was the main goal of the Crusades launched from Europe beginning in 1096?

A) To conquer the Holy Land

B) To explore North America

C) To build the Great Wall

D) To end the feudal system

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Question 8

The Black Death that spread across Europe in the 1300s was caused by what?

A) A volcanic eruption

B) A plague spread in part by fleas on rats

C) A long drought alone

D) A shortage of iron

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Question 9

In what year was Magna Carta agreed to by King John of England?

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Question 10

Magna Carta is important mainly because it limited what?

A) The size of towns

B) The number of farms

C) The power of the king

D) The use of coins

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Question 11

Which leader united Mongol tribes and began conquests across Asia in the early 1200s?

A) Kublai Khan

B) Timur

C) Attila

D) Genghis Khan

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Question 12

Joan of Arc is best known for supporting France during which war?

A) The Hundred Years War

B) The Punic Wars

C) The Thirty Years War

D) The War of the Roses

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Question 13

In what year did Ottoman forces capture Constantinople?

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Question 14

Which West African ruler made a famous pilgrimage to Mecca in 1324 and displayed the wealth of Mali?

A) Mansa Musa

B) Sundiata

C) Sunni Ali

D) Askia Muhammad

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Question 15

In medieval Japan, what was the role of a samurai?

A) A merchant who ran ports

B) A priest who led temples

C) A warrior who served a lord

D) A farmer who owned no land

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Question 16

The Renaissance in Europe is best described as a renewed interest in what?

A) Feudal warfare alone

B) Isolation from all trade

C) Ending all religious belief

D) Classical learning, art, and human achievement

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Question 17

Which invention by Johannes Gutenberg helped spread Renaissance and Reformation ideas quickly?

A) The movable type printing press

B) The steam engine

C) The compass

D) The telescope

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Question 18

In 1517, Martin Luther posted the Ninety Five Theses criticizing practices of which church?

A) The Eastern Orthodox Church

B) The Roman Catholic Church

C) The Church of England

D) The Lutheran Church

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Question 19

Which Chinese admiral led large treasure fleets across the Indian Ocean in the early 1400s?

A) Kublai Khan

B) Qin Shi Huang

C) Zheng He

D) Sun Yat sen

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Question 20

Which city was the capital of the Aztec Empire?

A) Cuzco

B) Machu Picchu

C) Teotihuacan

D) Tenochtitlan

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Question 21

In what year did Christopher Columbus reach the Americas on his first voyage?

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Question 22

The Columbian Exchange is best defined as the transfer of what between the Eastern and Western Hemispheres?

A) Plants, animals, diseases, and peoples

B) Only gold and silver

C) Only printed books

D) Only soldiers and weapons

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Question 23

Which astronomer proposed a sun centered model of the solar system in the 1500s?

A) Galileo

B) Copernicus

C) Kepler

D) Newton

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Question 24

Which Spanish conquistador led the expedition that overthrew the Aztec Empire by 1521?

A) Francisco Pizarro

B) Vasco da Gama

C) Hernan Cortes

D) Ferdinand Magellan

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Source I - A Merchant on the Silk Road

Use this reading for question 25.

We travel in a caravan for safety, and at each oasis town we trade silk for spices, glass, and horses. Guards protect the goods, and local rulers charge a toll for safe passage. A journey that takes months can still earn a profit because goods that are common in one land are rare in another.

Question 25

Based on Source I, why did merchants travel in caravans on the Silk Road?

A) To avoid paying any tolls

B) To travel faster than ships

C) To hide from customers

D) For safety while moving valuable goods over long distances

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ANSWER KEY

1. C
2. D
3. A
4. B
5. C
6. D
7. A
8. B
9. 1215
10. C
11. D
12. A
13. 1453
14. A
15. C
16. D
17. A
18. B
19. C
20. D
21. 1492
22. A
23. B
24. C
25. D

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