ONTARIO WORLD HISTORY TO THE END OF THE FIFTEENTH CENTURY, GRADE 11, UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE PREPARATION (CHW3M) · UNIT B · 5 QUESTIONS

Flourishing Societies and Civilizations — Practice Test

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Source I - A Roman Engineer on an Aqueduct

Use this reading for questions 1 to 5.

We survey the hills with rods and levels, for water will not climb. The channel must fall gently, mile after mile, or the city will thirst. Arches carry it across valleys, and lead pipes bring it to fountains, baths, and private houses of the wealthy.

People in Rome speak of the aqueduct as a wonder, but I think of it as labour: stone cut, mortar mixed, and workers paid from taxes. A city that drinks clean water and bathes daily is a city held together by more than walls.

- An invented account in the voice of a Roman engineer

1 **The engineer account shows aqueducts worked by**

- **A** a gentle downhill gradient over long distances
- **B** pumping water uphill with engines, lifting it over hills that the gradient could not cross
- **C** carrying water in carts daily
- **D** rain collected on rooftops only

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2 **Ancient Roman aqueduct arches stretch across a green valley. Aqueduct water in Rome reached**



A only the emperor palace, with no water at all for fountains, baths, or private houses

B farms outside the city only

C army camps alone

D fountains, baths, and wealthy private houses

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3 **The engineer view of the aqueduct emphasizes**

- A a single inventor genius, who designed the whole aqueduct alone in one sitting
- B free labour with no cost
- C organized labour and taxation behind the wonder
- D magic that moved water uphill

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4 **A historian would use this account to show Roman infrastructure**

- A required no engineering skill, since anyone could build an aqueduct with no planning
- B supported urban life, health, and public amenities
- C served only military needs
- D was built after Rome fell

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5 **The account perspective is that of**

A a builder concerned with measurement and labour

B a senator debating taxes, with no interest in measurement or in the labour itself

C a slave in the baths

D a visitor from Greece

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ANSWER KEY

1. A
2. D
3. C
4. B
5. A

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