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

Civilizations in Decline, and Their Legacy — Practice Test

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Source I - A Traveller in Constantinople

Use this reading for questions 1 to 4.

Constantinople rises from the sea with walls on land and water, and its churches glitter with mosaics of gold. Merchants from many lands unload silk, grain, and spices, and officials record taxes in Greek, the language of law and learning here.

A visitor from the west may call this city Greek, but its people call themselves Romans, and their emperor claims the old empire mantle. The past here is not a ruin. It is a living capital, guarding roads and seas between Europe and Asia.

- An invented account in the voice of a traveller

1 **The traveller account shows Constantinople importance came from**

- **A** its walls, trade position, and role between Europe and Asia
- **B** its isolation from all trade
- **C** its small population
- **D** its lack of defences

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2 **A rugged Greek coastline, steep rocky mountains meeting a bright blue sea. The use of Greek for law and learning shows**



A the empire abandoned Roman law

B Latin remained the only language

C Greek was used only in churches

D the eastern empire developed a Greek Christian culture

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3 **The people calling themselves Romans suggests**

A the city rejected its past

B Romans lived only in Italy

C continuity of Roman identity in the east

D the west still ruled the city

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4 **A historian would use this account to show the Byzantine Empire**

A had no trade with other lands

B preserved and transformed Roman heritage

C ended Roman heritage completely

D copied western Europe exactly

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5 **Mosaics of gold in churches reflect**

A Byzantine religious art and imperial wealth

B poverty in the capital

C a lack of skilled artists

D rejection of religious images

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ANSWER KEY

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

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