

Trade and Commerce History

History Of Trade · Answer Key · 10 Questions

1. Which city served as the primary eastern terminus of the Silk Road, acting as the capital for multiple Chinese dynasties during the height of the trade route?

- A) Beijing
- B) Luoyang
- C) Chang'an**
- D) Nanjing

2. The trans-Saharan trade routes were primarily driven by the exchange of which two commodities between West African empires and North African traders?

- A) Gold and salt**
- B) Silk and spices
- C) Copper and iron
- D) Ivory and textiles

3. During the 15th and 16th centuries, the Portuguese established a dominant trading post at which strategic location to control the entrance to the Persian Gulf?

- A) Aden
- B) Muscat
- C) Ormuz**
- D) Basra

4. Which European city-state became the primary maritime power in the Mediterranean during the Middle Ages by establishing trade monopolies with the Byzantine and Islamic worlds?

- A) Genoa**
- B) Florence
- C) Milan
- D) Naples

5. The Hanseatic League was a powerful commercial and defensive confederation of merchant guilds and market towns located primarily in which region?

- A) Northern Europe**
- B) Southern Europe
- C) The Mediterranean
- D) The Iberian Peninsula

6. Which major river served as the primary transport artery for the fur trade in North America during the 17th and 18th centuries?

A) Mississippi River

B) Saint Lawrence River

C) Colorado River

D) Columbia River

7. The Malacca Sultanate, located on the Malay Peninsula, rose to prominence in the 15th century primarily because of its control over which vital shipping lane?

A) Sunda Strait

B) Strait of Malacca

C) Lombok Strait

D) Gulf of Thailand

8. Which Indonesian archipelago was historically known as the 'Spice Islands' due to its status as the world's sole producer of nutmeg and cloves for centuries?

A) Java

B) Sumatra

C) Maluku Islands

D) Bali

9. Before the construction of the Suez Canal, European ships traveling to India had to navigate around which geographical landmark?

A) Strait of Magellan

B) Cape of Good Hope

C) Cape Horn

D) Panama Isthmus

10. The Aztec Empire's capital, Tenochtitlan, utilized a sophisticated market system at Tlatelolco, which was located in the center of which modern-day geographical feature?

A) Lake Texcoco

B) The Yucatan Peninsula

C) The Sierra Madre mountains

D) The Gulf of Mexico