

Trade and Commerce History

History Of Trade · Practice Test · 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