

World History Comprehensive Exam

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1. Which ruler of the Mali Empire is famously noted for his pilgrimage to Mecca in 1324, which significantly inflated the gold supply in Cairo?

- A) Sundiata Keita
- B) Mansa Musa**
- C) Abu Bakr II
- D) Ali Kolon

2. The 'Edict of Nantes', which granted rights to the Huguenots in France, was revoked by which monarch in 1685?

- A) Louis XIV**
- B) Louis XIII
- C) Henry IV
- D) Francis I

3. What was the name of the treaty signed in 1842 that ended the First Opium War and resulted in the cession of Hong Kong to Britain?

- A) Treaty of Tientsin
- B) Treaty of Aigun
- C) Treaty of Nanking**
- D) Treaty of Peking

4. In 1917, the Zimmermann Telegram was intercepted by British intelligence; what was its primary objective?

- A) To secure a peace treaty between Russia and Germany
- B) To propose a military alliance between Germany and Mexico against the US**
- C) To facilitate the abdication of the Tsar
- D) To declare unrestricted submarine warfare

5. The Battle of Talas in 751 CE was a significant confrontation between the Abbasid Caliphate and which East Asian dynasty?

- A) Sui Dynasty
- B) Tang Dynasty**
- C) Song Dynasty
- D) Yuan Dynasty

6. Which ancient civilization developed the 'Linear B' script, primarily used for administrative purposes in their palace centers?

- A) Minoan
- B) Mycenaean**
- C) Hittite
- D) Etruscan

7. What was the main purpose of the 'Balfour Declaration' issued by the British government in 1917?

- A) The partition of the Ottoman Empire
- B) To establish a Jewish national home in Palestine**
- C) The creation of the League of Nations
- D) The annexation of Egypt

8. Who was the last emperor of the Aztec Empire, reigning during the Spanish conquest of Mexico?

- A) Moctezuma I
- B) Axayacatl
- C) Cuauhtémoc**
- D) Cuitláhuac

9. The 1923 Treaty of Lausanne established the modern borders of which country following the collapse of the Ottoman Empire?

- A) Greece
- B) Syria
- C) Turkey**
- D) Iraq

10. Which medieval philosopher and theologian is credited with writing the 'Summa Theologica'?

- A) Thomas Aquinas**
- B) Albertus Magnus
- C) Anselm of Canterbury
- D) William of Ockham

11. In the context of the French Revolution, the 'Thermidorian Reaction' refers to the fall of which political leader?

- A) Georges Danton
- B) Jean-Paul Marat
- C) Maximilien Robespierre**
- D) Jacques Hébert

12. The 'Great Schism' of 1054 resulted in the formal split between the Roman Catholic Church and which other institution?

A) Coptic Orthodox Church

B) Eastern Orthodox Church

C) Protestant Reformation

D) Anglican Communion

13. Which African kingdom, centered in modern-day Ethiopia, was one of the first major states to adopt Christianity as its official religion in the 4th century?

A) Kingdom of Kush

B) Kingdom of Aksum

C) Kanem-Bornu Empire

D) Songhai Empire

14. Which treaty, signed in 1648, ended the Thirty Years' War in the Holy Roman Empire?

A) Peace of Utrecht

B) Peace of Westphalia

C) Treaty of Pyrenees

D) Treaty of Augsburg

15. During the Meiji Restoration, which city was renamed from Edo to serve as the new imperial capital of Japan?

A) Kyoto

B) Osaka

C) Tokyo

D) Nagasaki