

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 The 'Edict of Nantes', which granted rights to the Huguenots in France, was revoked by which monarch in 1685?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