

Chronicles of Global Commerce

Trade & Commerce History · Answer Key · 4 Questions

1. What year was the Dutch East India Company (Vereenigde Oostindische Compagnie - VOC) officially established, receiving a monopoly on trade with Asia?

- A) 1598
- B) 1600
- C) 1602**
- D) 1604

2. Which Lydian king is traditionally credited by Herodotus with minting the first standardized electrum coins for widespread use, predating his famous descendant Croesus?

- A) Gyges
- B) Alyattes**
- C) Midas
- D) Candaules

3. Approximately how many miles did the main network of the ancient Silk Road, connecting East and West, span from its Eastern to Western termini?

- A) 2,500 miles
- B) 3,000 miles
- C) 4,000 miles**
- D) 5,500 miles

4. In what century did the Hanseatic League, a powerful medieval commercial and defensive confederation of merchant guilds and market towns, reach the zenith of its economic and political influence?

- A) 12th Century
- B) 13th Century
- C) 14th Century**
- D) 15th Century