

Civilizations and Philosophies of East Asia

History · Answer Key · 15 Questions

1. Who founded Confucianism in ancient China?

- A) Laozi
- B) Confucius**
- C) Siddhartha Gautama
- D) Qin Shi Huang

2. What is the concept of 'Filial Piety' in Confucianism?

- A) Respect for parents and elders**
- B) The practice of meditation
- C) Living in harmony with nature
- D) Military training

3. Which philosophy emphasizes living in harmony with the 'Tao' or natural order?

- A) Confucianism
- B) Buddhism
- C) Taoism**
- D) Shintoism

4. What does the term 'Wu Wei' mean in Taoism?

- A) Strict discipline
- B) Effortless action**
- C) Political power
- D) Wealth accumulation

5. The 'Mandate of Heaven' was a concept used to justify what in China?

- A) The Civil Service Exam
- B) The rights of merchants
- C) The authority of the Emperor**
- D) The practice of Buddhism

6. How were many government officials selected in Imperial China?

- A) Hereditary succession
- B) Civil Service Examination**
- C) Military appointment
- D) Public election

7. Who was the first emperor of a unified China?

- A) Confucius
- B) Laozi
- C) Qin Shi Huang**
- D) Siddhartha Gautama

8. Which religion originated in India before spreading to Japan via China and Korea?

- A) Shintoism
- B) Taoism
- C) Confucianism
- D) Buddhism**

9. What is the indigenous religion of Japan known as the 'Way of the Gods'?

- A) Shintoism**
- B) Taoism
- C) Buddhism
- D) Confucianism

10. What are 'Kami' in the context of Shintoism?

- A) Warrior leaders
- B) Spirits found in nature**
- C) Government officials
- D) Merchants

11. In feudal Japan, what was the 'Bushido' code?

- A) Rules for farmers
- B) The way of the warrior**
- C) A trade agreement
- D) A religious text

12. Which social class in feudal Japan was responsible for producing food?

- A) Samurai
- B) Merchants
- C) Artisans
- D) Farmers**

13. Why were merchants ranked lowest in the Japanese social hierarchy?

- A) They were uneducated
- B) They did not produce goods themselves**
- C) They were foreigners
- D) They refused to fight

14. What is the primary goal of Buddhism according to the text?

- A) Achieving wealth
- B) Political dominance
- C) Enlightenment and freedom from suffering**
- D) Respecting the Emperor

15. What does the Yin and Yang symbol represent?

- A) The hierarchy of government
- B) Balance between opposite forces**
- C) The five relationships
- D) The stages of life