

Geography of Massalia and its Governance

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1. Where is Massalia located according to the text?

A) On a rocky terrain

B) In a fertile valley

C) On a plain

D) Near a large river

2. What is the origin of Massalia?

A) Roman

B) Greek (Phocaeon)

C) Egyptian

D) Carthaginian

3. What two temples are mentioned as being on the Acropolis of Massalia?

A) Temple of Zeus and Temple of Hera

B) The Ephesium and the Temple of Apollo Delphinien

C) Temple of Athena and Temple of Poseidon

D) Temple of Artemis and Temple of Aphrodite

4. Which deity was particularly honored in Massalia, and why?

A) Apollo, for victory in war

B) Artemis, as a guide for their voyage

C) Zeus, as the king of gods

D) Poseidon, for control of the seas

5. Who was Aristarché?

A) A priestess of Apollo

B) A renowned warrior

C) One of the most remarkable women of the city

D) The founder of Massalia

6. What was Aristarché's role in the founding of the temple?

A) She commissioned its construction

B) She was guided by a dream to bring an image of the goddess

C) She was the chief architect

D) She provided the funding

7. What title was bestowed upon Aristarché?

- A) Greatest Warrior
- B) First Citizen
- C) High Priestess**
- D) Queen

8. How is the government of Massalia described?

- A) Democratic
- B) Oligarchic
- C) Aristocratic**
- D) Monarchic

9. How many members were in the first council of Massalia?

- A) 100
- B) 300
- C) 600**
- D) 1000

10. What was the term of service for the members of the council?

- A) For life**
- B) For ten years
- C) For five years
- D) Until retirement

11. What was the name given to the members of the council?

- A) Senators
- B) Timouques**
- C) Magistrates
- D) Consuls

12. How many members were in the superior commission that presided over the council?

- A) 3
- B) 7
- C) 15**
- D) 30

13. Who presided over the superior commission?

- A) The oldest member
- B) A single elected president
- C) Three of its own members**
- D) The head of the military

14. What are the requirements to be a timouque?

- A) Be a skilled orator and wealthy
- B) Have no children and belong to a family of citizens for three generations**
- C) Be a military veteran and own land
- D) Be a scholar and a merchant

15. What laws did Massalia follow?

- A) Roman laws
- B) Egyptian laws
- C) Ionian laws**
- D) Greek laws from Athens

16. What types of agriculture were favorable in Massalia's territory?

- A) Wheat and barley
- B) Olives and vines**
- C) Rice and cotton
- D) Corn and potatoes

17. What was Massalia's territory poor in for agriculture?

- A) Water**
- B) Fertile soil for wheat
- C) Sunlight
- D) Warm climate

18. What did the Massalites rely on more than agriculture?

- A) Military strength
- B) Maritime resources**
- C) Trade with inland cities
- D) Hunting and fishing

19. What was the primary focus of Massalites' early economic activity?

- A) Agriculture
- B) Manufacturing
- C) Maritime navigation and commerce**
- D) Mining