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Early Africa Study Guide

The Rise of African Civilizations

Directions: Matching Match each item in Column A with its description in Column B. Write the correct letters in the blanks. (10 points each)

Column A

Column B

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| <p>A. Axum</p> <p>B. dhow</p> <p>C. Sunni Ali</p> <p>D. plateau</p> <p>E. griot</p> | <p>_____ 1. a storyteller</p> <p>_____ 2. the city-state that owed its power to its location on the Red Sea</p> <p>_____ 3. an area of high flat land</p> <p>_____ 4. the sailboat invented by Arab traders</p> <p>_____ 5. He stormed into Timbuktu and drove out the Berbers.</p> |
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Directions: Multiple Choice In the blank at the left, write the letter of the choice that best completes the statement or answers the question. (10 points each)

- _____ 6. Africa's savannas
- A. cover only 10 percent of the land.
 - B. are good for raising herds of animals.
 - C. are good for growing crops.
 - D. are cool and rainy.
- _____ 7. Used in trade caravans across the desert, camels were nicknamed
- A. "ships of the desert."
 - B. "desert conquerors."
 - C. "sand gods."
 - D. "caravan heroes."
- _____ 8. What great warrior-king, called "Lion Prince," seized Ghana in 1240?
- A. Sunni Ali
 - B. Sundiata Keita
 - C. Mansa Musa
 - D. Timbuktu
- _____ 9. African rain forest kingdoms were _____ by the dense forest growth.
- A. shutoff and harmed
 - B. enveloped and weakened
 - C. protected from invaders
 - D. made defenseless
- _____ 10. The great trading center of Zimbabwe supplied _____ to the East African coast.
- A. gunpowder, spears, bows
 - B. bananas, yams, rice
 - C. salt, gold, tin
 - D. gold, copper, ivory



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Africa's Government and Religion

Directions: Matching Match each item in Column A with its description in Column B. Write the correct letters in the blanks. (10 points each)

Column A

- A. clan
- B. Makkah
- C. sultan
- D. Askia Muhammad
- E. Swahili

Column B

- _____ 1. Songhai leader who built the largest empire in medieval West Africa
- _____ 2. a leader of a group of people
- _____ 3. a language that means "people of the coast"
- _____ 4. a group of people descended from the same ancestor
- _____ 5. Muslim holy city, also known as Mecca

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- _____ 6. West African empires utilized _____ governments ruled by _____.
 - A. city-state, emperors
 - B. democracy, sultans
 - C. centralized, kings
 - D. tribal, chiefs
- _____ 7. King _____ of Mali rewarded loyal citizens with gold, land, and horses.
 - A. Muhammad Ture
 - B. Ibn Battuta
 - C. Sunni Ali
 - D. Mansa Musa
- _____ 8. Today, the most widely practiced religion in Africa is
 - A. Christianity.
 - B. Igbo.
 - C. Islam.
 - D. Judaism.
- _____ 9. Igbo is similar to Christianity, Islam, and Judaism in that all believe in
 - A. many gods.
 - B. helping the poor.
 - C. ancestor spirits.
 - D. one supreme god.
- _____ 10. The _____ language and culture still exists in East Africa today.
 - A. Swahili
 - B. Igbo
 - C. Egyptian
 - D. Arabian



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African Society and Culture

Directions: Matching Match each item in Column A with its description in Column B. Write the correct letters in the blanks. (10 points each)

Column A

- A. Dahia al-Kahina
- B. oral history
- C. matrilineal
- D. Nzinga
- E. extended families

Column B

- _____ 1. tracing family descent through mothers rather than fathers
- _____ 2. families made up of several generations
- _____ 3. stories passed down by mouth from generation to generation
- _____ 4. queen who spent 40 years battling Portuguese slave traders
- _____ 5. queen who led the fight against the Muslim invasion of her country

Directions: Multiple Choice In the blank at the left, write the letter of the choice that best completes the statement or answers the question. (10 points each)

- _____ 6. The _____ people's migrations helped spread culture across medieval Africa.
 - A. Yorba
 - B. Portuguese
 - C. Bantu
 - D. Ndongo
- _____ 7. Education in African villages was carried out by the family and
 - A. the village school.
 - B. other villagers.
 - C. church.
 - D. tribal council.
- _____ 8. During the 1440s, the European slave trade was started in Africa by
 - A. Portugal.
 - B. Spain.
 - C. England.
 - D. Dutch.
- _____ 9. The earliest known form of African art is
 - A. weaving.
 - B. cave paintings.
 - C. woodcarving.
 - D. metalworking.
- _____ 10. Enslaved Africans used music to remind them of their
 - A. homeland.
 - B. religion.
 - C. prayers.
 - D. freedom.

