

## **Study Guide for Common Assessment #4 from Chapters 1 and 4**

### **Chapter 1**

#### **1. How did the city of Constantinople grow rich?**

trade, because of its location on the Bosphorus Strait it was a natural crossroads for trade. It connected two continents Europe and Asia and two bodies of water Mediterranean Sea and the Sea of Marmara

#### **2. Why did people find the Islam religion so attractive?**

promised a new way of life compared to the harsh oppressive rulers of nearby empires Byzantine and Persian.

#### **3. How did Islam spread so far, so fast?**

merchants took the religion with them as they traveled along the trade routes  
Muhammad united the Arab community

#### **4. What does Islam, and the Jewish and Christian religions all believe in?**

belief in one God, each had their own holy book, they believed in the same prophets

#### **5. Scholars see Islam's golden age as?**

one of the most brilliant in history

#### **6. Why did the Byzantine Empire last so long?**

Trade natural crossroads of trade, strong weapons and army, and it had good rulers/leaders

#### **7. The Code of Justinian stated?**

the laws clearly and explained the meaning of the laws

#### **8. Islam treated Jews and Christians with respect but made them?**

pay a special tax called the jizyah

#### **9. Muslims believe in \_\_\_\_\_ God**

one God called Allah

#### **10. Muslims pray \_\_\_\_\_**

5 times a day, kneel and face Mecca

#### **11. Islam had two different groups because of a schism They are?**

Sunnis - larger group, any religious muslim can lead

Shiites - smaller group, direct descendent of Muhammad leads

#### **12. Harun ar-Rashid was a supporter of the \_\_\_\_\_**

Arts

**13. Muslims especially liked a certain kind of writing?**

Poetry

**14. Why did the emperors of the Byzantine have such great power?**

They were thought to be representatives of gods on earth

**15. What effect did tolerance have during Islam's Golden age?**

Without tolerance there would not have been a golden age. The Jews and Christians were able to help create Islam's Golden age. Jews and Christians made many achievements in math, science, and literature.

**Chapter 4**

**1. Explain China's Merit System**

people were hired based on their abilities and not by their status or wealth

**2. What geographical feature protected Japan from invasion?**

The sea, Japan was an island the sea created a defense for Japan

**3. Under Feudalism, each person was loyal to those who?**

had more power and wealth than them

**4. What religion did India's conquerors follow?**

the religion of Islam

**5. What helped to spread knowledge in China's golden age?**

the printing of books, block and movable type printing

**6. List some influences that Europe had on Japan.**

opened Japan up to trade and Western culture, Portuguese guns, and Christianity

**7. What are some key products that China traded with other?**

Silk, Tea, and Porcelain

**8. What are some geographical features of the Silk Road?**

the Silk Road was not a single road, but a network of roads that stretched from Asia to Europe, and went through deserts and mountains.

**Greece and Rome Questions**

**1. Who greatly influenced the Roman people?**

The Greeks

**2. Explain the effect of the geography in Ancient Greece.**

Greece was mountainous which made it difficult to unify as one country; people of Greece formed separate city-states or communities that each had their own culture, beliefs, religion, and way of life.

**3. Explain why myths were important to the Greeks?**

myths helped to explain the features of nature and the creation of the universe and their understanding of their gods.

**4. How was the power divided between the consuls in the Roman Republic?**

the power between the two consuls was divided equally.