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BLACK STUDIES/HISTORY 215

QUIZ

DO NOT RECORD YOUR ANSWERS ON THESE PAGES. ALL ANSWERS MUST BE RECORDED ON THE ANSWER SHEET. PLEASE READ EACH QUESTION THOROUGHLY AND CAREFULLY. DARKEN OUT THE APPROPRIATE LETTER ON THE ANSWER SHEET. YOU MAY LEAVE WHEN FINISHED. GOOD LUCK.

1. Which one of the following cannot be considered one of the ancient empires of the western Sudan:
a) Mali b) Zimbabwe c) Ghana d) Songhai
2. The king of Ghana during the medieval period lived in the capital city of a) Sisse b) Tichit c) Kumbi-Saleh d) Faleme
3. The king of Ghana who ruled over a vast empire in 1062 that favored local religions over Islam was a) Baramenda Keita b) Soninke c) Tenkamenin d) Musa
4. The North African conquerors of Ghana were the a) Almoravids b) Bambuk c) Niger d) Bagana
5. The credit for consolidating and strengthening the kingdom of Mali goes to a) Melle b) Baramenda Keita c) Sundiata Keita d) KanKan Musa
6. The leader of the Mandingoes that elevated Mali to greatness and worldwide recognition in the 14th century was a) Kankan Musa b) Mansa Musa c) Ibn Batuta d) El-Momar
7. The Arabian poet and Granada architect that designed and supervised erection of pretentious mosques at Gao, Jenne, Timbuktu and elsewhere was a) Ibn Batuta b) Es-Saheli c) El-Momar d) Bure
8. The leader who captured Timbuktu and Jenne by 1469 was a) Omar b) Sonni Ali c) Muhammad Ali d) Askia Muhammad
9. The largest and most powerful state in the history of west Africa was a) Benin b) Songhay c) Hausa d) Massima
10. The west African medieval ruler who rediscovered the richness of the Islamic culture was a) Askia Muhammad b) Sonni Ali c) Baramenda Keita d) Sankore
11. Which of the following was not a part of the Hausa states
a) Kano b) Zaria c) Jenne d) Katsina

12. The 17th century African state that became a key west African center for slave exporting was a) Oyo b) Dahomey c) Ibo d) Benin
13. The people in modern day Ghana that resisted British domination in ten wars from 1807 to 1901 was a) Yoruba b) Ga c) Ashanti d) Oyo
14. The language that served as the lingua franca (commercial language) for east Africa was a) Arabic b) Swahili c) Bantu d) Khoisian
15. A powerful state in Africa could be formed by joining several states that had a common ancestor. This type of state is known as a a) village state b) tribe state c) clan state d) empire
16. According to African customs, the king had no rights over land property unless he/she was a descendant of the first occupants of the disputed land. a) true b) false
17. African traditions stated that land be held collectively and individually. a) true b) false
18. Iron working in ancient Africa was the result of Hittites introducing this process to Africa in the fifth century B.C. a) true b) false
19. Ancient African cultures in Benin, Mali and Yoruba were known for their skilled production of metal ornamental objects. a) true b) false
20. African merchants engaged in trade with other areas including ancient China. a) true b) false
21. Social stratification among African tribes was composed of all but one of the following: a) nobility b) workers c) bureaucrats d) war captives
22. African social states appeared similar to European feudalism--a person could not move out of the social rank in which they were born. a) true b) false
23. Chattel slavery among African cultures usually forbade the selling of slave children. a) true b) false
24. The central element of indigenous African religions was a) fetish worship b) magic c) human sacrifice d) ancestor worship
25. The practices that help explain the imponderables to Africans and required the use of amulets and talismans were called a) magic b) libation c) animism d) kinship

26. Africans adopted Islam readily because it accepted Blacks as brothers as well as offering political and economic advantages. a) true b) false
27. Christianity did not take root among Africans until European incursions of the 19th century. a) true b) false
28. African cultural history has been preserved by oral historians and in Arabic written works. a) true b) false
29. Black scholars on African-American life maintain unequivocally that Africanisms survived the "middle passage" and became a part of contemporary Black life. a) true b) false
30. The establishment of the trans-Atlantic slave trade depended upon all but one of the following: a) Commercial Revolution b) decline of the powerful west Sudan empires c) labor needs of western hemisphere plantations d) Berber expansionism in west Africa
31. Because of the highly structured machinery of control of Virginia's slaves, slave rebellions were eliminated by 1694. a) true b) false
32. Georgians were prohibited from importing slaves until 1750. a) true b) false
33. The Dutch used slaves to operate their large plantations in the Hudson River valley in the seventeenth century. a) true b) false
34. Slave revolts in colonial New York were supported by some whites who found the institution deplorable. a) true b) false
35. According to a colonial Maryland statute of 1671, conversion of a slave to Christianity gave the African certain legal benefits. a) true b) false

MATCHING

Match Column B with Column A.

A	B
36. caboceer	a. African name for peanut
37. goober	b. erected first building on place known today as Chicago
38. du Sable	c. oral historian in villages
39. griot	d. instrument used for recreational or social purposes
40. xylophone	e. responsible for gathering up persons to be sold to Europeans

ANSWER SHEET

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