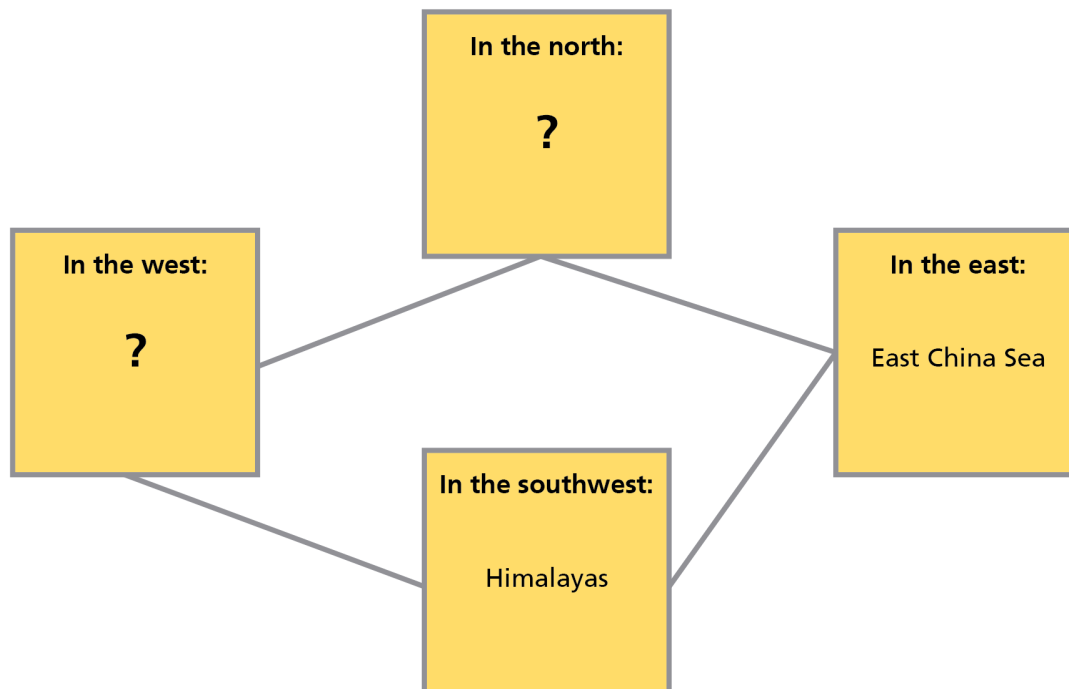


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Read each question carefully. Determine the best answer to the question from the four answer choices provided.

- 1 What benefit did a standardized currency bring to China?
  - A It made it easier to trade anywhere in the empire.
  - B It reduced the economic power of warlords.
  - C It increased wealth for all citizens.
  - D It allowed the government to collect taxes.
- 2 Among the major achievements of the Shang were the development of a written language and the
  - A building of the Great Wall.
  - B introduction of metal coins.
  - C invention of the seismometer.
  - D development of bronze metalworking.
- 3 One notable way that the Han emperors differed from the Qin emperors was in their
  - A revival of Confucianism.
  - B harsh treatment of citizens.
  - C adoption of Legalism.
  - D expansion of the empire.
- 4 Look at the diagram.



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Which geographic features that isolated China complete the diagram? Choose the TWO correct answers.

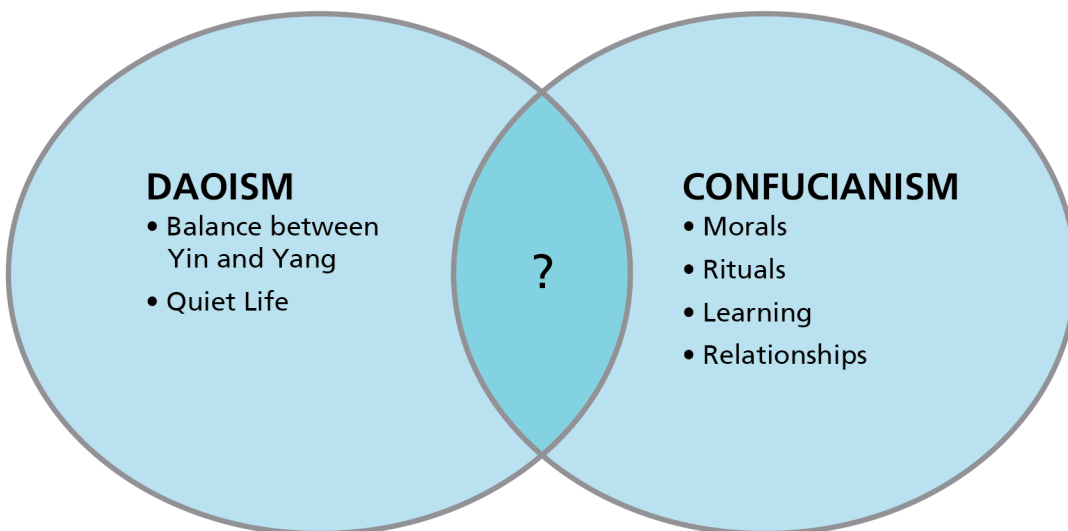
- A North China Plain
- B Taklimakan Desert
- C Plateau of Tibet
- D Gobi Desert

- 5 Why did the ancient Chinese make loud noises at festivals and during holiday celebrations?
- A to show loyalty to the emperor
  - B to celebrate their blessings
  - C to awaken the spirits of their ancestors
  - D to chase away evil spirits
- 6 In order to keep the economy stable, Han emperors
- A introduced the first Chinese coins.
  - B prevented merchants from selling goods outside of China.
  - C bought and stored goods to avoid shortages.
  - D banned monopolies in major industries.
- 7 According to the Zhou concept of the Mandate of Heaven, what would a ruler have to do to stay in power? Choose the TWO correct answers.
- A win the loyalty of warlords
  - B impose strict laws to prevent chaos
  - C follow the Dao
  - D rule justly and virtuously
  - E preserve harmony between heaven and earth
- 8 Emperor Wudi and later Han emperors sent envoys to
- A establish relations with western kingdoms.
  - B oversee civil service examinations.
  - C destroy rebellious warlords.
  - D spread Buddhism throughout China.

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- 9 Look at the Venn diagram comparing Daoism and Confucianism.



Which phrase replaces the question mark in the diagram?

- A** Competition for wealth
- B** Order and stability
- C** People are basically evil
- D** Development of bureaucracy
- 10 What impact did the Silk Road have on China under the Han dynasty? Choose the TWO correct answers.
- A** It enabled the Han to expand Chinese territory.
- B** It brought new ideas such as Buddhism into China.
- C** It increased the prosperity of Han merchants.
- D** It made travel easier between northern and southern China.
- E** It allowed the Chinese to learn the process of making silk.
- 11 By what means did Zhou rulers keep control over all the different regions of their kingdom?
- A** by keeping a strong army ready to put down any rebellion
- B** by treating the people with kindness and respect
- C** by starting a civil service based on the ideas of Confucius
- D** by putting family members in charge of individual regions
- 12 Followers of Daoism believe that the Dao is
- A** proper relationships between people.
- B** a form of ancestor worship.
- C** a pathway to a just and stable government.
- D** the natural way of the universe.

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13 Which of the following statements is the most accurate comparison of the Qin and Han dynasties?

- A The Qin ended the civil service system set up by the Han.
- B The Han conquered even more territory than had the Qin.
- C The Han adopted the Legalist policies introduced by the Qin.
- D Han emperors rejected the Qin idea of standardization.

14 Look at the table.

Five Confucian Relationships	
ruler and subjects	
?	
husband and wife	
?	
two friends	

Which statements replace the question marks in the table? Choose the TWO correct answers.

- A father and son
  - B teacher and student
  - C ancestors and the living
  - D older and younger brothers
- 15 Filial piety is a major feature of which system of thought influential in China?
- A Confucianism
  - B Daoism
  - C Legalism
  - D Buddhism
- 16 Shi Huangdi believed in Legalism, a philosophy that held that
- A people are basically good and rulers should set an example.
  - B a strict ruler is needed to create an orderly society.
  - C government jobs should be given to the most qualified persons.
  - D rulers should seek to keep the Mandate of Heaven.

17 Look at the table of the social order of Han society.

Occupation	Attitude
Artisans	Highly respected for skill and hard work
Farmers	?
Merchants	?
Scholars	Highly respected for knowledge

Which Confucian attitudes replace the question marks in the table, from top to bottom?

- A Highly respected for production of basic goods; Highly respected for wealth
- B Little respected for low social status; Little respected because they do not produce goods
- C Little respected because they work at a lowly job; Highly respected for wealth
- D Highly respected for production of basic goods; Little respected because they do not produce goods

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- 18 Under the Han, iron and salt were so important that
- A it was forbidden to trade them outside of China.
  - B production of these goods was made a state monopoly.
  - C only wealthy merchants were allowed to produce them.
  - D only the emperor and his family were allowed to own them.
- 19 Look at the photo.



The form of art shown here was developed during what dynasty?

- A Han
- B Shang
- C Zhou
- D Qin

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## Short Answer

Read each question, and write your answer in complete sentences.

20 What developments allowed trade to flourish during the Han dynasty?

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21 Why did the first settlements in China begin along the Huang River?

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22 Why was the invention of paper during the Han dynasty so important to the rest of the world?

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**23** Explain how events in the early life of Confucius influenced his view of proper behavior.

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**24** How was the concept of the Mandate of Heaven related to the expansion of the Zhou empire?

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**25** Compare and contrast the cultures of the Shang and Zhou dynasties.

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