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ASSESSMENT****UNIT  
2****Chapter 7: Ancient China  
CHAPTER PRETEST**

**MULTIPLE CHOICE** Choose the best answer for each question from the choices available.

- 1 Why was ancient China's civilization cut off from much of the rest of the world?
  - A China's government refused to allow contact with other parts of the world.
  - B China did not know that other parts of the world existed.
  - C A lack of roads made contact with other parts of the world impossible.
  - D Geographic features cut China off from the rest of the world.
- 2 What was one achievement of the Shang dynasty?
  - A a system of writing
  - B Confucianism
  - C the dynastic cycle
  - D the Great Wall
- 3 What was the Chinese belief system that emphasized living in harmony with nature?
  - A Legalism
  - B Confucianism
  - C Daoism
  - D Mandate of Heaven
- 4 What Chinese leader united the Chinese kingdoms to form an empire?
  - A Laozi
  - B Shi Huangdi
  - C Wudi
  - D Lü
- 5 Why did Shi Huangdi build the Great Wall?
  - A to attract visitors to China from other regions
  - B to make transportation easier through China
  - C to keep invaders out of China
  - D to show China's building talent
- 6 What government reform did the Han rulers make?
  - A They established a government based on a bureaucracy.
  - B They used Legalism to guide their decisions.
  - C They made harsher punishment for crimes.
  - D They did not allow women to rule the empire.
- 7 What ancient Chinese invention became China's most traded good?
  - A wheelbarrow
  - B silk
  - C compass
  - D cast iron
- 8 Why did traders travel in caravans on the Silk Roads?
  - A to be able to sell more goods as they traveled
  - B to travel faster along the road
  - C to be able to use camels along the way
  - D to protect themselves against thieves
- 9 The main route of the Silk Roads passed through which of the following areas?
  - A Eastern Europe
  - B Central Asia
  - C North Africa
  - D West Africa
- 10 What new idea spread to China from India by around 500 B.C.?
  - A Buddhism
  - B Confucianism
  - C Daoism
  - D Legalism

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**SECTION 1 QUIZ****MULTIPLE CHOICE** Choose the best answer for each question from the choices available.

1. Which of the following is a desert that formed part of China's natural barriers?
  - A the Himalaya
  - B the Taklimakan
  - C the Tian Shan
  - D the Pamir
2. What is another name for the Chang Jiang River?
  - A Yellow River
  - B Indus River
  - C Tigris River
  - D Yangtze River
3. Which was the earliest Chinese dynasty for which evidence exists?
  - A Xia
  - B Zhou
  - C Liangzhu
  - D Shang
4. Where did China's first dynasty develop?
  - A along the Huang He
  - B at the foot of the Tian Shan
  - C beside the East China Sea
  - D along the Chang Jiang
5. What was the concept of Mandate of Heaven?
  - A It was the result of the dynastic cycle.
  - B It was the belief that a king could rule only as long as the gods believed him worthy.
  - C It emphasized living in harmony with nature and the Dao.
  - D It was a philosophy that encouraged a strong government and laws.
6. Which Chinese philosophy focuses on living in harmony with nature and the Way?
  - A Confucianism
  - B Daoism
  - C Legalism
  - D Mandate of Heaven

**CONSTRUCTED RESPONSE** Write the answer to each question in the space provided.

7. How did natural barriers help shape China's civilization?

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8. What was the dynastic cycle?

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**SECTION 2 QUIZ**

**MULTIPLE CHOICE** Choose the best answer for each question from the choices available.

- 1 Who called himself "first emperor"?
  - A Liu Bang
  - B Shi Huangdi
  - C Lü
  - D Wudi
- 2 Shi Huangdi followed which Chinese philosophy?
  - A Confucianism
  - B Buddhism
  - C Legalism
  - D Daoism
- 3 Which of the following was NOT an accomplishment of Shi Huangdi?
  - A a single writing system
  - B a government bureaucracy
  - C canals and irrigation systems
  - D standardized weights and measures
- 4 Who became known as Empress Lü?
  - A the last emperor of the Qin dynasty
  - B Liu Bang's wife
  - C a notable bureaucrat of the Han dynasty
  - D the longest-reigning emperor in Chinese history
- 5 What was invented during the Han dynasty to show direction?
  - A sextant
  - B silk
  - C wheelbarrow
  - D compass
- 6 Which invention allowed ideas to spread farther and faster than ever?
  - A paper
  - B silk
  - C compass
  - D wheelbarrow

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- 7 What was the purpose of the Great Wall of China?

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- 8 What are two ways in which the Han emperors ruled differently from Shi Huangdi?

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SECTION 3 QUIZ**

**MULTIPLE CHOICE** Choose the best answer for each question from the choices available.

1. Why were camels used on the Silk Roads?
  - A They were the least expensive animal available.
  - B Camels are strong, sure-footed, and tough.
  - C Camels are native to China.
  - D Camels bite and spit, which makes them excellent guard animals.
2. What goods were brought from China to the West?
  - A grapes, lacquerware, and paper
  - B wool rugs, paper, and silk
  - C silk, paper, and lacquerware
  - D honey, silk, and paper
3. What goods were taken to China from Europe?
  - A honey and grapes
  - B grapes and wool rugs
  - C silk and carved ivory
  - D camels and horses
4. How did traders protect themselves on the Silk Roads?
  - A They traveled alone to avoid being noticed.
  - B They traveled at night to avoid being seen.
  - C They traveled in groups called caravans.
  - D They hired guards called caravans.
5. What religion from India spread into China and throughout East Asia?
  - A Hinduism
  - B Confucianism
  - C Legalism
  - D Buddhism
6. How long ago does Fredrik Hiebert conclude traders began traveling along the Silk Roads?
  - A 4,000 or 5,000 years ago
  - B 2,000 or 3,000 years ago
  - C 1,500 or 2,000 years ago
  - D 1,000 to 500 years ago

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7. What were the Silk Roads?

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8. How did the Silk Roads encourage cultural diffusion?

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