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Islamic Empires - Answer Key

Read each question and circle the correct answer.

1. What happened in 632?

- A. Muhammad heard the voice of God, or *Allah* in Arabic, speaking to him and began spreading Islam.
- ☒ B. Muhammad died.
- C. An Italian mathematician brought the Arabic numerals to Europe.
- D. Babur founded the Mughal Empire.

2. Muslims must pray five times a day facing { }.

- A. east
- B. Medina
- ☒ C. Mecca
- D. the nearest mosque

3. The tall towers where religious officials call Muslims to prayer are called { }.

- A. mosques
- B. tags
- C. astrolabes
- ☒ D. minarets

4. In 661, Sunnis and Shias had different beliefs about { }.

- ☒ A. who should be caliph
- B. territory in Jerusalem
- C. the purpose of jihad
- D. Muslim Turks' control of northern India

5. A caliph was considered { }.

- A. a political leader but not a religious leader
- ☒ B. both the head of government and the head of Islam
- C. both the ruler of the east and the ruler of the west
- D. the leader of the Mughal Empire

6. The famous caliph thought to be the hero in many *Arabian Nights* stories was {}.

- A. ibn Battuta
- B. Akbar the Great
- C. Babur "The Tiger"
- ☒ D. Harun al-Rashid

7. Swahili is a combination of the cultures of {}.

- A. Muhammad and Jesus
- B. Sunni and Shia
- C. the Caliph and the Pope
- ☒ D. Islam and Africa

8. Who was Muhammad ibn Battuta?

- ☒ A. a Muslim traveler who wrote of his journeys through Egypt, China, Sumatra and Timbuktu
- B. an Arabian physician who studied the circulatory system
- C. one of the last Seljuk kings
- D. a Mughal leader famous for his tolerance

9. Ottoman sultans remained powerful on the edge of Europe until the {}.

- A. 1420s
- B. 1620s
- ☒ C. 1920s
- D. 1720s

10. Which of the following is a **false** statement?

- A. The numbers we use today came from Arabic numerals.
- B. Muslim doctors knew about hygiene and blood circulation.
- ☒ C. There were no mosques on the African continent.
- D. Muslim scientists developed a device that allowed sailors to navigate by the stars.