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The Black Death - Answer Key

Read each question and circle the correct answer.

1. What was the first recorded instance of the plague?

- A. Great Plague of London
- ☒ B. Plague of Justinian
- C. The Black Death
- D. Antonine Plague

2. Which empire did the bubonic plague affect in the sixth century?

- A. Mali Empire
- ☒ C. Byzantine Empire
- B. Ottoman Empire
- D. Mongol Empire

3. Which of the following most likely contributed to the spread of the plague?

- ☒ A. Trade
- B. Climate change
- C. Economic boom
- D. Contaminated water

4. Researchers believed that { } carried the plague.

- A. fish
- B. birds
- C. racoons
- ☒ D. rats

5. True or False: Overcrowding in affected cities was another contributing factor to the rapid spread of the plague.

- ☒ A. True
- B. False

6. Which of the following was NOT a direct result of the plague?

- A. Widespread panic
- ☒ C. Abundance of labor
- B. People turning to religion
- D. Antisemitic sentiments

7. The Black Death killed almost {} of Europe's population.

- A. $\frac{1}{4}$
- ☒ B. $\frac{1}{3}$
- C. $\frac{1}{2}$
- D. $\frac{3}{4}$

8. The population decline led to which of the following?

- A. Better working conditions for laborers
- B. Increased value of manual labor
- C. Increased social mobility for lower-class laborers
- ☒ D. All of the above

9. True or False: The Black Death was the last outbreak of the bubonic plague.

- A. True
- ☒ B. False

10. When was the first plague vaccine developed?

- A. 1351
- B. 1855
- ☒ C. 1897
- D. 1901