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# The Byzantine Empire - Answer Key

Read each question and circle the correct answer.

1. The Byzantine Empire was a successor to the {}.

- A. Carthaginian Empire
- ☒ B. Roman Empire
- C. Assyrian Empire
- D. Achaemenid Empire

2. What did Diocletian do to change the way the Roman Empire was ruled?

- A. He proclaimed himself “ruler for life.”
- B. He started the first ever Roman dynasty.
- C. He allowed a council of Germanic tribes to rule the empire.
- ☒ D. He divided the empire into two parts.

3. The capital city of Byzantium would later be renamed {}.

- ☒ A. Constantinople
- B. Ravenna
- C. Rome
- D. Thessaloniki

4. Constantine was a supporter of which religion?

- A. Islam
- ☒ B. Christianity
- C. Judaism
- D. Greco-Roman paganism

5. Constantine displayed his support for Christianity through which of the following?

- A. Giving preferential treatment to Christians
- B. Involving himself in church proceedings
- C. Legalizing the religion in the empire
- ☒ D. All of the above

6. During the time of the Byzantine Empire, the people of Constantinople spoke {}.

- A. Latin
- ☒ B. Greek
- C. Roman
- D. Turkish

7. During his reign, Justinian {}.

- A. lost key territories in the empire's western region
- ☒ C. created a universal legal code
- B. made Christianity the official state religion
- D. suppressed Greco-Roman culture

8. Which of the following best describes the Hagia Sophia?

- ☒ A. Formerly the world's largest church
- B. A library housing ancient texts
- C. Defensive stone walls surrounding Constantinople
- D. A ceremonial entrance gate used by emperors

9. The theme system was a restructuring of the Byzantine {}.

- A. judiciary
- ☒ B. military
- C. government
- D. noble classes

10. In 1453, Constantinople fell to the {}.

- A. Spanish Crusaders
- ☒ B. Ottomans
- C. Seljuk Turks
- D. Mongols