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The Persian Empire

Read each question and circle the correct answer.

1. Cyrus the Great built the largest _____ the world had yet seen.

- A. army
- B. temple
- C. pyramid
- D. empire

2. The Immortals were

- A. Zoroastrian prophets
- B. elite Persian soldiers
- C. Zarathustra and Ahuramazda
- D. the Ionians who held back the Persian advance

3. The end result of the Greco-Persian wars was

- A. the Persians gained control of Greece and Crete
- B. the Persians gained control of most of Europe
- C. the Greeks successfully held onto their land
- D. the Greeks gained control of most of the Middle East

4. The concept of a marathon is based on the

- A. distance a runner went to alert the Athenians
- B. longest battle in the Persian Wars
- C. series of wars the Persians fought
- D. Olympics

5. The Cyrus cylinder shows us that Cyrus believed that

- A. people were inherently good
- B. people should have the right to worship their own gods
- C. rulers should have absolute power
- D. god would soon destroy the world

6. Who founded the religion known as Zoroastrianism?

- A. Buddha
- B. Cyrus
- C. Zarathustra
- D. Darius

7. Darius was called "the shopkeeper," because he

- A. quadrupled the number of coins in the treasury
- B. introduced coined money and the postal system
- C. had previously worked in a store
- D. invented a primitive cash register

8. When Cambyses left to conquer Egypt, what happened back home?

- A. A man who claimed to be his brother took the throne.
- B. It was revealed that his father wasn't dead after all.
- C. The empire successfully repelled a Greek invasion.
- D. Darius killed all of Cambyses' allies, prompting him to go insane.

9. The Persian army was capable of striking fast because of its

- A. marathon runners
- B. fleet of boats
- C. network of spies and informants
- D. cavalry

10. Besides being an outstanding military leader, Cyrus the Great was known for being

- A. ruthless and merciless
- B. cunning and daring
- C. fair and just
- D. a brilliant mathematician