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The Persian Empire - Answer Key

Read each question and circle the correct answer.

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

A. army

C. pyramid

B. temple

☒ D. empire

2. The Immortals were

A. Zoroastrian prophets

C. Zarathustra and Ahuramazda

☒ B. elite Persian soldiers

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

☒ C. the Greeks successfully held onto their land

B. the Persians gained control of most of Europe

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

C. series of wars the Persians fought

B. longest battle in the Persian Wars

D. Olympics

5. The Cyrus cylinder shows us that Cyrus believed that

A. people were inherently good

C. rulers should have absolute power

☒ B. people should have the right to worship their own gods

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

C. had previously worked in a store

D. invented a primitive cash register

☒ B. introduced coined money and the postal system

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

☒ A. A man who claimed to be his brother took the throne.

C. The empire successfully repelled a Greek invasion.

B. It was revealed that his father wasn't dead after all.

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

C. network of spies and informants

B. fleet of boats

☒ D. cavalry

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

A. ruthless and merciless

☒ C. fair and just

B. cunning and daring

D. a brilliant mathematician