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The Roman Empire

Read each question and circle the correct answer.

1. Before the rise of the empire, ancient Rome was governed by {}.

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| A. the electorate | C. elected representatives |
| B. a wealthy ruling class | D. a dynastic monarchy |

2. In 45 BCE, {} became dictator of the Roman Republic.

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| A. Diocletian | C. Julius Caesar |
| B. Augustus | D. Marcus Aurelius |

3. During the civil war, Caesar received material support from which of the following?

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| A. The Egyptian kingdom | C. The Parthian empire |
| B. The Han dynasty | D. The Odrysian kingdom |

4. Which of the following best describes Rome after Caesar's assassination?

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| A. Orderly | C. Chaotic |
| B. Desolate | D. Equitable |

5. In 27 BCE, Caesar's {} was crowned emperor.

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| A. second cousin | C. stepfather |
| B. adopted son | D. grandson |

6. True or False: As emperor, Augustus dismantled the Roman Senate.

- A. True
B. False

7. During Augustus's reign, the Roman Empire entered a period called the {} .

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| A. Mos Maiorum | C. Vox Populi |
| B. Germanicus Maximus | D. Pax Romana |

8. The Pax Romana was characterized by which of the following?

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| A. Unstable leadership | C. Shifting borders |
| B. Major construction projects | D. Civil war |

9. The Roman Empire was ultimately weakened by {}.

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| A. Inflation | C. Food shortages |
| B. Political conflict | D. All of the above |

10. After the empire was divided, the eastern half {}.

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| A. became part of the Byzantine Empire | C. reconquered the western region |
| B. fell to the Germanic tribes | D. founded a new system of government |