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# The Roman Empire - Answer Key

Read each question and circle the correct answer.

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

- 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.

- A. Diocletian
- ☒ C. Julius Caesar
- B. Augustus
- D. Marcus Aurelius

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

- ☒ 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?

- A. Orderly
- ☒ C. Chaotic
- B. Desolate
- D. Equitable

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

- 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 {} .

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

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

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

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

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

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

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