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# Trade in the Mali Empire - Answer Key

*Read each question and circle the correct answer.*

1. Mansa Musa has been called one of the \_\_\_\_\_ people in history.

- A. strongest
- ☒ B. wealthiest
- C. smartest
- D. tallest

2. Within his empire, Musa held exclusive rights to which of the following?

- ☒ A. Gold
- B. Silver
- C. Cobalt
- D. Copper

3. Which of the following is a reason why salt was such a valuable commodity in sub-Saharan Africa?

- A. There were few animals or fresh plants in the region.
- B. The ocean was far away.
- C. People lost a lot of salt through their sweat.
- ☒ D. All of the above.

4. Salt was so abundant in the Mali Empire that people used it to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. heal ailments
- B. carve sculptures
- ☒ C. build houses
- D. decorate for holidays

5. True or False: Today, salt is no longer important to the West African economy.

- A. True
- ☒ B. False