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Chapter 2

1. As in Mesopotamia and Egypt, the first civilization in China developed _____.
a. along seashores
b. in mountainous areas
c. in river valleys
d. in high plains

Answer: c Page Ref. 23

2. Yangshao culture is an example of _____ culture.
a. Bronze Age
b. Neolithic
c. early modern
d. Paleolithic

Answer: b Page Ref. 25

3. Oracle bones are an important historical source, informing us about both _____ and _____.
a. society; commerce
b. gender relations; beliefs
c. political expansion; farming
d. religion; writing

Answer: d Page Ref. 27

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4. Looking at the Tarim Basin Mummy, historians could NOT tell us much about which of these areas?
a. technology
b. religious beliefs
c. politics
d. social hierarchies

Answer: c Page Ref. 29

5. In the classic conception of the dynastic cycle, rulers may be justifiably overthrown if they _____.
a. lack legitimate male heirs
b. promote Buddhism
c. fail to repel invaders
d. rule unfairly

Answer: d Page Ref. 32

6. Which of these dominated Chinese bureaucracy beginning in the Zhou period?
a. warriors
b. the *shi* class
c. merchants
d. the landed aristocracy

Answer: b Page Ref. 34

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7. The Zhou era marks a decline in _____ for women in Chinese culture.
a. public roles
b. education
c. respect
d. domestic roles

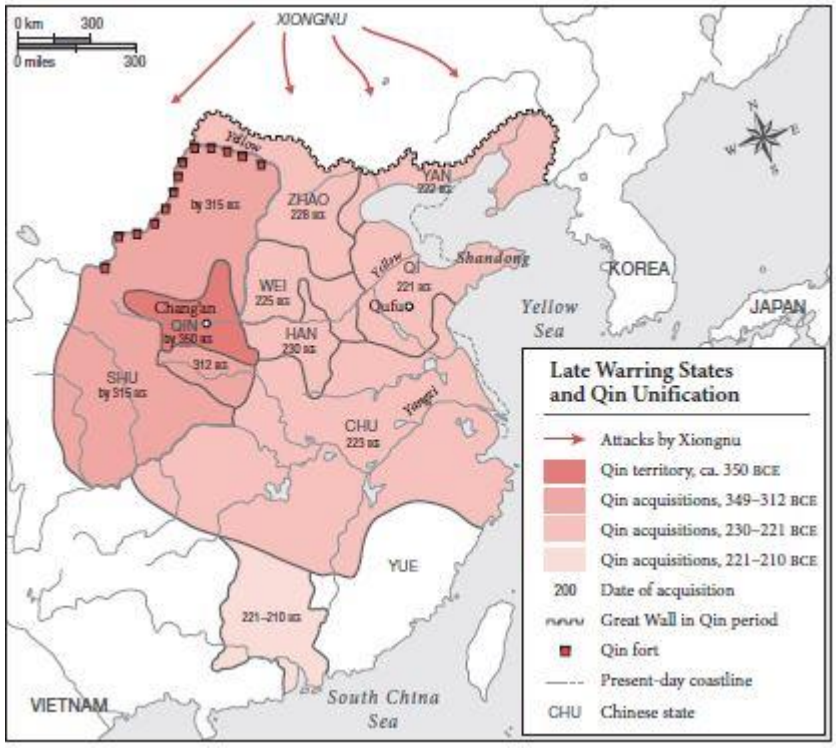
Answer: a Page Ref. 35

8. To whom are the questions of the oracle bones addressed?
a. gods
b. local spirits
c. ancestors
d. the Buddha

Answer: c Page Ref. 35

9. The author of the *Analects* was _____.
a. Mencius
b. Laozi
c. Kong fuzi
d. Xunzi

Answer: c Page Ref. 39



10. Looking at Map 2.4, by the time of Shi Huangdi's accession in 221, the Qin _____.
a. controlled all of then China
b. were being pushed out by the Han
c. has successfully driven the Xiongnu back
d. were beginning to unify China

Answer: a Page Ref. 41

11. Compared to Legalists, Daoists would prefer a(n) _____ ruler.
a. stronger
b. more ruthless
c. elected
d. less interventionist

Answer: d Page Ref. 42

12. Qin Shi Huangdi is notable as the first Chinese _____.
a. philosopher
b. emperor
c. historian
d. female ruler

Answer: b Page Ref. 44

13. Relative to the Qin dynasty, the Han dynasty represented _____.
a. a reversal
b. collapse
c. uninterrupted tradition
d. a change in direction

Answer: d Page Ref. 46

14. The periods of Restoration in Chinese history are best characterized as _____.
a. the end of the dynastic cycle
b. loss of the Mandate of Heaven
c. partial recoveries of dynasties' control
d. period of chaos

Answer: c Page Ref. 48

15. The Tang dynasty was a high point in China's _____.
a. southward expansion

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b. international contacts
c. experimentation with new schools of thought and belief
d. political instability

Answer: b Page Ref. 50

16. Xuanzang is most associated with the development of _____ in China.
a. Buddhism
b. commerce
c. military technology
d. literature

Answer: a Page Ref. 53

17. Taizong was an expansionist emperor of the _____ dynasty.
a. Han
b. Tang
c. Song
d. Zhou

Answer: b Page Ref. 55

18. Like the examination reforms of the same period, administrative reforms of Wang Anshi had the goal of _____.
a. supporting local interests
b. promoting military over bureaucratic power
c. increasing central authority
d. controlling peasant unrest

Answer: c Page Ref. 58

19. The *fengche* is an example of the _____ in early imperial China.
a. religious innovation
b. political centralization
c. spread of learning
d. technological advances

Answer: d Page Ref. 61

20. Neo-Confucianism is best seen as a _____ early Confucianism.
a. substantial revision of
b. dramatic shift away from
c. continuation of

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d. critique

Answer: a Page Ref. 64

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