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### Practice MC Questions: BYZANTINE EMPIRE

1] Which region had the greatest influence on the historical and cultural development of the Byzantine Empire?

- (1) Mesoamerica
- (2) India
- (3) Rome
- (4) Egypt

Base your answers to questions 2 and 3 on the passage below and on your knowledge of social studies.

**...Aside from female saints, the women described in the greatest detail by Byzantine authors are empresses and aristocrats. Although they had a certain amount of freedom, these women were held to very much the same standards as average women in Byzantine society: modesty, piety, and self-control were traits of an ideal woman. To preserve their modesty, young unmarried women rarely went out in public alone, and married women who did not have jobs outside the home left the house only for specific reasons, such as to go to the market, to church, or to the baths. By the middle Byzantine period, it was thought appropriate for women, when they did go out, to cover their heads....**

— Molly Fulghum Heintz, *“Work,” in Ioli Kalavrezou, Byzantine Women and Their World, Harvard University Art Museums, 2003 (adapted)*

2 What is the primary theme of this passage?

- (1) social mobility
- (2) economic interests
- (3) cultural values
- (4) natural rights

3] Which statement about Byzantine society is best supported by this passage?

- (1) Empresses and aristocrats were more important than female saints.
- (2) All women were expected to adhere to similar standards.
- (3) Most women had jobs outside the home.
- (4) Young unmarried women were encouraged to be independent.

4] The Code of Hammurabi of Babylon and the Justinian Code of the Byzantine Empire served functions similar to the

- (1) Ziggurats of the Sumerians
- (2) Buddhist stupas
- (3) Maya hieroglyphics
- (4) Twelve Tables of the Romans

5] The Byzantine Empire influenced the development of Russia by

- (1) preventing Mongol invasions
- (2) destroying the power of the legislature
- (3) establishing the potato as a staple food
- (4) introducing Eastern Orthodox beliefs

6] The Russian Orthodox Church developed as a result of Russia's cultural interactions with which group?

- (1) Byzantines                      (3) Vikings
- (2) Muslims                        (4) Huns

7] Which development is most closely associated with the beginning of the Byzantine Empire?

- (1) emergence of the Russian Orthodox Church
- (2) division of the Roman Empire
- (3) building of the Hagia Sophia
- (4) fall of Constantinople

8] Which historic figure is correctly paired with the empire he ruled?

- (1) Charlemagne — Spanish Empire
- (2) Peter the Great — Ottoman Empire
- (3) Justinian — Byzantine Empire
- (4) Sulieman the Magnificent — Russian Empire

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- Justinian issues a new code of laws.
  - Greek culture is preserved.
  - A split develops in Christianity between the Roman Catholics and Orthodox Christians.

Which empire is most closely associated with these statements?

- (1) Byzantine                      (3) Mughal
- (2) Persian                        (4) British

10] A major contribution of the Byzantine Empire was the

- (1) invention of the wheel and gunpowder
- (2) participation of citizens in government
- (3) diffusion of Hindu beliefs
- (4) preservation of Greek science and Roman engineering