

CHAPTER 15 READING QUESTIONS – “The West and the Changing World Balance”

_____ 1. By what century was the European economy sufficiently strong to drive Muslim merchants from European markets?

- A) 10th
- B) 11th
- C) 12th
- D) 13th

_____ 2. Which of the following statements concerning the Ottoman Empire is most accurate?

- A) Turkish rulers did not promote maritime trade as vigorously as had the Arabs.
- B) Scientific and philosophical investigations reached the level of innovation that they had enjoyed under the Abbasids.
- C) The Turks refused to patronize the traditional Persian artists and craftsmen.
- D) The Turks believed that art was the best way to honor the sultan.

_____ 3. For how long did the Chinese government sponsor international commercial voyages in the 15th century?

- A) Five years
- B) 12 years
- C) 28 years
- D) 57 years

_____ 4. After 1400, the Aztec and Inca empires

- A) were unified under a single ruler.
- B) created international trading expeditions outside the Americas.
- C) ran into difficulties as a result of overextended empires..
- D) suffered a series of natural disasters.

_____ 5. By which of the following dates did the Americas and Polynesia still remain unaffected by the international exchange?

- A) 1400
- B) 1500
- C) 1550
- D) 1600

KEY VOCABULARY TERMS

Renaissance

Francesco Petrarch

Castile/Aragon

Vivaldis

Vasco da Gama

Henry the Navigator