Review Questions (Group 2) for APWH Exam
The concept developed by the Zhou dynasty that the gods granted a dynasty the right to rule and took away that right if the dynasty did not rule wisely.
In Hindu tradition, karma is the sum of good or bad deeds done by a person.
What is the name given to the storytellers of sub-Saharan Africa who carried on oral traditions and histories?

Griots
What was the first dynasty in Chinese history?

- A. Han
- B. Tang
- C. Shang
- D. Xia

Yes, the correct answer is D. Xia.
What is a pogrom?

- Violence against Jews in tsarist Russia
Agamemnon, whom Homer depicts as the leader of Greek forces during the Trojan War, is associated with which Bronze Age culture?

- A. Mycenaean
- B. Minoan
- C. Ionian
- D. Phoenician

Yes, A. Mycenaean is correct.
Who was the founder of the Mughal dynasty in India?

- A. Akbar
- B. Tamerlane
- C. Humayun
- D. Babur

Yes, D. Babur is correct.
Who were the authors of *The Communist Manifesto*?

- Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels
What was the longest-lived dynasty in Chinese history?

- A. Han
- B. Zhou
- C. Tang
- D. Qin

Yes, the correct answer is B. Zhou.
Explain what **glasnost** is.

- Literally “openness,” it was a policy begun in the U.S.S.R. in 1985 by Mikhail Gorbachev that allowed freer expression of ideas than before.
What is the name given to the flight of Muhammad from Mecca to Medina in 622 C.E.?; this is also the first year in the Muslim calendar.

Hijrah
What is the language of the Ancient Indian Vedas?

- Sanskrit
What were allyus?

- In Incan society, a clan or community that worked together on projects required by the ruler.
Classical Sparta was not a democracy like Athens. Was it

- A. an oligarchy?
- B. a tyranny?
- C. a theocracy? or
- D. a plutocracy?

- Yes, A. an oligarchy is correct
The exchange of food crops, livestock, and disease between the Eastern and Western hemispheres starting with the voyages of Columbus in the late 15th and early 16th centuries C.E.
What was *devshirme*?

- A practice of the Ottoman Empire to take Christian boys from their home communities to serve as janissaries.
A program of improved irrigation methods coupled with the introduction of high-yield seeds and fertilizers and pesticides to improve agricultural production; the Green Revolution was especially successful in Asia but it was also used in Latin America.
What is the name given by the Incas to a system of knotted cords of different sizes and colors for keeping records?

- Quipus
What is the name for a series of mid-nineteenth-century reforms by Ottoman rulers designed to make the military and government more efficient?

- The Tanzimat reforms
What happened at Tiananmen Square in Beijing in 1989?

- Tens of thousands of Chinese students protested against that country’s Communist regime; some of these students were later massacred during the military crackdown approved by China’s overall leader Deng Xiaoping.
What was the intent of the encomienda system?

- To collect tribute, use the natives as laborers and to supervise the Indians.
Which Egyptian pharaoh constructed the largest of the pyramids?

- Khufu
Who was the first female prime minister of India?

A. Tamil Sanjay  
B. Anita Desai  
C. Indira Gandhi  
D. Benazir Bhutto

Yes, C. Indira Gandhi, is the correct answer!
What country did the Khmer Rouge devastate in the late 1970s?

- Vietnam?
- Cambodia?
- Thailand? or
- Myanmar (formerly known as Burma)?

- Yes, Cambodia is the correct answer.
What does the word “neolithic” mean?

- New Stone
French president Charles De Gaulle consented to the independence of which French colony after WWII?

- A. Libya
- B. Egypt
- C. Kenya
- D. Algeria

Yes, D. Algeria, is the correct answer.
Who established the basic form of monastic life in Western Christianity?

- A. St. Basil
- B. St. Benedict
- C. The Venerable Bede
- D. Herman the German

Yes, the correct answer is B. St. Benedict
Who established a totalitarian regime in Cuba in 1959?

- Fidel Castro
In what work are Confucius’s conversations with his disciples gathered?

- A. The Analects
- B. Wu Wei
- C. Rites of Zhou
- D. Tao Ching

Yes, A. The Analects is the correct answer.
In Ancient Egypt, what was a nome?

- An Egyptian province or administrative district
Which of the following is NOT a religion of Ancient India?

- A. Jainism
- B. Hinduism
- C. Buddhism
- D. Shintoism

Yes, D. Shintoism is the correct answer.
What was Denis Diderot’s most famous contribution to the Enlightenment?

- The Encyclopedia
Who received a Nobel Prize for his policy of Ostpolitik in 1972?

- A. Helmut Kohl
- B. Helmut Schmidt
- C. Konrad Adenauer
- D. Willy Brandt

Yes, D. Willy Brandt is the correct answer.
What were *hoplites*?

- Heavily-armed infantryman in Ancient Greece
Swahili culture can be characterized as a mixture of which two elements?

- A. Egyptian and Arabian
- B. African and Arabian
- C. North African and Greek
- D. Bantu and Berber

Yes, the correct answer is B. African and Arabian
The “Period of the Warring States” marks the decline of which dynasty?

- A. Tang
- B. Han
- C. Zhou
- D. Ming

Yes, C. Zhou is the correct answer.
Which of the following was NOT a new product introduced to Europe from the Americas?

- A. Tobacco
- B. Sugar
- C. Potatoes
- D. Coffee

- Yes, the correct answer is B. Sugar.
In the precolonial era, what were the basic building blocks of African society?

- A. “Big Men”
- B. Ancestors
- C. Elders
- D. Lineages

Yes, the correct answer is D. Lineages
Traditionally, in many African societies, what were lineages?

- A. Matriarchal
- B. Patriarchal
- C. Patrilinear
- D. Matrilinear rather than patrilinear

Yes, the correct answer is D. Matrilinear. (In many African societies, women could inherit property, and after marriage it was often the case that the bridegrooms moved into their wives’ homes and villages than the opposite.)
Who won the Peloponnesian War?

- Sparta
Which two empires clashed in the Punic Wars?

- The Roman and the Carthaginian
Whom did the Nuremberg Laws exclude from German citizenship in the 1930s?

- Jews
According to the 19th-century Scottish missionary and explorer David Livingstone, what was NOT one of the “three Cs” of imperialism?

- A. Charity
- B. Christianity
- C. Commerce
- D. Civilization

Yes, A. Charity is the correct answer.
What resources were the cause of the Boer War?

- Gold and diamonds
Which Austrian leader organized the Congress of Vienna (1814–1815)?

- Prince Klaus Von Metternich
The Songhay Empire reached its height under the rule of which leader?

- A. Mansa Musa
- B. Sunni Ali
- C. Askia Muhammad
- D. Malindi

The answer is C. Askia Muhammad
Which famous caliph founded the House of Wisdom in Baghdad during the Abbasid Empire?

- The Caliph al-Mamun (r. 813–833 C.E.)
In the Yucatan peninsula, the Maya developed all of the following EXCEPT

- A. Wheeled carts
- B. Pok-a-tok
- C. A 360-day calendar
- D. A writing system

The answer is A. Wheeled carts.
What is a coup d’etat?

- A quick seizure of power, usually by the military
In the early 16th century CE what did Martin Luther criticize the sale of?

- Certificates of indulgence
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