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1 What did the various groups that made up the Aztec Empire have in common?

- A** They were all wiped out by Maya invaders
- B** They all spoke the Nahuatl language
- C** They all came from the same local area
- D** They all worshipped a single god

2 The city of Tenochtitlan was located atop what geographical feature?

- A** A lake
- B** A mountain
- C** A desert
- D** A volcano

3 Why was Tenochtitlan chosen as the capital of the Aztec Empire?

- A** It was the oldest of the various city-states comprising the empire
- B** It was located close to the exact geographic center of the empire
- C** It had the best transportation and sanitation services around
- D** It was the home of the Mexicas, the most powerful society in the empire

4 Why did the Aztecs sacrifice human beings?

- A** To scare neighboring tribes
- B** To punish people who'd fought against the Aztecs
- C** To appease their gods
- D** To prevent explosive population growth



5 Conquered people had to pay tributes to the Aztec emperor. This practice was most similar to which of the following?

- A** Composing a song or poem that celebrates the President of the United States
- B** Paying federal income taxes every year
- C** Donating to a food drive at a church or synagogue
- D** Participating in a charity basketball game to benefit a local hospital

6 How did the Aztecs and the conquistadors differ in their treatment of conquered people?

- A** The Aztecs included conquered people in their empire; the conquistadors destroyed the societies they conquered
- B** The conquistadors established a more complex system of taxation than the Aztecs did
- C** The Aztecs were peaceful and uninterested in conquest; conquistadors acted with much violence
- D** The conquistadors spread democracy to the people they conquered; the Aztecs didn't

7 Which of the following is most closely associated with tlachtli?

- A** 
- B** 
- C** 
- D** 

8 You're the chief of a small tribe that has just been absorbed into the Aztec Empire. Which of the following is most likely to occur?

- A** An Aztec warrior takes over your tribe
- B** You're ordered to give Moctezuma II one-third of all your crops
- C** Your priests are ordered to stop worshipping the local gods
- D** All of your tribe's men are killed

9 Why did Moctezuma II welcome Hernán Cortés when the Spanish conquistadors first arrived?

- A** He was afraid of the technological superiority of the Spanish
- B** He wanted the Spanish to help him conquer neighboring tribes
- C** He believed that Cortés was actually a god in human form
- D** He believed that Spanish rule would be good for his people

10 What did the Spanish have that the Aztecs didn't?

- A** A highly advanced culture
- B** Many thousands of soldiers
- C** Intense faith in their religion
- D** Immune resistance to smallpox