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1  How was Augustus's rule different from the rule of the emperors who came after him?

- A Augustus seized power in a war; his successors all inherited the throne peacefully
- B Augustus kept republican traditions; his successors were more autocratic
- C Augustus refused to listen to the Senate; his successors did not repeat this mistake
- D Augustus killed all of his enemies; his successors refused to follow his example

2  In the sentence, "Commodus was a capricious ruler," what does "capricious" mean?

- A Cautious
- B Wise
- C Reckless
- D Popular

3 Which term best describes Rome's political situation during the 3rd century?

- A Chaotic
- B Placid
- C Republican
- D Stable

4 How was the Roman Empire similar to the Spanish Empire, which decayed from the 1600s to the 1800s?

- A Both empires began as republics
- B Both empires controlled territories in the Americas
- C Both empires were overthrown by Germanic people
- D Both empires decayed gradually

5 Place the following events in sequence: A) Constantinople is founded; B) Commodus dies; C) Romulus Augustus surrenders

- A A, B, C
- B C, B, A
- C B, A, C
- D C, A, B

6 Why were most Roman soldiers stationed on the borders of the Empire?

- A Housing was more affordable outside Rome's city limits
- B To protect against barbarian invasions
- C To avoid the crowding and unrest within the city of Rome
- D To prevent Roman citizens from leaving the Empire

7  In what modern country was the ancient city of Constantinople located?

- A Germany
- B Italy
- C Great Britain
- D Turkey

8 During the 3rd century, how did new emperors claim the throne?

- A By killing or overthrowing old emperors
- B By inheriting the throne from their fathers
- C By winning major battles against Rome's enemies
- D By winning elections

9 Which of the following statements is true?

- A Roman emperors were often power-hungry military generals
- B Roman emperors had a reliable system for choosing successors
- C Although it had political problems, Rome's economy remained stable
- D The Byzantine Empire collapsed almost immediately after it was founded

10 Why do some people say that Rome never fell?

- A Roman ruins still exist
- B Aspects of Roman law and culture are still with us
- C Italy is still part of Europe
- D The Byzantine Empire never collapsed