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**1 What can you conclude about Mesoamerica from its name?**

- A** Its political structure
- B** The types of languages spoken there
- C** The time period when great civilizations flourished there
- D** Its location

**2**  **Where could you visit if you wanted to see ancient Mesoamerican ruins?**

- A** Texas
- B** Argentina
- C** Guatemala
- D** Peru

**3 Are the Spanish-speaking populations of Mexico, Spain, and Peru a culture area?**

- A** Yes, because the people in these places all speak Spanish
- B** No, because the three areas are not geographically connected
- C** No, because there are no similarities shared by these three cultures
- D** Yes, because the people in these places all practice the same religion

**4 What role did the Spanish play in the development of Mesoamerican culture before 1492?**

- A** They helped facilitate trade between various Mesoamerican civilizations
- B** They provided advanced technology and a common language to many Mesoamerican civilizations
- C** They destroyed the Maya civilization, allowing the Aztec civilization to rise
- D** They played no role whatsoever

**5 Place the following events in sequence: A) The Olmec flourish; B) The Aztecs establish an empire; C) The Maya dominate Mesoamerica**

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

**6 What did Maya civilization have in common with Western civilization?**

- A** The development of a written language
- B** The domestication of horses and cattle
- C** The use of a 12-month calendar
- D** The worship of a single, all-powerful god

**7 What is cultural diffusion? Choose the best answer.**

- A** When one culture takes over and completely replaces an existing culture
- B** The spreading and sharing of cultural ideas between societies that are close together
- C** The weakening of traditional culture in the face of modernization
- D** When several independent societies are united into a single large empire

**8**  **What role did maize play in Mesoamerican culture?**

- A** It was a staple of the Mesoamerican diet
- B** It was used only to feed domesticated animals
- C** It played only a ceremonial role in Mesoamerican culture
- D** It was the only crop Mesoamericans knew how to grow

**9**  **What can you conclude from the fact that the Aztecs, Olmecs, and Maya all played the same ball game?**

- A** This was the only sport played by these cultures
- B** Sports were a major part of Mesoamerican civilization
- C** The game is now played by professional leagues in Mexico
- D** The rules of the game never changed over time

**10 How did the religious practices of the Maya compare to Olmec religion?**

- A** The Olmec were polytheistic; the Maya were monotheistic
- B** The Maya were atheistic; the Olmec were polytheistic
- C** The Olmec were monotheistic; the Maya were polytheistic
- D** Both cultures were polytheistic