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1 Which word best describes the scope of the Silk Road?

- A** Interminable
- B** Intergalactic
- C** Intercontinental
- D** Interstate

2 Which of the following contributed most to the completion of the overland Silk Routes?

- A** The growth of powerful empires in Europe and Asia
- B** Trade between small, neighboring tribes
- C** China's hunger for foreign goods
- D** Competition from the maritime Silk Routes



3 The Silk Road was named retroactively, in the 19th century. What does "retroactive" mean?

- A** Applying to something in the past
- B** Having to do with trade
- C** Arbitrary or random
- D** Referring to foreign cultures

4 Historical records show that silk appeared in Rome in the 1st century B.C.E. This is _____ evidence that the Silk Routes were completed around that time.

- A** Controversial
- B** Indirect
- C** Indisputable
- D** Scientific

5 Which of these famous structures owes its existence at least partially to the Silk Road?

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

6 Where would you be most likely to find a city along the Silk Road?

- A** In the middle of a desert
- B** On top of a high mountain
- C** On a remote island
- D** On the bank of a river

7 Which of the following examples provides the best analogy for the movement of goods along the Silk Road?

- A** A waiter bringing food to a diner
- B** An electric signal moving down a wire
- C** A mail carrier delivering a package to a home
- D** A runner passing a baton in a relay race

8 What kind of effect did the Mongol Empire have on the overland Silk Road?

- A** Destructive
- B** Incidental
- C** Minor
- D** Stabilizing

9 Place these empires in chronological order: A) Macedonian (Alexander the Great); B) Mongol; C) Han Dynasty

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

10 Which of the following statements is an opinion?

- A** The Silk Road had a significant impact on the history of Asia and Europe
- B** The Silk Road greatly benefitted the civilizations it connected
- C** The overland Silk Road fell into disuse with the breakup of the Mongol Empire
- D** Traffic along the maritime Silk Road eventually eclipsed traffic along the overland route