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

   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