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Middle East: Economic Systems, Governments, Cultures, and Religions Study Guide

1. An economy in which production is based on customs and traditions and economic roles are typically passed down from one generation to the next is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. A system in which the central government makes all economic decisions is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
3. A combination of two or more economic systems is referred to as a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ economy.
4. The prices and quantities are determined by supply and demand in a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_economy.
5. The term used for an organized way of worshipping a spiritual being is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
6. Who are the Kurds?
7. What is the monotheistic religion of the Jews, whose holy scripts are the Torah and the Talmud?
8. The term used to describe the language, values, beliefs, traditions, and customs people share and learn is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
9. The monotheistic religion based on the teachings of Mohammed, and whose followers are called Muslims is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
10. A group of people who share common traits such as race, language, tradition, and sometimes religion is a(n) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ group.
11. The monotheistic religion based on the life and teachings of Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
12. What does OPEC stand for? What is its purpose, and who are the members?
13. Which branch of Islam believed that the leader of their religion must be a descendant of Muhammad?
14. Which monotheistic religion was founded by Muhammad; its holy cities are Mecca and Medina, and their holy text is the Quran, and they call their god Allah?
15. Which branch of Islam felt that the leader should be someone most able to lead and keep the people together after Muhammad died?
16. Which religion grew out of Judaism? It was founded by Jesus Christ; their holy text is the Bible, and their holy city is Jerusalem?
17. Which religion was founded by Abraham, the holy text is the Torah, and they refer to their god as Yahweh?
18. The doctrine or belief that there is only one God is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
19. The founder of Islam, prophet of Allah is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
20. All three religions share the story that this man led the slaves out of Egypt. Who was the man?
21. This ethnic group lives in several different countries in Southwest Asia, speak Kurdish, and have their own history, literature, music, and traditions.
22. The belief in, or worship of more than one god.
23. Describe what makes up an ethnic group.
24. Distinguish between: Democracy, Monarchy, Oligarch, and Theocracy.
25. Which Middle Eastern country is mostly made up of desert and has almost no source of water?
26. Where is most of the world’s oil supply found?
27. Which country is home to Persians?
28. What is the most common religion among Arabs in the Middle East?
29. What person do Christians, Jews, and Muslims all have in common?
30. In what region of the world did all three prominent religions begin?