
homework **weekend 27**

1. All the following choices deal with the descendants of Al-'Abbās. Which of the following choices is correct about the Abbasid Caliphate?
 - A. Descendants of Al-'Abbās formed the caliphate and they were the Umayyads.
 - B. Descendants of Al-'Abbās formed the caliphate and they were the Shī'ites.
 - C. Descendants of Al-'Abbās formed the caliphate and they claimed that they were the rightful successors of the Prophet (S).
 - D. Descendants of Al-'Abbās toppled Halagu Khan to occupy Baghdad.
 - E. Descendants of Al-'Abbās moved the capital from Baghdad to Damascus.
2. Which of the following choices is NOT true about the Abbasid Caliphate?
 - A. It was a multi-ethnic Muslim empire.
 - B. The Shī'ahs enjoyed much recognition in the Caliphate.
 - C. It advanced learning at all levels.
 - D. Science and technology saw great advancement during the caliphate.
 - E. They traveled extensively by sea routes to various countries.
3. Which Abbasid khalīfa was largely responsible for the translation of a large number of Greek texts into Arabic?
 - A. Yazid.
 - B. Al-Ma'mun.
 - C. Al-'Abbās.
 - D. Al- Musta'sim.
 - E. Abdur Rahman.
4. Which of the following statements is correct about the mamluks during the Abbasid Caliphate?
 - A. They were the religious leaders.
 - B. They were the wazirs.
 - C. They were the Greek soldiers employed by the caliphate.
 - D. They were the Persian slaves.
 - E. They were the Turkish slaves employed as army.
5. Which of the following statements is correct about the postal system during the Abbasid Caliphate?
 - A. A horse ridden mailing system was introduced.
 - B. Pigeon mail was introduced.
 - C. A railway system improved the mail delivery.
 - D. Only (a) and (b)
 - E. Only (b) and (c)

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6. What was the main function of the wazir during the Abbasid Caliphate?
- A. To collect and compile Hadith.
 - B. To establish schools and translate Greek literature.
 - C. To collect taxes and look after administrative duties.
 - D. To write romantic tales of Arabian Nights.
 - E. To serve as reserve soldiers.
7. Which of the following is NOT a reason for the decline of the Abbasid Caliphate?
- A. The Abbasids advanced learning.
 - B. Isolation of the Arabs and Arab support.
 - C. Shī'ahs were mistreated and deprived.
 - D. Mamluks became too powerful and revolting.
 - E. Too much power was delegated to local authorities
8. Which of the following statements is true about the Abbasid Caliph al-Musta'sim?
- A. He moved the capital from Damascus to Baghdad.
 - B. He was the founder of the Abbasid Caliphate.
 - C. He was killed by Halagu Khan.
 - D. He was the architect behind bringing the glory of the caliphate.
 - E. He was the son of Al-'Abbās, an uncle of the Prophet (S).
9. Which of the following choices is NOT a reason for shifting the capital from Damascus to Baghdad?
- A. Baghdad was a sea port at the time of shifting the capital.
 - B. To seek the support of the mawalis.
 - C. Most of the mawalis lived in Persia.
 - D. To reduce the Arab influence.
 - E. None of the above.
10. For approximately how many years did the Abbasid Caliphate last?
- A. 90 years.
 - B. 150 years.
 - C. 200 years.
 - D. 500 years.
 - E. 750 years.