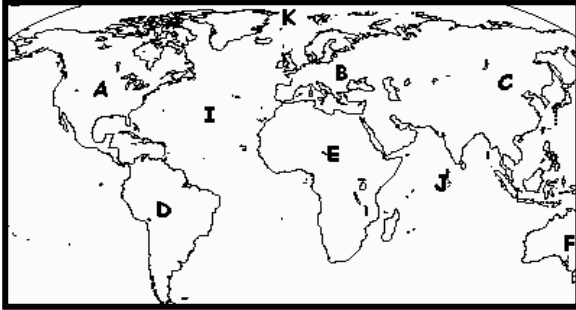


Attachment E: Sample Assessment Items

Asterisk (*) indicates correct answer.



1. Using the map above, the West African Empire was located on which continent?

- A Continent C
- B Continent B
- C Continent A
- D Continent E*

2. What is the name of this continent?

- A Australia
- B Europe
- C Africa*
- D Asia

3. The word *characteristic* means _____

- A change
- B community
- C trait*
- D climate

4. Which of the following was a physical characteristic of the early West African Empire of Mali?

- A Mountains
- B Hills
- C Deserts*
- D Forests

5. The West African people of Mali adapted to their environment by _____

- A mining gold*
- B mining silver
- C building roads
- D building ships

6. Which of the following was an important natural resource for people living in the desert?

- A Wood
- B Coal
- C Salt*
- D Silver

7. Why was the location of Mali important to its people?

- A Mali was located on the Mediterranean Sea between Greece and Rome.
- B Mali was located on the trade routes between the salt mines of the Sahara Desert and the gold mines in West Africa.*
- C Mali was located on the Nile River where there was rich soil.
- D Mali was located next to the forest where the people could hunt for food.

8. Who controlled the trade in West Africa?

- A The kings of Mali*
- B The pharaohs of Egypt
- C The kings of England
- D The presidents of Africa

9. Which of the following was an important city in Mali?

- A Cairo
- B Athens
- C Sahara
- D Timbuktu*

10. How was the West African empire of Mali governed?

- A By pharaohs
- B By kings*
- C By representative democracy
- D By presidents

11. How was history and tradition passed down from one generation to the next?

- A People wrote books in the language of Mali.
- B Scribes wrote history in scrolls.
- C People used hieroglyphics and wrote on cave walls.
- D Storytellers gave oral accounts.*

12. What would people see if they visited the city Timbuktu?

- A A university library*
- B A pyramid
- C A colosseum
- D The Great Wall of China

