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Multiple Choice

1) In what years did the Black Death peak in Medieval Europe?

a) 1147-1151

b) 1347-1351

c) 1947-1951

d) 2007-2011

2) The Black Death is also known as:

a) Black Plague

b) Death Plague

c) Bubonic Plague

d) Grim reaper Plague

3) Results of the Black Plague included:

a) the death of tens of millions of people

b) the decline of cultural transmission and trade across Eurasia

c) the halting of growth of population, trade and industry

d) all of the above

4) Historical records indicate that the Black Death started in:

a) South America

b) China

c) Italy

d) South-East Asia

5) Most people in the fourteenth century believed the Black Death was caused by:

a) heretics

b) bad air

c) poor sanitation and housing

d) a bacillus living in fleas

e) black rats

6) After 1347, the Black Death generally moved

a) from north to south

b) from west to east

c) from south to north

d) from east to west

7) The Plague had all of the following effects EXCEPT

a) people affected by it bled from the nose or got large tumours and purple spots all over their body

b) it swept through communities like fire through dry tinder

c) it caused people to shun the families of the sick and refugees from afflicted communities

d) it inspired European doctors to make major strides in medicine as they sought a cure for it

8) The particular epidemic of the fourteenth century originated in

Asia and traveled to Europe via trade routes. Among them was

what ancient trading conduit?

a) The China Byway

b) The Mongolian Passage

c) The Silk Road

d) The Tea Route

9) Where was the first instance of the Black Death in

Europe recorded?

a) Majorca

b) Marseilles

c) Messina

d) Milan

10) Hoping that by demonstrating their humility God would have

mercy on them and allow the plague to pass them by, groups of

penitents went on progressions through towns and cities,

tearing their clothes and beating themselves and each other.

What were these penitents known as?

a) Flagellants

b) The Humble Ones

c) Lollards

d) Repenters

11) "Bubonic" is only one form of plague; the disease also

manifested itself in other variations, including one form that

was airborne and spread via coughing, sneezing and breathing.

What is the term for this variety of plague?

a) Enteric

b) Organic

c) Pneumonic

d) Septicemic

12) What university was ordered by its country's ruler to investigate

the cause of the plague?

a) Cambridge University

b) Oxford University

c) The University of Paris

d) The University of Salerno

13) In 1300, Europeans' average life expectancy was \_\_\_\_ years.

a)    50 to 54

b)    44-48

c)    38-42

d)   30 to 35

14) Britain passed its first antipollution law in:

a)    1388.

b)    1490.

c.)   1562.

d.) 1747.

15) The Church bells are ringing, canons are being fired and people are making a massive amount of noise. This was the ‘cure of sound’, why did this happen?

a) to draw God’s attention to their town so they may be saved

b) to clean the air. They believed that loud noises would purify the air

c) to frighten away demons that caused the Plague

d) they were having a party

16) People chased and killed cats and dogs in towns. Why?

a) they believed the dogs and cats were spreading the disease

b) famine was a common companion of plague and people were

desperately hungry

c) the blood from cats and dogs was often used to make ‘potions’ to ward off the plague

d) It was a game, much like soccer or tennis today

17) Reasons the Black Death subsided are

a) the climate was becoming colder: less chance for bacteria to grow

b) Quarantine

c) practicing proper hygiene

d) All of the above

Short Answer

Refer to SOURCE 1 to answer the following:

SOURCE 1

*[The Black Death in Numbers](http://deathblack.wordpress.com/2008/12/11/the-black-death-in-numbers/)*

**From 1347 to 1350 the Black Death struck Europe:**

         In less than two years **30% to 60%** of the population of Europe was wiped out.

         Nearly **75 million** died in Western Europe alone.

         **18000** people died in London in the course of three years.

         Almost **1/3** of the world’s population had died from the plague by 1350.

         Estimates go from **100 to 200 million** deaths worldwide.

         The mortality rate of the bubonic plague was **30% to 75% percent**.

         Within **1-7 days** the first symptoms occurred, including fever, nausea,

headache and an infection the lymph nodes.

**Comparison:**

The **“Spanish Influenza”** of 1918 killed **25 million in one year Within 7 days** the disease occurred in **every state of the U.S.A.** and struck **France a week later**.

**Two weeks** **after** that it struck **China** and again **2 weeks later** it was spread throughout **Africa and Latin America.**

**Sources:**

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<http://deathblack.wordpress.com/category/statistics/>

1) How many died in Western Europe? (1mark)

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3) Which pandemic do you think was more disastrous? Why?

(4 marks)

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4) List the first symptoms that occurred with the Plague: (2 marks)

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5) Why did the Influenza spread to more parts of the world?

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