

# Exam: Ancient China

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**Part One: Choose the BEST answer. (2 points each)**

- C 1. Which landform separates China from its neighbors to the north?  
A) the Pacific Ocean  
B) the Plateau of Tibet  
C) the Gobi Desert  
D) the Himalaya Mountains
- B 2. According to the Zhou kings, what gave them power to lead?  
A) democracy  
B) heaven  
C) nobility  
D) courage
- B 3. The Chinese people turned to the teachings of Confucius because his ideas were thought to help:  
A) unify the Chinese against foreign enemies.  
B) restore order to China.  
C) stop the Chinese from converting to the faith of Islam.  
D) create democratic institutions.
- C 4. The idea of choosing leaders according to their knowledge and skills, and not their family connections, was first establish under the:  
A) Xia Dynasty.  
B) Shang Dynasty.  
C) Zhou Dynasty.  
D) Anthony Dynasty.
- A 5. Oracle bones were used by early Chinese civilizations to:  
A) predict the future.  
B) build weapons.  
C) create children's toys.  
D) prepare dinner.

A 6. Which of the following expresses a Daoist idea?

- A) People can achieve peace by living in harmony with nature.
- B) Governments can only keep the peace by threat of force or violence.
- C) People cannot be trusted; therefore governments need lots of laws.
- D) Wives must obey their husbands.

- **Began in the 500s BCE**
- **Hoped to preserve order in society**
- **Attempted to establish a harmonious society**
- **Created a system of ethics in society**

C 7. Which individual was responsible for the Chinese social movement described in the text box above?

- A) Buddha
- B) Asoka
- C) Confucius
- D) Shi Huangdi

A 8. Legalism was based on the belief that all people:

- A) were naturally selfish.
- B) were kind and didn't need any rules.
- C) should respect nature.
- D) should worship the god of Legalism.

D 9. All of these were interests of Confucianism EXCEPT:

- A) respect for elders.
- B) family.
- C) rulers and the government.
- D) equity.

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**Part Two: Matching.** Read each description. On the lines below, write the letter of the term that best matches each description. (1 point each)

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| <u>D</u> | 10. Desired a return to family order and social harmony                             | A. <u>The Analects</u> |
| <u>E</u> | 11. The lowest social class, farmed noble lands                                     | B. Legalism            |
| <u>A</u> | 12. A book of Confucius's teachings compiled by his students                        | C. Daoism              |
| <u>B</u> | 13. The belief that people were bad by nature and needed to be controlled           | D. Confucius           |
| <u>F</u> | 14. Wrote <i>The Way and Its Power</i> , the basic text expressing Daoist thought   | E. Peasants            |
| <u>C</u> | 15. Teachings that stressed living in harmony with the guiding force of all reality | F. Laozi               |

**Part Three: Fill in the Blank.** Read each sentence below and fill in the blank with the best choice from the pair provided. (1 point each)

16. A Daoist's goal was to become one with the Dao.  
(Dao/Analects)
17. Confucius felt that leaders should be honest and show concern.  
(anger/concern)
18. In the ancient world, Confucianism was not a religion; it was a philosophical system.  
(philosophical system/matriarchy)
19. Daoism believes that the Dao is a force that flows through all life.  
(all life/Huang He river valley)
20. Legalism says that a ruler must rule with a punishing hand.  
(a punishing hand/gentle reminders)
21. Confucius felt that everyone should accept an appropriate role in society.  
(extravagant/appropriate)