

## Questions 1–9



Complete the notes below.

Choose **ONE WORD ONLY** from the passage for each answer.

Write your answers in boxes 1–9 on your answer sheet.

# THE STORY OF SILK

## Early silk production in China

- Around 3000 BC, according to legend:
  - silkworm cocoon fell into emperor's wife's **1** .....
  - emperor's wife invented a **2** ..... to pull out silk fibres
- Only **3** ..... were allowed to produce silk
- Only **4** ..... were allowed to wear silk 
- Silk used as a form of **5** .....
  - e.g. farmers' taxes consisted partly 
- Silk used for many purposes
  - e.g. evidence found of **6** ..... made from silk around 168 AD

## Silk reaches rest of world

- Merchants use Silk Road to take silk westward and bring back **7** ..... and precious metals
- 550 AD: **8** ..... hide silkworm eggs in canes and take them to Constantinople
- Silk production spreads across Middle East and Europe
- 20th century: **9** ..... and other manmade fibres cause decline in silk production

Questions 10–13

Do the following statements agree with the information in Reading Passage 1?

*In boxes 10–13 on your answer sheet, write*

**TRUE**            *if the statement agrees with the information*  
**FALSE**          *if the statement contradicts the information*  
**NOT GIVEN**   *if there is no information on this*

- 10 Gold was the most valuable material transported along the Silk Road.
- 11 Most tradesmen only went along certain sections of the Silk Road.
- 12 The Byzantines spread the practice of silk production across the West.
- 13 Silk yarn makes up the majority of silk currently exported from China.