

Ancient Near East

Test 3 Lecture and Textbook Study Guide

Multiple Choice Items

1. Aryans
2. the origin of the name "Iran"
3. the importance of the rise of Iran
4. where the Medes settled
5. where the Persians settled
6. the geography of Iran
7. the climate of Iran
8. Indo-European as a linguistic grouping
9. Indo-European cultural characteristics
10. the origins and migrations of the Indo-Europeans
11. the early Iranian presence in Iran
12. the Medes and the Assyrians
13. social and political structure of the Medes
14. early Iranian religion
15. Cyaxares
16. Astyages
17. the Achaemenids
18. the legend of Cyrus
19. how Cyrus became ruler
20. the overthrow of the Medes
21. the war with Lydia
22. the conquest of Ionia
23. the conquest of Babylonia
24. Nabonidus
25. Cyrus' religious policy
26. Cyrus and the Jews
27. Cyrus' death
28. Cambyses II
29. Cambyses' conquest of Egypt
30. the usurpation of 522
31. how Darius I became king
32. Darius' conquests
33. Darius' army
34. Persian kingship under Darius
35. the Persian royal court
36. satrapies
37. satraps
38. Persian road-building
39. Aramaic in the Persian empire
40. Old Persian

41. Avestan
42. the Persian imperial legal system
43. the Persian imperial economy
44. Persian imperial coinage
45. the extent of the Persian empire under Darius I
46. sources for the Greco-Persian Wars
47. Herodotus
48. the Scythian expedition
49. the expansion of Persian rule in the Aegean under Darius I
50. the Ionian Revolt
51. Sardis
52. the Battle of Lade
53. Persian treatment of the Ionian rebels
54. the Battle of Marathon
55. Xerxes
56. Persian strategy in the invasion of 480
57. Medizers
58. divisions among the Greeks in 480
59. Greek strategy in the invasion of 480
60. the Battle of Salamis
61. the Battle of Plataea
62. Mardonius
63. Cimon
64. the Delian League
65. the Greek counteroffensive
66. the Egyptian Revolt of 453
67. the Peace of Callias
68. Artaxerxes I policies
69. Darius II Ochus and the Greeks
70. the Battle of Cunaxa
71. Artaxerxes II Memnon and the Greeks
72. the King's Peace
73. Artaxerxes III Ochus
74. Philip II of Macedon
75. Darius III
76. the Battle of the Granicus
77. the Battle of Issus
78. the Battle of Gaugamela
79. Zarathustra
80. pre-Zoroastrian religion
81. the Magi
82. the three sacred ceremonies of pre-Zoroastrian religion
83. haoma
84. daevas
85. ahuras
86. the Avesta

87. the Gathas
88. the traditional account of Zoroaster's infancy and later life
89. the main thrust of Zoroaster's reform
90. Ahura Mazda
91. Ahura Mazda's creation of the world
92. the Spenta Mainyu
93. the Amesha Spentas
94. Angra Mainyu
95. Zoroaster's teaching on free will
96. Zoroastrian eschatology
97. the three saviors
98. Saoshyant
99. the Zoroastrian End Times scenario
100. Zoroastrian syncretism
101. Mithraism
102. Manichaeism
103. Zoroastrian worship in antiquity
104. the *haoma* sacrifice and the Christian Eucharist (Communion)
105. Zoroastrian influences on Judaism
106. Zoroastrian influences on Christianity
107. Zoroastrian influences on Islam
108. Sheol
109. the Jewish notion of the immortality of the soul
110. the origins of the idea of the Resurrection
111. differing notions about the Messiah
112. apocalyptic literature
113. debates about the canon of the Hebrew Bible
114. the assembly at Jabneh
115. the Septuagint
116. the Apocrypha or Deuterocanonicals
117. the Pseudepigrapha
118. the Pharisees
119. the Talmuds
120. the rabbis
121. the Sadducees
122. the Zealots
123. the Essenes
124. the Dead Sea Scrolls
125. the problem of theodicy
126. Jesus of Nazareth
127. the causes of the Jewish Revolts
128. the Parthians
129. Arsaces
130. Tiridates
131. Antiochus III
132. Mithridates I

133. Mithridates II
134. the basis of hostility between Parthia and Rome
135. main features of Roman-Parthian relations
136. Trajan's attack on Parthia
137. Ctesiphon
138. the Roman War of 161-165 CE
139. Parthian government
140. Parthian social structure
141. the Parthian army
142. Parthian religion
143. themes in Sassanid history
144. Ardashir
145. Shapur I
146. Shapur II
147. Khusrau the Just
148. Khusrau II
149. Sassanid kingship
150. Sassanid government
151. Sassanid social classes
152. the "Zoroastrian Church"
153. the Heresy of Mazdak
154. Zoroastrian worship
155. the Jews in Sassanid Persia
156. the Christians in Sassanid Persia
157. Buddhism in Sassanid Persia
158. Sassanid policy towards non-Zoroastrian religions
159. Shapur II's religious policy
160. reasons for Sassanid religious persecution

Essay Questions

1. What are the religious beliefs of Zoroastrianism? What do Christianity and Islam owe to Zoroastrianism? Why do you think they borrowed these elements from Zoroastrianism?
2. What was the relationship between the religious establishment and royal authority, among the Persians, Parthians, and Sassanids? How does this resemble or differ from the relationships we have seen among previous peoples in this course? What do you think accounts for those similarities or differences?
3. In what ways were the social structures of the Persians, Parthians, and Sassanids similar? In what ways were they different? How do they resemble or differ from the social structures of previous peoples in this course? What do you think accounts for those similarities or differences?
4. How did the "royal ideologies" of the Persians, Parthians, and Sassanids (i.e., the roles played by the king) resemble one another? How were they different? How do they resemble or differ from those of other empires in this course? What do you think accounts for those similarities or differences?

5. How was the structure of imperial authority among the Persian, Parthian, and Sassanid empires similar? How was it different? How does it compare to the structure of imperial authority in the other empires in this course? What do you think accounts for those similarities or differences?
6. In what ways were the military establishments of the Persian, Parthian, and Sassanid empires similar? In what ways were they different? How do their militaries resemble or differ from the ones of other empires in this course? What do you think accounts for those similarities or differences?