

DISTRIBUTED COMPETITION ASSIGNMENT SAMPLE

ASIAN STUDIES

10th Grade

Time needed to complete the tasks – 120 minutes

Maximum number of points – 100

Part I. (0 – 14 points)

Tasks 1.1. to 1.7. (2 points for each correct answer)

Choose one correct answer:

1.1. Rulers representing which dynasty are not ethnic Chinese?

- 1.1.1. Ming
- 1.1.2. Qing
- 1.1.3. Qin
- 1.1.4. Yuan
- 1.1.5. Song

1.2. What events in the history of China are linked to Kang Youwei?

- 1.2.1. The Taiping Rebellion
- 1.2.2. The Hundred Days' Reform
- 1.2.3. The Boxer Rebellion
- 1.2.4. The 1911 Revolution

1.3. Where was the capital of the Minamoto shogunate located?

- 1.3.1. Heian
- 1.3.2. Nara
- 1.3.3. Edo
- 1.3.4. Kamakura

1.4. Which war did the Admiral Togo Heihachiro not participate in?

- 1.4.1. The Russo-Japanese War
- 1.4.2. The First Sino-Japanese War
- 1.4.3. The World War I
- 1.4.4. The Boshin War

1.5. Where was the capital of the Umayyad dynasty located?

- 1.5.1. Baghdad
- 1.5.2. Mecca
- 1.5.3. Damascus
- 1.5.4. Kufa

1.6. The history of which kingdom formerly located at the Korean Peninsula is linked to Yi Sun-sin?

- 1.6.1. Joseon
- 1.6.2. Silla
- 1.6.3. Goryeo
- 1.6.4. Goguryeo

1.7. The territory of which modern country was never a part of the Ottoman Empire?

- 1.7.1. Egypt
- 1.7.2. Afghanistan
- 1.7.3. Azerbaijan
- 1.7.4. Syria

Part II. (0 – 20 points)

Tasks 2.1. to 2.4. (5 points for each correct answer)

Give brief answers to the following questions.

2.1. Hong Xiuquan

Which historical event is the person connected with? When did it take place? Provide a brief description of the consequences as it relates to China's foreign policy.

2.2. Toyotomi Hideyoshi

Summarise the essential reforms in domestic and foreign policy carried out by this historical figure. What war did Japan lose during Hideyoshi's reign?

2.3. March 1, 1919

Name the event in Korean history that happened on this day. What document is linked to this event? Provide a brief description of the historical context.

2.4. Muhammad Ali (reigned between 1805 and 1849)

What country did this historical figure rule in? What empire was this country a part of during his reign? Summarise his biggest achievements in domestic and foreign policy.

Part III. (0 – 16 points)

Tasks 3.1. to 3.4. (4 points for each correct answer)

Match the letters and the numbers. Answers should be written as a sequence of numbers and their respective letters (without spaces or additional symbols) in a special blank space below. For example,



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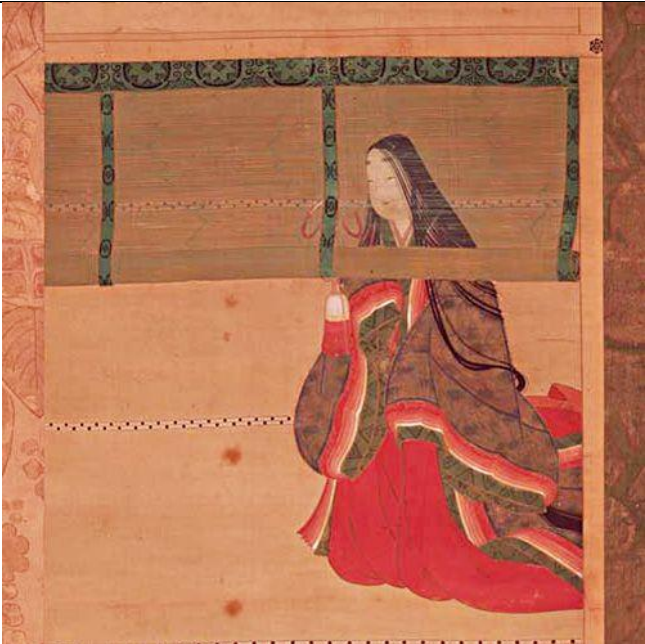

3.1. Match authors and their works:

1	Sima Qian	A	Analects
2	Confucius	B	The Art of War
3	Laozi	C	Records of the Grand Historian
4	Sun Tzu	D	Tao Te Ching

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3.2. Match classic Japanese literary works and their illustrations:

1	Konjaku Monogatari ("Anthology of Tales from the Past")	A	
2	Tsurezuregusa ("Essays in Idleness") by Yoshida Kenkō	B	

3	“The Tale of Genji” by Murasaki Shikibu	C	
4	“The Pillow Book” by Sei Shōnagon	D	

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3.3. Match the religions and pictures of temples:

1. Islam
2. Buddhism
3. Shintoism
4. Hinduism



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3.4. Match the types of early writing and civilizations:

1		A	
2		B	

3		C	
4		D	

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Part IV. (0 – 50 points)

Choose and complete the assignments from **ONE BLOCK** only.

Block 1. Middle East.

Write a short essay on **ONE** of the following topics:

1. Attitude towards other religions in Islam
2. Sufism in the culture of Islamic nations
3. Omar Khayyam's contribution to the world culture

Block 2. China.

Write a short essay on ONE of the following topics:

1. The Xinhai Revolution and its consequences
2. Man and society in classic Chinese philosophy
3. The role of Opium Wars in China's history during the second half of the 19th century

Block 3. Korea.

Write a short essay on ONE of the following topics:

1. China's influence on traditional Korean culture
2. The consequences of Korea's isolation for the country's history during the second half of the 19th century
3. Confucianism and Buddhism in the history of traditional Korea

Block 4. Japan.

Write a short essay on ONE of the following topics:

1. Diaries in classic Japanese literature
2. The role of Meiji Restoration in Japan's history at the turn of the 20th century
3. Self-isolation during the Tokugawa reign: reasons and consequences