

DISTRIBUTED COMPETITION ASSIGNMENT SAMPLE

ASIAN STUDIES

11th Grade

Time needed to complete the tasks – 120 minutes

Maximum number of points – 100 points

Part I. (0 – 20 points)

Tasks 1.1. to 1.8. (1 point for each correct answer)

Choose one correct answer:

1.1. Which territory joined China in 1997?

1. Xinjiang
2. Tibet
3. Hong Kong
4. Taiwan

1.2. Whom of these Muslim scientists and scholars made a significant contribution to the development of medicine?

1. Omar Khayyam
2. Al-Khwarizmi
3. Ibn Sina (Avicenna)
4. Al-Maghribi

1.3. Which colonial acquisitions made by the United Kingdom led to Queen Victoria becoming the Empress in 1876?

1. India
2. Egypt
3. Malaysia
4. Burma

1.4. Which of these countries does Syria not border?

1. Lebanon
2. Israel
3. Iraq
4. Iran

1.5. What did the Japan’s victory in the First Sino-Japanese War of 1894–1895 mean for Korea?

1. Korea became a protectorate of Japan
2. Russia strengthened its position in Korea
3. Chinese influence on Korea was over
4. Japan annexed Korea

1.6. Who was the first Prime Minister of Japan?

1. Ito Hirobumi
2. Shinzo Abe
3. Junichiro Koizumi
4. Shigeru Yoshida

1.7. Which islands are the subject of a territorial dispute between the Republic of Korea and Japan?

1. Ganghwado
2. Dokdo
3. Jejudo
4. Ulleungdo

1.8. During which dynasty’s reign was gunpowder first used for military purposes?

1. Qing
2. Ming
3. Song
4. Yuan

Tasks 1.9. to 1.12. (3 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,

1	A	2	B	3	C	4	D
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1.9. Match the country and its currency:

1	Vietnam	A	Riyal
2	Qatar	B	Dinar
3	Kuwait	C	Kyat
4	Myanmar	D	Dong

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1.10. Arrange the events of the Arab-Israeli conflict chronologically, where (1) is the earliest one and (4) is the latest:

- A. The Camp David summit
- B. The Six-Day War
- C. The Oslo Accords
- D. The Yom-Kippur War


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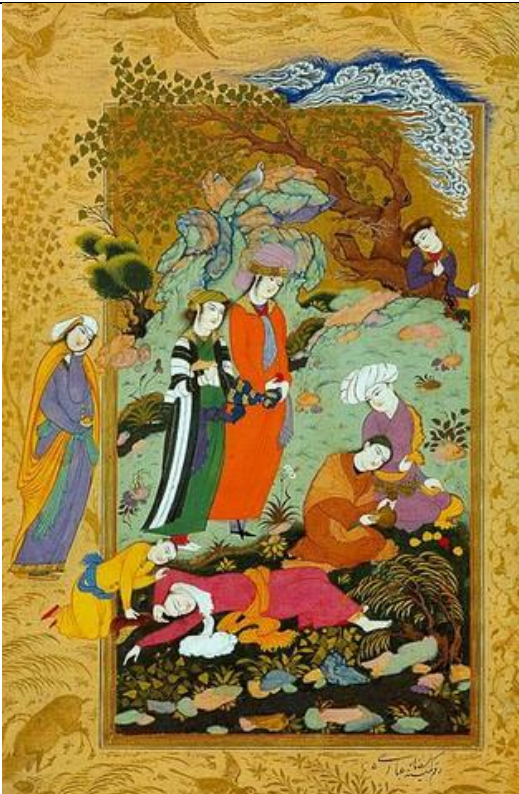

1.11. Match the author and their literary work:

1	Cao Xueqin	A	The Cloud Dream of the Nine
2	Ihara Saikaku	B	Dream of the Red Chamber
3	Gim Manjung	C	The Love Suicides at Sonezaki
4	Chikamatsu Monzaemon	D	The Life of an Amorous Man

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1.12. Match the painter and their painting:

1	Katsushika Hokusai	A	
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2	Utagawa Toyokuni	B	
3	Riza yi-Abbasi	C	

4	Gim Hongdo	D	
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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. Sun Yat-sen

Which event in Chinese history is the person connected with? When did it take place? Summarise its results.

2.2. 1868

What is the name of the period in Japan's history that began in 1868? Summarise the main changes in domestic and foreign policy carried out during this period.

2.3. Roh Tae-woo

What is the role of this historical figure in South Korea's history? Provide a brief description of the events linked to his career.

2.4. The Islamic Revolution of 1979

Where did this event happen? Name the religious leader who became the country's de-facto leader after the revolution. Provide a brief description of the changes that took place after the Islamic Revolution.

Part III. (0 – 20 points)

Tasks 3.1. to 3.4. (5 points for each correct answer)
Analyzing various types of sources.

3.1. Read the text. Where and when was this text written and who may have written it?

All warfare is based on deception. Hence, when we are able to attack, we must seem unable; when using our forces, we must appear inactive; when we are near, we must make the enemy believe we are far away; when far away, we must make him believe we are near.

To win one hundred victories in one hundred battles is not the acme of skill. To subdue the enemy without fighting is the acme of skill.

3.2. Who wrote this poem?

On that dread day, when wrath shall rend the sky,

And darkness dim the bright stars' galaxy,

I'll seize the Loved One by His skirt, and cry,

"Why hast Thou doomed these guiltless ones to die?"

3.3. Read the text. What famous literary work was it taken from?

The name of the Deity that was born as he thereupon washed his left august eye was the Heaven-Shining-Great-August-Deity.

The name of the Deity that was next born as he washed his right august eye was His Augustness, Moon-Night Possessor.

The name of the Deity that was next born as he washed his august nose was His Brave-Swift-impetuous-Male-Augustness.

The fourteen Deities in the foregoing list from the Wondrous-Deity-of-Eighty-Evils down to His Swift-Impetuous-Male-Augustness are Deities born from the bathing of his august person.

3.4. Look at the image with an excerpt below. What treaty is this excerpt from? Where and when was this treaty concluded?

Whereas the Allied Powers and Japan are resolved that henceforth their relations shall be those of nations which, as sovereign equals, cooperate in friendly association to promote their common welfare and to maintain international peace and security, and are therefore desirous of concluding a Treaty of Peace which will settle questions still outstanding as a result of the existence of a state of war between them ;

Whereas Japan for its part declares its intention to apply for membership in the United Nations and in all circumstances to conform to the principles of the Charter of the United Nations ; to strive to realize the objectives of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights ; to seek to create within Japan conditions of stability and well-being as defined in Articles 55 and 56 of the Charter of the United Nations and already initiated by post-surrender Japanese legislation ; and in public and private trade and commerce to conform to internationally accepted fair practices ;

Part IV. (0 – 40 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. Islam as a “social” religion: attitude towards the poor in Islam
2. The origin of the Arab-Israeli conflict
3. Modern conflict between the Sunnites and Shi’ites

Block 2. China.

Write a short essay on ONE of the following topics:

1. Classic Chinese poetry
2. China and Taiwan: origins of the conflict and possible unification
3. Foreign policy of the Qing dynasty: achievements and failures

Block 3. Korea.

Write a short essay on ONE of the following topics:

1. North Korea’s nuclear problem
2. The Yangban class during the Joseon dynasty
3. The influence of the colonial period on Korea’s post-war history

Block 4. Japan.

Write a short essay on ONE of the following topics:

1. Post-war occupation in the history of Japan
2. Urban culture during the Edo period
3. Demographic issues of modern Japan