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Imperialism - Unit Test

Choose the word or phrase that best completes the sentence or answers the question.

1. During which century did the age of imperialism begin?
 - a. 1600s
 - b. 1700s
 - c. 1800s
 - d. 1900s

2. What does the phrase “the white man’s burden” refer to?
 - a. the Europeans’ belief that they had a mission to civilize people of color
 - b. the European epidemic of back pain as a result of the agricultural revolution
 - c. a famous song that provides arguments for slavery
 - d. Cecil Rhodes’s company during the scramble for Africa

3. What was the name of the theory that applied natural selection to civilized society?
 - a. social Darwinism
 - b. evolutionary society
 - c. societal fitness
 - d. Darwinian economics

4. What was the result of the Sepoy Mutiny?
 - a. India gained independence from Britain.
 - b. Indians converted to Christianity.
 - c. The British government gained control of India.
 - d. The British East India Company went out of business.

5. Why hadn’t conquistadors conquered Africa during the Age of Exploration?
 - a. Maps of the time period did not include Africa.
 - b. They didn’t have the drugs needed to fight malaria.
 - c. They were too busy colonizing Latin America.
 - d. Their ships weren’t strong enough to reach the southern tip of Africa.

6. Which two African countries remained independent during the scramble for Africa?
 - a. South Africa and Kenya
 - b. North Rhodesia and South Rhodesia
 - c. Ethiopia and Liberia
 - d. Nigeria and Tanzania

7. How did Cecil Rhodes affect the map of Africa during the age of imperialism?
 - a. He helped prevent deforestation in Africa.
 - b. He created the Rhodes Scholarship.
 - c. He named two countries after himself.
 - d. He changed the shape of the coastline.

8. Who successfully led an African tribe's fight against British colonizers?
- a. Shaka Zulu
 - b. Cecil Rhodes
 - c. David Livingstone
 - d. Nelson Mandela
9. Which of the following was NOT an effect of the Boer War?
- a. A total of 150,000 Boer women and children were put in forced labor camps.
 - b. South African racial conflict arose in the later twentieth century.
 - c. The British gained control of South Africa.
 - d. Black South Africans immediately gained equal rights.
10. Why did the French originally enter Vietnam?
- a. to spread Christianity
 - b. to share the teachings of the Napoleonic Code
 - c. to bring cures to common diseases
 - d. to counter German control of the area