

# AP World History

## Sample Multiple Choice Questions - Exercise Six (Chapter Five)

Use the passage below to answer questions 1 & 2

"Of all the religions that established themselves in the Roman Empire...none succeeded on such a large scale or over such a long time as Christianity....During the first three centuries, Christianity developed under a serious political handicap. The earliest Christians were associated with parties of rebellious Jews who resisted Roman administration in Palestine. Later Christians, even gentiles, refused to honor the Roman emperor and state in the fashion deemed appropriate by imperial authorities. As a result, Christians endured not only social contempt and scorn but also organized campaigns of persecution. Meanwhile, the Roman state generously patronized many of the empire's pagan cults: in exchange for public honor and recognition, the emperors and other important political figures provided financial sponsorship for rituals, festivals, and other pagan activities."

-- Jerry Bentley, *Old World Encounters: Cross-Cultural Contacts and Exchanges in Pre-Modern Times*, 1963

- \_\_\_\_ 1. Which statement best reflects the attitude of the Roman government toward religion?
- A) it was tolerant of religions that supported their government
  - B) it endorsed Judaism but persecuted Christians
  - C) it supported only certain monotheistic faiths
  - D) it demanded exclusive obedience to Christianity
- \_\_\_\_ 2. One "serious handicap" under which Christianity developed, described in the passage, was:
- A) the inability of Christians to pay taxes because they were often poor
  - B) the connections Christians felt with other monotheistic faiths, such as Zoroastrianism
  - C) the Roman demand that Jews worship their emperor as a god
  - D) the enslavement of Christians in the Roman Empire

Use the passage below to answer questions 3 & 4

The cob of corn in springtime sown  
In autumn yields a hundredfold.  
No fields are seen that fallow lie:  
And yet of hunger peasants die.  
As at noontide they hoe their crops,  
Sweat on the grain to earth down drops.  
How many tears, how many a groan.  
Each morsel on the dish did mould!

-- Li Shen, "Old Style," Selected Poems from T'ang Dyansty, accessed May 15, 2014.

- \_\_\_\_ 3. What does the poem infer happens to the peasants' crops?
- A) the crops become moldy and inedible
  - B) there is more grain than the peasants can eat
  - C) the fields are empty because of poor weather
  - D) the crops are taken from the peasants
- \_\_\_\_ 4. The poem is about Chinese peasants, but in what way could it be about any agrarian society?
- A) peasants were well provided for by the rest of society
  - B) peasants were at the top of most social hierarchies
  - C) peasant labor provided food that allowed the rest of society to eat
  - D) most peasants owned their own farmland
  - A) elevating the status of merchants, thus creating general prosperity in China based on trade