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The Silk Road

Multiple Choice Comprehension Questions

_____ **1. Why is the Silk Road's name misleading?**

- A. It was only made of silk
- B. It was a single paved highway
- C. It was not one road, but many routes
- D. It only connected small villages

_____ **2. How long was the Silk Road?**

- A. 1,000 miles
- B. 2,500 miles
- C. 4,000 miles
- D. 6,000 miles

_____ **3. What did Rome want most from China?**

- A. Gold
- B. Silver
- C. Silk
- D. Ivory

_____ **4. Why couldn't Roman soldiers find the source of silk?**

- A. The traders refused to speak to them
- B. The traders did not know who made the silk
- C. China would not allow them inside
- D. The silk factories were destroyed

_____ **5. What problem did Roman soldiers face when trying to follow the Silk Road?**

- A. They ran out of money
 - B. They got lost in cities
 - C. They could not cross the desert
 - D. They were attacked by pirates immediately
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_____ **6. Which of the following was NOT a danger along the Silk Road?**

- A. Poisonous snakes
- B. White-hot deserts
- C. Smooth highways
- D. Bandits

_____ **7. Why did traders travel in relays?**

- A. They were too afraid to travel alone
- B. No one trader made the entire journey
- C. The road was too short
- D. The emperor required it

_____ **8. Which route led westward to Rome?**

- A. Northern Route
- B. Southern Route
- C. Central Route
- D. Mountain Route

_____ **9. Why were sections of the Great Wall built near the Gansu Corridor?**

- A. To keep traders from leaving China
- B. To stop bandits from attacking trade
- C. To protect temples
- D. To mark the Silk Road

_____ **10. What happened to the Silk Road over time?**

- A. It disappeared completely
- B. It became lined with cities and temples
- C. It became safe and easy
- D. It was used only by soldiers

Answer Key

1. C

2. C

3. C

4. B

5. C

6. C

7. B

8. C

9. B

10. B