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Age of Exploration

Directions: Fill in the circle next to the correct answer. Read the following paragraph to answer the first two questions.

(1) Rulers sponsored expeditions to far corners of the world. (2) When these trips were successful, rulers gained riches and power because they controlled trade and often the new lands. (3) Queen Isabella and King Ferdinand of Spain sponsored Columbus's voyage to find a new route to Asia.

1 Which words give you a clue for finding cause-and-effect ideas in the paragraph?

- (A) were, was
- (B) when, successful
- (C) when, because
- (D) often, new

2 What other words in the paragraph mean the same as expeditions in sentence 1?

- (F) riches and power
- (G) trips and voyages
- (H) new lands
- (J) new route

3 What caused more Europeans to become interested in Asia?

- (A) the Silk Road
- (B) the Ottoman Empire
- (C) Marco Polo's book
- (D) Coronado's explorations

4 How did travel by sea change in the 1400s?

- (F) It became much cheaper.
- (G) It became more dangerous.
- (H) It was limited to the Atlantic Ocean.
- (J) It was improved by new technologies.

5 Which of the following was *not* a goal of European exploration?

- (A) finding new trade routes to Asia
- (B) controlling new lands
- (C) ending the Reconquista
- (D) establishing colonies



6 What was a goal of the Counter Reformation in the New World?

- (F) reform the churches
- (G) convert the people to the Protestant religion
- (H) convert the people to the Catholic religion
- (J) establish colonies

7 Name two present-day cities founded by the Dutch.

- (A) New York and Albany
- (B) Boston and Albany
- (C) Buffalo and New York
- (D) New Amsterdam and Fort Orange

8 Atlantic trade routes carried goods and enslaved people between

- (F) Africa, Asia, and the Americas.
- (G) the Cape of Good Hope and the West Indies.
- (H) Africa, Europe, and the Americas.
- (J) Asia, the Americas, and Europe.

9 Which countries claimed land in the Americas?

- (A) Spain, Portugal, Russia, China
- (B) the Netherlands, Sweden, Spain, France, China
- (C) Spain, Germany, France, Belgium
- (D) Spain, Portugal, France, England, the Netherlands, Sweden, Russia

10 Colonists often built settlements near the sea or along rivers because

- (F) their charters required this location.
- (G) this offered protection against attacks.
- (H) the weather was usually milder.
- (J) it made transporting people and supplies easier.