Choose the letter of the best answer.

___ 1. Why did Shah Jahan order the building of the Taj Mahal?
   A. to honor his grandfather, Akbar  
   B. to encourage Hindus and Muslims to worship together  
   C. in memory of his wife, Mumtaz Mahal  
   D. as a memorial for Guru Arjun, the Sikh leader

___ 2. What did Suleiman the Magnificent support?
   A. the arts, architecture, and government reform  
   B. the military conquest of India  
   C. equality for all people in his empire  
   D. the persecution of non-Muslims

___ 3. What was the Renaissance a rebirth of?
   A. Christian devotion  
   B. art and learning  
   C. chivalry and tournaments  
   D. good health after the plague

___ 4. How did Italy's location help it become the birthplace of the Renaissance?
   A. Ideas were contained within Italy's boundaries.  
   B. Italy was protected from the rest of Europe by the Alps.  
   C. Italy had access to Roman ruins and ancient manuscripts from Greece.  
   D. The bubonic plague had not reached Italy.

___ 5. What was an important effect of the invention of the printing press?
   A. Gutenberg used his wealth from the invention to support artists.  
   B. It caused many people to lose interest in reading  
   C. It led to the new language of Latin.  
   D. It increased literacy and the use of the vernacular.

___ 6. Which of the following was a major reason for the Reformation?
   A. European merchants resented paying taxes to the Church in Rome.  
   B. The Church was threatening to excommunicate the king of France.  
   C. The pope in Rome insisted on speaking only Latin.  
   D. The spread of Martin Luther's 95 Theses.
7. The heliocentric, or sun-centered, theory challenged the teachings of
   A. Galileo Galilei.  
   B. the Church  
   C. government officials  
   D. revolutionaries

8. What were Europeans' main motives for making voyages of exploration?
   A. to test their new technology and new inventions  
   B. to gain wealth, power and spread Christianity  
   C. to break the Portuguese monopoly on trade  
   D. to gain extra land for a growing population

9. How was Africa affected by the Atlantic slave trade?
   A. African societies were torn apart and many Africans were brutalized.  
   B. All African countries prospered from the trade and grew to be world powers.  
   C. Kings were able to stop rebellions with the firearms they received in trade.  
   D. African civilizations became safer because they captured and traded away their criminals.

10. What concept was the belief in "divine right" used to support?
    A. absolute rule  
    B. freedom of religion  
    C. separation of church and state  
    D. waging war for religious purposes