1. The Middle East and North Africa is considered the cradle of civilization primarily because:
   a. two of the great polytheistic religions began here  
   b. the Israeli-Palestinian conflict
   c. it was the base of several sophisticated empires 
   d. the area lacks flexibility in environmental adaptation

2. The divisions of the Nile river are the White Nile and the Black Nile. (True/False)

3. The other name for Mount Ararat is
   a. Mt. Sinai  
   b. Kuh-e-Damavand 
   c. Agri Dagi 
   d. Mt. Druze

4. The city of Marrakesh is:
   a. located in Algeria
   b. a primary port center 
   c. at the center of several oases 
   d. no longer a major caravan center

5. One of the major innovations in irrigation is the gravity system of water mining known as:
   a. qanat  
   b. flaj 
   c. foggara 
   d. all of the above 
   e. none of the above

6. One of the solutions to the Middle East’s environmental problems is______________________, which means converting unforested land to forest.
   a. deforestation  
   b. afforestation 
   c. overexploitation 
   d. adaptation

7. The Balfour Declaration committed the United States to a Jewish state in Palestine. (True/False)

8. The Dead Sea is both a salt lake and the lowest point on earth. (True/False)

9. Jihad has several meanings in modern Islam including
   a. an inward spiritual struggle 
   b. to promote justice 
   c. the qital which is a war of conquest. 
   d. all of the above 
   e. none of the above

10. In the Middle East, the veil
    a. is uniformly applied 
    b. is strictly enforced throughout Egypt 
    c. can allow women greater movement in public 
    d. is synonymous with the chador.

11. The most significant Modern diaspora populations of the Middle East include
    a. the Copts 
    b. the Lebanese  
    c. the Persians 
    d. the Syrians

12. Partly because of the long history of urbanization in the Middle East, it has several large cities, the largest of which is
    a. Cairo 
    b. Mecca 
    c. Baghdad 
    d. Khartoum 
    e. There is no tradition of urbanization in the Middle East.

13. The term “Middle East” was first used by
    a. the Chinese map makers of the 5th century 
    b. Guilegmo Marconi in 1878 
    c. a British explorers in 1785 
    d. a U.S. naval officer in 1902

14. Mark all of the following who are part of the Arab league
    a. Egypt  
    b. Iraq 
    c. Libya 
    d. Iran 
    e. Bahrain

15. For many Middle Eastern cultures, _______________ is a critical element of social identity created by groups who share a common set of ideas about collective loyalty.
    a. kinship 
    b. the tribe 
    c. family 
    d. community