

Use blue or black ink to answer questions. You may word-process answers and glue them in. Please write in complete sentences UNLESS you are filling in the blank. You will glue this in to your notebook AFTER it is graded!

1. (p. 85) Why did Abu Jafar al Mansur, the second Abbasid caliph, choose Baghdad as the site for the new capital city of the Islamic empire?

2. (p. 87) Write a paragraph to describe the city of Baghdad. Include at least 5 facts. Describe what it looks like. _____

3. (p. 86) Define empire. _____

4. Describe what happens in each of the 3 periods (a, b, c) of an empire.

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

5. (p. 87-88) Why was the economy of the Islamic/Arabic culture under the Abbasids so strong? Give several reasons. _____

6. (p. 88) What Abbasid developments helped international trade to flourish in the Islamic empire? _____

7. (p. 88-89) Because of their great wealth, the Abbasids were able to support the development of the arts and learning. Describe the unique style of Islamic art that began to flourish in the Golden Age of the Abbasids. _____

8. (p. 89) Explain why books became more easily available during the Abbasid period.

9. (p. 89) What was the purpose of the school in Baghdad called the House of Wisdom? Explain how the work of these scholars spread to the Christians in Europe.

10. (p. 89) The form of literature/writing that became popular during this period was _____

11. (p. 90) Islamic scholars used the findings of the ancient Greeks to further develop ideas about science and math. Give an example of an Islamic contribution to each of these areas.

Science: _____

Math: _____

12. (p.90) List 3 developments in medicine attributed to Muslim scholars and doctors.

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13. (p. 92) A definition for “faction” is _____

14. (p. 92) Explain why the Fatamids broke away from the Abbasids. How did this faction weaken the Abbasid Empire? _____

15. (p. 92) Explain why the Seljuk Turks were able to conquer the once-powerful city of Baghdad and gain control of the Islamic empire. _____

16. (p. 92) The deathblow to the Abbasid-Seljuk Turk Empire came in 1258. Who delivered this deathblow? _____