

Annual Examinations for Middle Schools 2023

YEAR 8	HISTORY	Time: 1 hour
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Name: _____

Class: _____

1. Underline the correct meaning to the following terminology used in history.

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| 1.1 Saga: | told stories | a religious book | a Viking sword |
| 1.2 Qadi: | a Dejma captain | an Arab leader | a religious leader |
| 1.3 Harağ: | tax | a law | a punishment |
| 1.4 Caravel: | a boat with oars | a hall in a castle | a boat with sails |
| 1.5 Fresco: | a medieval building | a painting on a wall | a marble statue |
| 1.6 Catapult: | war machinery | construction machinery | field tools |

(Total: 6 marks)

2. Mark the sentences with an ☒ to show whether they are a Cause or a Consequence of the Crusades.

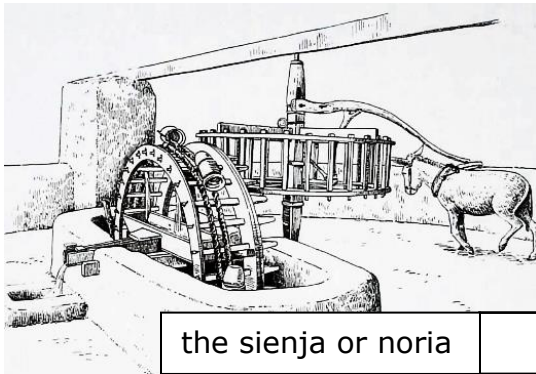


Pope Urban II giving the sermon in Clermont in 1095

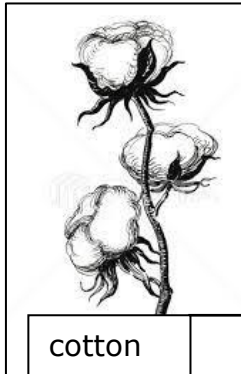
		Cause	Consequence
2.1	It became more difficult for Christian pilgrims to visit the Holy Land.	☐	☐
2.2	The sermon by Pope Urban II in Clermont.	☐	☐
2.3	Several castles were built in the Holy Land.	☐	☐
2.4	The establishment of a number of military orders of Knights.	☐	☐
2.5	The Turks captured most of the land of the Byzantines.	☐	☐
2.6	An increased hatred between Christians and Muslims.	☐	☐

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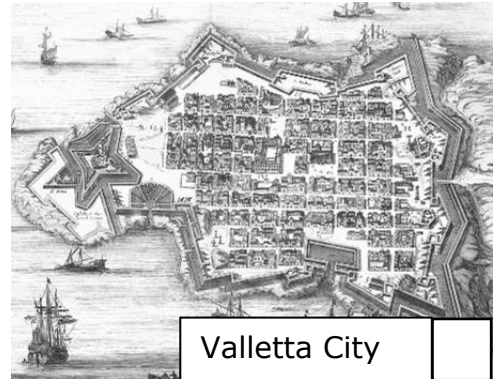
3. Mark with an ☒ the five pictures that show the influence of the Arab rule on Malta. Write in the blank squares.



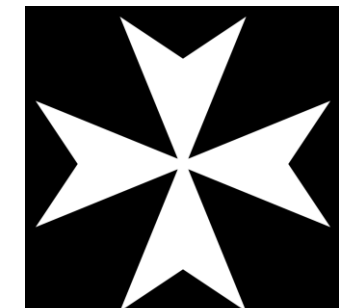
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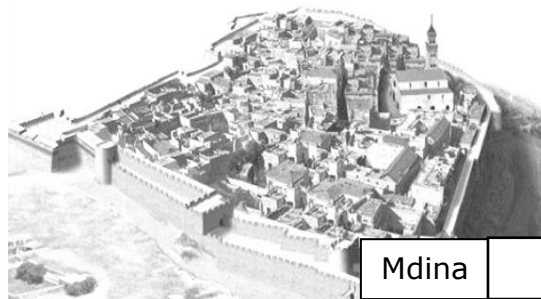
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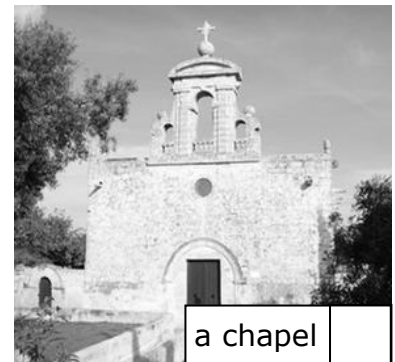
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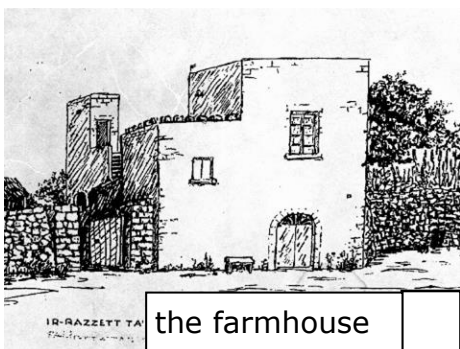
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a chapel



the farmhouse

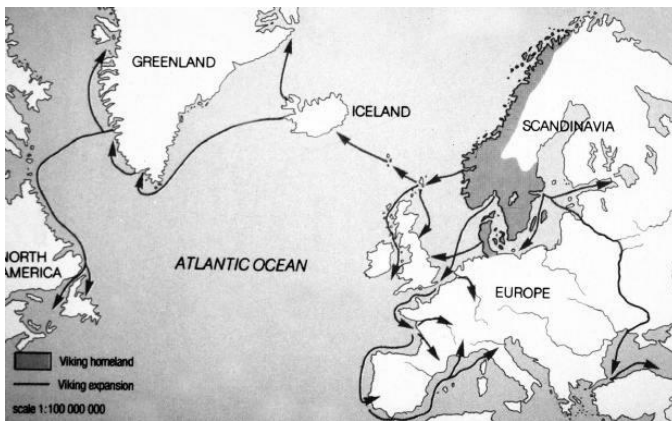


cheese cakes



(Total: 10 marks)

4. Look at these sources about the Vikings and Normans and answer as requested.



a map showing Viking travels



a Viking attack



Part of the Bayeux Tapestry showing how the Normans conquered England in 1066

4.1 Underline the land from where the Vikings originated.

Balkans Scandinavia Baltics (2)

4.2 Use the map and name **two** places where the Vikings attacked or travelled to.

_____ (4)

4.3 Underline the place where the Vikings who became Normans went to live.

Northern France England Southern Italy (2)

4.4 The Bayeux Tapestry was produced a few years after the Battle of Hastings. We therefore say that it is a

primary source secondary source tertiary source (2)

4.5 In their attacks Vikings and Normans used boats called

knarr longboats ship of the line (2)

(Total: 12 marks)

5. Read the text and then answer the questions about the Renaissance.

The Renaissance was a period of time in history that came after the Middle Ages. During the Renaissance there was increased interest in the culture of the Classical Period, of Ancient Greece and Ancient Rome. The invention of the printing press, the navigational compass and gunpowder brought about a huge change. There was the discovery and exploration of new continents, a change in the study of astronomy, a decline of the feudal system and an increase in commerce. The Renaissance was therefore a time of revival.

- 5.1 Place these historical periods in chronological order. Start by writing number **1** for the oldest period.

____Middle Ages ____Renaissance ____Classical Period (3)

- 5.2 The Renaissance saw a revival of interest of which **two** ancient civilisations? (2)

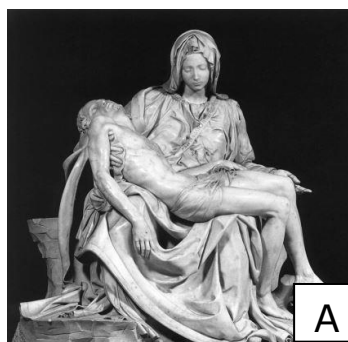
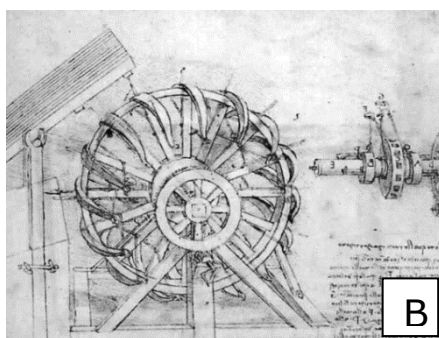
- 5.3 Explain **two changes** brought about by **one of the inventions** of the Renaissance Period mentioned in the text.

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_____ (2)

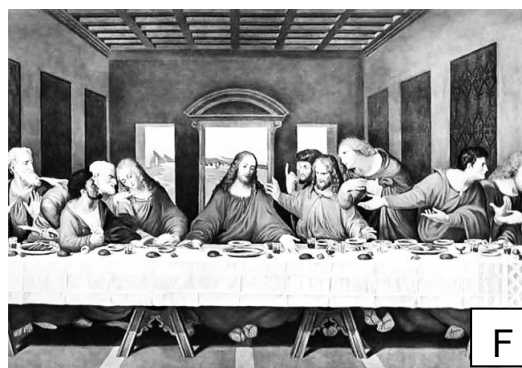
b. _____
_____ (2)

(Total: 9 marks)

6. Place each picture under the correct category in the table below by writing the corresponding letters.



The Divine Comedy by Dante



Painting	Architecture	Sculpture	Literature	Science	Engineering

(Total: 6 marks)

7. Match these explorers with the contribution of their voyages. Write the number of each explorer next to the matching sentence.

7.1	Marco Polo		Was the first to do an exploration voyage by sea around the world.
7.2	Bartolomeu Diaz		After discovering the American continent, many Europeans started exploring and trading new products.
7.3	Vasco Da Gama		Travelled towards Asia and China and brought knowledge about these places back to Europe.
7.4	Christopher Columbus		He reached the tip of Southern Africa (Cape of Good Hope).
7.5	Ferdinand Magellan		He discovered a new sea trade route between Europe and India by sailing around Africa.

(Total: 10 marks)

8. Read these sources about the Crusades and answer as requested.

Source A

Letter from Richard to Saladin about Jerusalem.

As for Jerusalem, it is our place of worship, and we will never agree to give it up, even if we have to fight for it to the last man. As for land, all we want is that land west of Jordan.

Source B

A letter from Saladin to Richard

This city is even more important to us, because it was here that our Prophet made his miraculous journey... It is, therefore out of the question for us Muslims to abandon it. This land has always been ours and your presence here is only temporary... and therefore as long as there is war we will not allow you to enjoy it.

8.1 Where did the wars of the Crusades take place? Underline the correct answer.

Arabia Asia Palestine North Africa (2)

8.2 Write these two leaders in the correct place.

King Richard Sultan Saladin

a. leader of the Christians: _____ (1)

b. leader of the Muslims: _____ (1)

8.3 Use the sources to explain why the city of Jerusalem was important for both leaders.

_____ (2)

8.4 Identify from each source and write the part that clearly shows that both King Richard and Sultan Saladin were not ready to give up the city of Jerusalem.

Source A _____
_____ (2)

Source B _____
_____ (2)

8.5 Name one of the main causes that led to the Crusades.

_____ (2)

8.6 How did these wars come to an end?

_____ (2)

(Total: 14 marks)

9. Look at this picture and answer the questions about the Crusades.



Pilgrims approaching the city of Jerusalem

9.1 Why did Christian pilgrims do the long journey from Europe to go to Jerusalem?

_____ (2)

9.2 How did the pilgrims refer to this land? _____ (2)

9.3 Explain why the journey was difficult and dangerous.

_____ (4)

9.4 How did the Knights of the military orders help Christian pilgrims?

_____ (4)

(Total: 12 marks)

10.1 Show how the remains of the Muslim cemetery at Rabat, Majmuna's Stone (1174) and Gilberto's Report (1241) show that the Muslim religion was practised in Malta after the arrival of the Normans in 1091.

10.2 Two legends about the Normans in Malta: Migra l-Ferħa and the Maltese Flag.

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