

Multiple Choice Questions

1. Arrange this selection of post-September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks in the correct chronological order.
 - a. Bali, Indonesia; Mombasa, Kenya; Riyadh, Saudi Arabia; Madrid, Spain; Taba, Egypt
 - b. Mombasa, Kenya; Bali, Indonesia; Madrid, Spain; Riyadh, Saudi Arabia; Taba, Egypt
 - c. Bali, Indonesia; Riyadh, Saudi Arabia; Mombasa, Kenya; Taba, Egypt; Madrid, Spain
 - d. Mombasa, Kenya; Bali, Indonesia; Taba, Egypt; Riyadh, Saudi Arabia; Madrid, Spain
2. The broadest definition of “Islamist” usually refers to people who (choose the best answer):
 - a. Are members of militant or jihadist terrorist organizations
 - b. Practice Wahhabism and other forms of “fundamentalist” Islam
 - c. Call for Muslim nations to reject Western-style materialism and morality
 - d. Want the overthrow of governments in the region that do not practice *shari'a* law
 - e. Follow the teachings of the Hadith instead of the Koran
3. The Hadith is:
 - a. The second volume of the Koran
 - b. A collection of writings by 19th and 20th-century Islamists
 - c. A series of religious edicts and injunctions used by al-Qa'ida to justify their actions
 - d. The sayings of the Prophet Muhammad
 - e. None of the above
4. In Osama bin Laden's 1996 *fatwa*, which of these was not one of his stated goals?
 - a. Liberate the cities of Mecca and Medina
 - b. Drive the Jews out of occupied Palestine
 - c. Remove the U.S. forces from the Arabian Peninsula
 - d. Overthrow the government of Saudi Arabia
 - e. None of the above
5. Al-Qa'ida's second-in-command is:
 - a. Muhammad al-Faraj
 - b. Khalid Sheikh Mohammed
 - c. Ayman al-Zawahiri
 - d. Suleiman Abu Ghaith
 - e. Umar Abdel-Rahman
6. What does Rohan Gunaratna believe al-Qa'ida's ultimate goal is?
 - a. The liberation of the Ka'aba and the al-Aqsa mosque from “Crusaders and Jews”
 - b. The removal of all Western (particularly American) influences from the Arabian Peninsula
 - c. The destruction of Israel, the United States, and other Western nations
 - d. The reestablishment of the caliphate of Islam's early golden age
 - e. The unification of all Arabs into one nation under *shari'a* law
7. Which of these countries has not suffered a major al-Qa'ida related terrorist attack between 1998 and 2004?
 - a. Morocco
 - b. Tunisia
 - c. Turkey
 - d. Israel

- e. Philippines
8. The first terrorist attack upon the World Trade Center occurred in:
 - a. 1991
 - b. 1992
 - c. 1993
 - d. 1994
 - e. 1995
 9. The Islamic Salvation Front would have won a majority of seats in which country's 1991 election?
 - a. Algeria
 - b. Tunisia
 - c. Egypt
 - d. Syria
 - e. Lebanon
 10. Israel regards which country as an "existential threat"?
 - a. Jordan
 - b. Syria
 - c. Iraq
 - d. Iran
 - e. Lebanon
 11. Which of these statements is false?
 - a. The "Carter Doctrine" was issued after the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan
 - b. The World Health Organization calculates that 27 gallons of water per person per day is the minimum necessary for basic health and sanitation
 - c. The Petroline was constructed to bypass the Strait of Hormuz
 - d. The Baluchistan Desert straddles the border of Pakistan and Iran
 - e. Most of northern and western Turkey is devoted to grain and dairy farming
 12. In what mountainous area do many Biblical scholars believe Noah's Ark lies?
 - a. The Anatolian Plateau
 - b. The Hindu Kush
 - c. The Pontic Mountains
 - d. The Armenian Knot
 - e. The Zagros Mountains
 13. The largest country in the region as measured by area is:
 - a. Saudi Arabia
 - b. Sudan
 - c. Algeria
 - d. Iran
 - e. Libya
 14. Which of these statements is false?
 - a. Israel has the highest GDP-PPP in the region as of 2004
 - b. The Six-Day War occurred in 1967
 - c. Al-Qa'ida seldom announces its responsibility for its terrorist actions
 - d. Jordan and Israel produce no oil of their own
 - e. Muslim women can hold and inherit property and keep their maiden names after marriage
 15. How many Arab countries have a shoreline on the Gulf?

- a. Five
 - b. Six
 - c. Seven
 - d. Eight
16. The Sudd is a wetlands area in which country?
- a. Israel
 - b. Egypt
 - c. Morocco
 - d. Sudan
 - e. Iraq

True-False Questions

1. The Dead Sea is the lowest surface elevation anywhere in the world.
2. Many people in the region identify themselves as nomads, villagers or urbanites even if they do not live those particular lifestyles any longer.
3. The Zionist Movement aimed to create a Jewish state in Palestine with its capital at Zion.
4. The hajj is traditionally taken during the month of Ramadan.
5. The more northerly of the Turkish Straits is known as the Dardanelles.
6. Many al-Qa'ida members believe they have been divinely ordained to commit violent acts.
7. Hamas is an Arabic acronym for "Party of God."
8. International pressure caused the invading British and French forces to withdraw from the Suez in 1956, leaving the canal in Egyptian hands.
9. The lunar month of Ramadan falls earlier each year in the solar calendar.