

EVALUATION IN THE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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In a letter to the Editor Mrs Herholdt wrote:

Dear Sir

As an avid reader of your magazine "Yesterday and Today", I would like to compliment you and your editorial staff on the very useful and inspiring articles in every issue. Although I have been teaching for many years (20!) this is my first year teaching History to Std 5 pupils — a very rewarding experience indeed! I particularly enjoy setting examination papers as I feel that a good paper can be a learning experience as well as an enjoyable one. I have included two copies of examination papers which my pupils quite enjoyed, and which I hoped would be challenging! Perhaps you could make use of some of these questions as a contribution for publication.

Needless to say: contributions like these are only more than welcome. This is amongst others one of the reasons why we are running YESTERDAY AND TODAY — it is a journal for history teaching and everything which will enhance history teaching is of value. So are the question papers contributed by Mrs. Herholdt.

We can only hope that this example will be followed by other history teachers.

EDITOR.

Std 5. History Test

Question 1

A. This is what the Roman historian, Tacitus wrote:



Some were covered with the skins of wild beasts, and left to be devoured by dogs; others were nailed to the cross; numbers were burnt alive; an many were lighted up, when the day declined, to serve as torches during the night.

1. Why did Nero start persecuting Christians?.....
2. What did gladiators do?.....
3. Where did the Christians in Rome now have to have their meetings?.....

B. This is what Ramusio. c. 1380 wrote:



After the meal, when all the servants had been ordered out of the hall, Marco, as the youngest of the three, left the table and went into another room. He brought out the tree shabby suits of coarse cloth which they had worn when they first arrived. Straightaway they took sharp knives and began to rip up some of the seams and took out of them jewels of the greatest value in vast quantities, such as rubies, sapphires, diamonds and emeralds, which had all been sewn up in those clothes in so clever a way that no one could have suspected they were there.

1. What did Marco Polo's journey prove to the West?....
2. Where did Marco obtain all the jewels?.....
3. Where did the Polos start their journey?.....

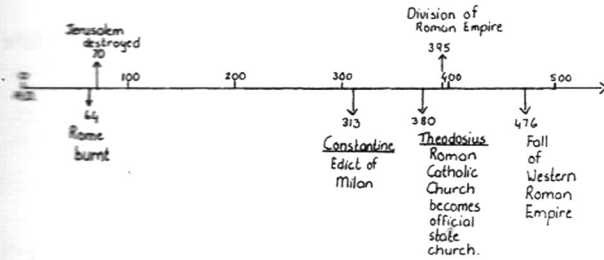
Question 2.

What do the following words have in common?

1. Stephen, Ignatius, Polycarp.....
2. Nero, Caesar Augustus, Diocletian.....
3. Ephesus, Antioch, Corinth.....
4. Benedict, Dominic, Francis.....
5. Infirmary, cloister, refectory.....
6. Pope, archbishop, bishop, deacon.....
7. Matthew, Luke, Mark, John.....

PROFILE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL
 Name: Paul
 City of Birth:.....
 Nationality:.....
 Citizenship:.....
 Language:.....
 Principal Beliefs:.....
 Writings:.....
 Journeys:.....
 Died in (which city):.....

Question 4. Study this time - line.




1. What did the Edict of Milan depict?.....
2. After whom was the capital of the Eastern Roman Empire named?.....
3. The miraculous spread of Christianity from the birth of Jesus until the decree of Theodiosius took..... years.

Question 5. Study this map



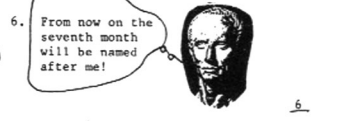
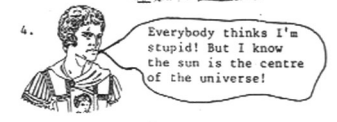
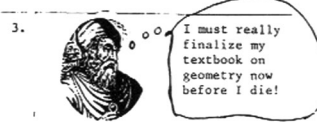
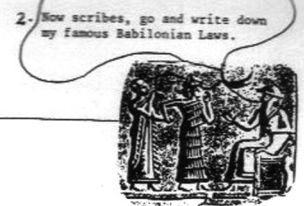
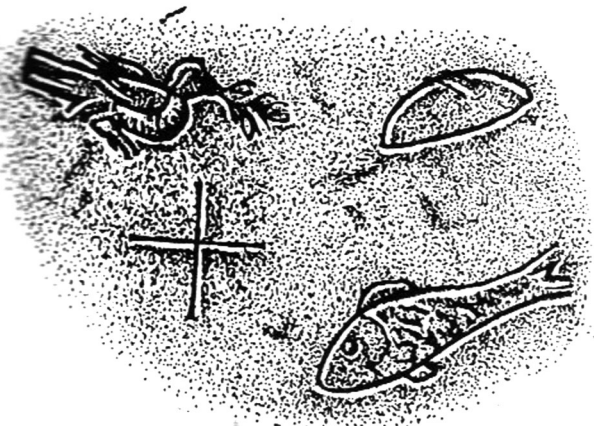
1. In which part of the world were the most churches established?.....
2. Were there churches in Europe at that time?.....

Question 6. Thought Questions.

1. Who is the Pope of the Roman Catholic Church today?.....
2. Why did the sigh of the fish  indicate Christianity?.....

Question 7.

- A. Name 4 reasons why Christianity could spread so rapidly.....
- B. Name 2 reasons why the Crusades improved trade.



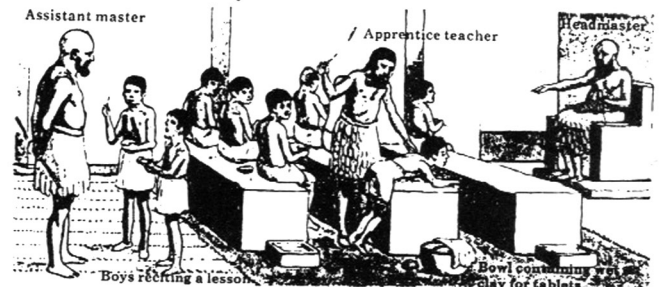
Question 6.

Mix and match

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|-------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Tigris and Euphrates | Coster..... |
| 2. Nile | Caxton..... |
| 3. Mediterranean | Gutenberg..... |
| 4. Germany | Mesopotamia..... |
| 5. Netherlands | Paper..... |
| 6. England | Egypt..... |
| 7. China | Library..... |
| 8. Alexandria | Phoenicia..... |
| 9. Byblos | Bouchard..... |
| 10. Rosetta | Port for shipping..... |
| | Papyrus..... |

Question 7.

This is a picture of a school of the SUMERIANS. Answer the following questions.



1. What writing material did they use? Name two.....and.....
2. What was their writing called?.....
3. What was the base of their number system?.....
4. The teacher asked π (John) how many degrees there are in a circle.? He answered "320°, Sir". Why was he caned?.....

Question 8.

Write a paragraph on how our alphabet originated. Name five facts.



Question 9.

Answer the following questions.

1. What was the Roman style of building called?.....
2. Wat does the Gothic style of architecture include?.....
3. Name two kinds of weapons which the knights used in medieval times.....
4. Why were their fire-arms dangerous?.....
5. What kept invaders at bay in medieval castles?.....



Question 10.

Fill in the Missing Names.

(P.S. Apologies to the Greek erudite - we know they didn't all live in the same century!)

One day poor.....was battling to get all the lines of longitude and latitude on his map. Suddenly there was a knock at his door. His old friend.....had come to visit him. "Listen to me," he said. Let me examine you and give you some good medicine to cure you. "Thanks, I feel better already. Lets's go and visit old..... He must be tired by now puzzling over triangles, theorems, and square root numbers. Living on numbers is not good for you!" The two friends set off. "Look at Socrates and.....our great philosophers, busy discussing what truth is all about. Perhaps one day they will discover what justice and beauty are all about too!"



Question 11

Look for the hidden answers and abbreviations. See example.

A	M	I	D	D	L	E
N	I	L	E	F	G	X
P	O	S	M	U	L	M
C	A	N	O	P	I	C
A	D	O	T	S	A	P
Q	U	E	I	B	S	T
S	L	M	C	R	T	F

1. Meaning before Christ.
2. Meaning after Christ.
3. Simpler Egyptian writing.
4. Jars to insert body organs.
5. The fall of Constantinople was the end of the.....Ages.



Question 12

At the bottom of an old manuscript which was found recently in a monastery, the monk had written the following words:

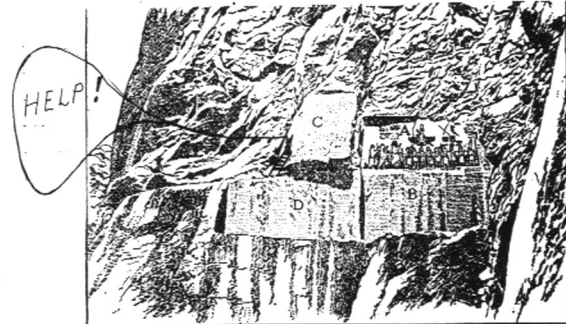
Will this go on forever?

1. Why did he seem to be so disheartened?.....
2. What kind of pen would he have used?.....
3. How long would it have taken him to re-write the Bible?....
4. On what kind of material would he have written?.....

Question 13

Several bars and the lower side of the lower side of the ladder parted company and went crashing down 200 metres to the ground. Rawlinson, desperately hanging on to the upper length, was rescued by his companions and regained the Persian recess. He did not attempt another crossing until he had made a more substantial "bridge".

Why on earth was Rawlinson, a Military Adviser in the Middle East, during the 1830's, hanging on to the recess of a cliff?.....



The rock face at Behistun

Question 14

Here is a fun question just for your last mark. What do you think this picture message conveys?



Meet me.....at.....to go.....