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Study Guide III

The following guide is provided to lead your study while preparing for the third test. Several questions will be formulated out of these items (i.e., the questions may not be the same as the individual questions below) and given on **Wednesday May 14, 2014 (10:30-12:30)** as test questions. You are expected to give complete answers to all questions. This exam carries 15 points.

1. Write a biography for Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini.
2. Write a biography for Reza Shah Pahlavi.
3. Discuss the connection between "Divine Right of Kings" and *Velayat-i Faqih* in Iranian government.
4. What are the major human rights issues in Iran and why is it difficult to address them?
5. What role did the USSR and the United States play in Iran's White Revolution?
6. Describe the forces that brought about the 1979 Iranian Revolution.
7. Describe the Green Movement, its objective and participants, and explain why the movement did not succeed.
8. Describe Reza Shah's reforms, especially in the areas of military, communication, social change, status of women, other.
9. Who are the Gonabadi dervishes? Why is the government against them?
10. Describe the history of the Tudeh Party, its role in the 1979 Revolution, and its fate after the Revolution.
11. What factors contributed to the success of the 1906-11 Constitutional Revolution in Iran?
12. What were the main distinguishing factors among the roles of France, Britain, Russia, and the United States in Iran?
13. Explain Muhammad Reza Shah's understanding of the role of women in Iran.
14. Why, unlike other rulers, Muhammad Reza Shah was not worried about whether he was two points up or down in the poles?
15. What were some of the major contributions of the White Revolution to Iranian society? How did the 1979 Revolution affect those contributions?
16. Over the past 2,500 years, Iran has survived many attacks on its culture. What is the secret of that country's longevity?
17. How does the Iranian electoral process work?
18. Describe the following:
 - a. Guardian Council
 - b. Assembly of Experts
 - c. Expediency Council