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Hist 3504
Cultures of the Silk Road
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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 **Tuesday, May 14, 2013, 1:30-3:30** as test questions. You are expected to give **complete** answers to all questions. This exam carries **12** points.

1. What are some of the similarities and differences among the republics of the former Soviet Union?
2. Describe the cause and the phases of the *Basmachi* movement in Central Asia.
3. Write a cultural history of Chang'an, Dunhuang, Bukhara, Samarqand, Khotan, Kashghar (two items will be chosen)
4. How did the Soviets treat the Muslims who refused to follow socialist dicta?
5. Describe the educational system of Bukhara at the end of the 19th century.
6. What role did the Muslims of Tajikistan play in bringing down the Soviet Union?
7. Describe the main causes of conflict between the Soviets and the Afghans.
8. Why did the terrorists choose Afghanistan as the center of their operation?
9. What were the administrative divisions in the former USSR and what instigated them?
10. Define the following:
Pan-Turkism, pan-Islamism, *jadid*, *qadim*, *basmachi*, *kumis*, *kurgan*, *Manas*, *madrasah*
11. What is *Wahhabism*? Describe its history, rules, and its relation to Central Asia?
12. Describe the role of the *Communist Manifesto* in the centralization of Central Asian resources.
13. What is Privatization? Describe the process and provide examples.
14. Write an essay comparing the new Silk Road with the old Silk Road, especially with respect to security, transportation, trade, cultural contacts, and goods exchanged.
15. What role did Palmyra play on the western side of the Silk Road?
16. Name the capitals of the independent republics of Central Asia and provide basic information about each. (two items will be chosen)
17. Describe daily life in a Kazakh village.
18. Describe the origin of tea and the 3-course tea ceremony of Dali.
19. Describe the music and dance of the Mevlavi dervishes.
20. Describe the ups and downs of caravan travel across the desert.
21. Describe the commonality among bridges, palaces, and bazaars along the Silk Road? (one instance will be chosen)
22. Describe the game of *buz kashi*.