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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 **Saturday, May 17, 2014, 8:00-10:00** as test questions. You are expected to give **complete** answers to all questions. This exam carries **12** points.

1. Describe the similarities and differences between the following two republics of the former Soviet Union: Turkmenistan and Kyrgyzstan.
2. Describe the *Basmachi* movement in Central Asia.
3. Describe the changes that the city of Kashghar is undergoing and the reason(s) for the changes.
4. How did the Soviets treat the Muslims of Central Asia? What was the Muslims' reaction?
5. How did the civil war in Tajikistan begin and how did it end?
6. Describe the history of relationships between the Soviets and Afghanistan and the main causes of conflict between them.
7. Why did the terrorists choose Afghanistan as the center of their operation?
8. What were the administrative divisions in the former USSR and what instigated them?
9. Define the following:
Pan-Turkism, pan-Islamism, *jadid*, *qadim*, *basmachi*, *kumis*, *Manas*, *maktab*, *madrakah*, collectivization, *kulak*, *gulag*, *perestroika*, *glasnost'*
10. What is *Wahhabism*? Describe its history, rules, and its relation to Central Asia?
11. Describe the role of the *Communist Manifesto* in the centralization of Central Asian resources.
12. What is Privatization? Describe the process and provide examples.
13. What is CIS? What role does it play?
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 the migration pattern of the Kuchis and explain their approach to economy, literacy, politics, etc.
18. Describe the development of technology on the Silk Road.
19. Provide examples where literature is used for propaganda purposes or for solidifying a people's identity.
20. Describe the development and significance of road systems on the Silk Road.
21. Describe the process whereby a piece of rock becomes a work of art.