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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 Thursday, Dec. 21, 2017, 8:00-10:00 a.m. (225 Blegen) as test questions. You are expected to give complete answers to all questions. **Some test questions may carry up to five points. Make sure you cover all aspects of individual questions.** This exam carries 15 points.

1. Describe Amanullah Khan's attempt at modernizing Afghanistan in detail.
2. What is the Great Game? How did it affect the lives of the people of Central Asia?
3. Describe the similarities and differences between the following two republics of the former Soviet Union: Turkmenistan and Kyrgyzstan.
4. Describe the Basmachi movement in Central Asia.
5. How did the civil war in Tajikistan begin and how did it end?
6. Describe the history of the relationship between the Soviets and the Afghans. What were the main causes of conflict between the two?
7. Why did the terrorists choose Afghanistan as the center of their operation?
8. Describe changes in Iranian identity from pre-Islamic Zoroastrianism to present-day Twelver Shi'ism.
9. Define the following: Pan-Turkism, pan-Islamism, *jadid*, *qadim*, *basmachi*, *kumis*, *Manas*, *maktab*, *madrasah*, collectivization, *kulak*, *gulag*, perestroika, glasnost', *kalym*, *levirate*.
10. What is *Wahhabism*? Describe its history, rules, and its relation to Central Asia.
11. What is Privatization? Describe the process and provide examples.
12. 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.
13. What role did Palmyra play on the western side of the Silk Road? Compare the fight between Palmyra and Rome with a similar encounter in Central Asia.
14. Name the capitals of the independent republics of Central Asia and provide basic information about each. (two capitals will be chosen)
15. Describe the development of technology on the Silk Road.
16. Describe the genesis and development of *A Thousand Nights and a Night*. Why does one want to continue reading it?
17. The Silk Road team could have perished in the Qaraqum desert. Why could they have perished and what saved them?
18. Who are the Uighurs? Why do the fishermen in Trabzon, Turkey, think they are related to the Uighurs?