Chapter 14

The nature of the society into which the prophet Muhammad was born was

Muhammad was born in Saudia Arabia to a society made up largely of nomads and merchants.

Muhammad experienced profound spiritual revelations that led him to believe that

Muhammad believed he was the last prophet of Allah.

The Quran

The Quran is the holy book of Islam.

Under pressure from authorities in Mecca, Muhammad and his followers fled to Medina in 622. Muslims call this move

The hijra was Muhammad’s flight from Mecca to Medina.

The Five Pillars are to Muslims as

The Five Pillars are the basic beliefs of the Islamic faith.

Which of the following is not true with regard to the sharia?

Sharia, or Islamic law, evolved after the death of Muhammad.

Which of the following is true of the early caliphs?

The caliphs were both political and religious leaders who followed the teachings of Muhammad, and expanded the empire.

The Umayyad dynasty was founded by

Sunni Muslims founded the Umayyad dynasty.

Which of the following actions was not taken by the Umayyad caliphs?

The Umayyad caliphs devoted themselves to luxurious living.

Differing from the Umayyad caliphs, the Abbasid rulers

The Abbasid caliphs dedicated themselves to administration rather than expansion.

Ulama and qadis were important in Islamic society because they

The people with religious knowledge (ulama) and judges (qadi) developed public policies and dispenses justice according to the Quran and the sharia.

Which of the following statements is not true with regard to the Saljuq Turks?
The Saljuq Turks controlled the Abbasid throne, but they did not usurp the caliphate or claim the title of caliph for themselves.

**During Abbasid times, the Arabs learned from China the technique of making**

The Arabs learned how to make paper from the Chinese.

**Islamic Spain, known as al-Andalus, was**

Al-Andalus was controlled by Muslim Berbers, was not part of the Abbasid Empire, and their attempt to invade France failed. It was the home of Ibn Rushd.

**Which of the following was not a right of Islamic women?**

. Muslim women could only have one husband.

**The veiling of women as a social custom was**

The veiling of women was not mentioned by the Quran. It was a social custom that existed long before the advent of Islam and was adapted from the Byzantine and Sasanid societies by Muslims. It was originally practiced by upper-class women.

**Which of the following was true of Sufis?**

Sufis were Muslim mystics who used song and dance to encourage devotion and were very effective missionaries because they tolerated some non-Islamic customs.

**The hajj**

The hajj is the pilgrimage to the Ka'ba in Mecca that is one of the Five Pillars of Islam. It unites Muslims from all parts of the world.

**Which of the following is not correct in describing cultural influences on Islam?**

Greek rational reasoning did not have influence on Islamic theology.