Geography of Southwest Asia Test Review KEY

Geographically speaking, which county lies between Iraq and Afghanistan? Iran

The Suez Canal connects what two major bodies of water?

The purpose of connecting two bodies of water with a canal such as the Suez Canal is:

a. To prevent flooding b. To create a trade block

c. To increase tourism d. To enable trade

Explain why the Strait of Hormuz is so important. It is the only way oil can exit the Persian Gulf. If it is blocked, no country is getting oil.

This landform covers the majority of Saudi Arabia. Desert

The process of removing salt from salt water in order to make it suitable for farming and drinking is known as Desalination.

Why is the process of removing salt from salt water in order to make it suitable for farming and drinking not used more often in Southwest Asia? very expensive/must have a coast line

Disputes over what natural resources are problematic for many Middle Eastern countries?

a. diamonds and oil b. water and natural gas c. water and oil d. diamonds and water

Because of its location over some of the world’s largest oil deposits, which nation’s income rose dramatically during the 20th century?

1. Israel b. Saudi Arabia c. Jordan d. Lebanon

Most people in Southwest Asia practice Islam as their religion.

A religion that worships one god is called what? Monotheistic

Which religion below believes in only ONE God (is monotheistic)?

a. Islam b. Christianity c. Judaism d. a,b and c

The people of this religion escaped slavery (known as the EXODUS).

Which book(s) of the New Testament in the Christian Bible tell the story of Jesus?

a. Matthew b. Luke c. Torah d. First 4 books called Gospels

Which religion grew out of Judaism?

The Torah, which contains the Mosaic Law, is most often used in which religion?

a. Buddhism b. Christianity c. Judaism d. Islam

A group based on common religious beliefs and practices is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ group.

a. ethnic b. Muslim c. religious d. political party

A group that shares common culture and ancestry is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ group.

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Who make up the largest minority ethnic group in Turkey?

a. Jews b. Arabs c. Kurds d. Persians

The Islamic religion is divided into two main groups. They are the Sunni and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Muslims.

a. Caliph b. Arab c. Shi’a d. Kurds

What is the oldest of the prominent religions of the Middle East. Judaism

Be able to list the 5 Pillars of Islam (can be in your own words and in any order)

1. There is one God and Muhammad is his prophet
2. Pray 5x a day towards Mecca
3. Give to the poor
4. Fast during the holy month of Ramadan
5. Take a pilgrimage (hajj) to Mecca if you are able

Describe the following ethnic groups: Kurds, Persians, Arabs

Compare and contrast them.

Be able to compare and contrast the three monotheistic religions.

Explain why Islam split into two main groups.

Describe the difference between an ethnic group and religious group. Give examples.