

Aztec Civilization

Set 1

The Aztec Empire, a dominant force in Mesoamerica, flourished 1) in / on the 15th and early 16th centuries.¹ Its capital, Tenochtitlan, was an engineering marvel built 2) on / in an island in Lake Texcoco, showcasing advanced urban planning and hydraulic systems.² The Aztecs were renowned 3) for / by their sophisticated agricultural techniques, including the use of *chinampas* (floating gardens), which allowed them to feed a large population.³ Their society was highly stratified, 4) with / among a powerful emperor at its apex and a complex religious system that permeated 5) all / none aspects of life.⁴

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6. "stratified" is closest in meaning to ----.

- A) fluid → -sıvı / akı kan, geçi olan, de i ken
B) homogeneous
C) hierarchical
D) egalitarian e itlikçi
E) unstructured da ınık yapılandırılmamı

Bonus: "One of the most influential civilizations across history." means ----.

- A) Tarihteki en etkili medeniyet.
B) Tarihteki en etkili medeniyetlerden biri.

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Set 2

The Aztecs engaged in frequent warfare, expanding their dominion and extracting tribute from conquered territories.

Their religious practices were central to their culture, often involving elaborate rituals and human sacrifice, believed to be essential for maintaining cosmic balance and ensuring agricultural fertility. The Aztec calendar system, consisting of a 365-day solar calendar and a 260-day ritual calendar, was highly precise and crucial for both agricultural planning and religious observances.

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1. Aztec warfare primarily focused on defending their capital rather than expanding territory.

True / False

2. Human sacrifice was a minor aspect of Aztec religion, rarely practiced.

True / False

3. The Aztec calendar system was sophisticated and used for practical purposes like farming.

True / False

Bonus:

1. "maintaining cosmic balance" means: kozmik dengeyi sürdürmek.

2. "ensuring agricultural fertility" means: tarımsal verimliliği sağlamak.

enable
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Set 3

The Aztec Empire, despite its military might and elaborate societal structure, faced inherent vulnerabilities.⁹ The reliance on tribute from subjugated peoples often led to discontent and rebellion among these groups. 1) _____, the arrival of the Spanish conquistadors in 1519 introduced an entirely new and devastating challenge. 2) _____ superior weaponry and diseases, which the Aztecs had no immunity to the European diseases, the indigenous population was decimated.¹⁰ 3) _____ these immense adversities, the resilience and fierce resistance of the Aztecs against the invaders were remarkable.

1.

A) Otherwise B) In conclusion

C) In contrast

E) Moreover

2.

A) Owing to

B) Due to

C) If it weren't for

D) In spite of

E) By means of

3.

A) Despite

C) Akin to

E) Similar to

B) In conclusion

D) However

B) Thanks to

D) In contrast to

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Set 4

The Aztec emperor, or *Huey Tlatoani*, was an _____ figure, often viewed _____ a divine representative on Earth.¹¹ They were _____ leaders celebrated for expanding the empire and maintaining religious and political order. However, the system of governance sometimes led to internal power struggles and succession disputes, _____ dangerous political maneuvering within the ruling elite.

2.

- A) prominent
- B) obscure
- C) harmful
- D) ordinary
- E) maligned

3.

- A) giving up
- B) taking on
- C) engaging in
- D) refraining from
- E) looking after

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Set 5

While some aspects of Aztec society were marked by strict religious practices and warfare, Aztec culture as a 1) **whole** / **while** reflected a sophisticated blend of artistry and scientific knowledge. 2) _____, their intricate pictographic writing system preserved historical records and religious texts, providing invaluable insights into their worldview. The impressive temples, pyramids, and public works 3) _____ the ingenuity and ambition of Aztec builders. 4) These structures were celebrated _____ for their sheer scale _____ for their precise astronomical alignments.

2.

- A) However
C) Moreover
E) Meanwhile
- B) In contrast
D) Therefore

3.

- A) display
C) devastate
E) insist
- B) provide
D) astound

4.

- A) so / that
C) either / or
E) not only / but also
- B) no sooner / than
D) as / as

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Set 6

Despite the catastrophic Spanish conquest and subsequent colonial rule, the legacy of the Aztec civilization managed

1) **to endure / enduring** through various cultural forms. The civilization's ability **to adapt / adapting** and subtly transmit its heritage is a clear 2) _____ to its profound impact.

Aztec contributions to architecture, art, and agricultural techniques are celebrated 3) **to / on** this day, influencing Mexican identity and academic study worldwide.

2.

- A) descendant
- B) testament
- C) successor
- D) implication
- E) addition

3. Aztec culture, which is renowned _____ its artistic achievements _____ its complex social structure, continues to inspire admiration and study.¹²

- A) such / that
- B) both / and
- C) so / that
- D) whether / or
- E) as / as

4. The Aztecs' innovative agricultural techniques, particularly the chinampas, remain _____ for sustainable farming practices in similar wetland environments today.¹³

- A) indifferent
- B) influential
- C) intricate
- D) skeptical
- E) silent

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Set 1

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C) hierarchical

Bonus:

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B) Tarihteki en etkili medeniyetlerden biri.

Set 2

True / False

True / False

True / False

Bonus:

"maintaining cosmic balance" means: kozmik dengeyi sürdürmek.

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The text describes Aztec religious practices, which were central to their culture, often involving elaborate rituals and human sacrifice.

"The Aztec calendar system, consisting of a 365-day solar calendar and a 260-day ritual calendar, was highly precise." can be rephrased as: "The Aztec calendar system, comprising a 365-day solar calendar and a 260-day ritual calendar, was highly precise."

Translate the following sentence into Turkish: "The Aztecs engaged in frequent warfare, expanding their dominion and extracting tribute from conquered territories."

Aztekler, hakimiyetlerini genişleterek ve fethettikleri topraklardan haraç alarak sık sık savaştılar. (or: Aztekler, sık sık savaşlara girerek egemenliklerini genişlettiler ve fethedilen bölgelerden vergi topladılar.)

Set 3

D) However

A) Owing to

A) Despite

Set 4

(No option provided for the first blank, likely intended to be similar to original Set 4, Q1 "viewed by / as" where 'as' is correct.) -> as

A) prominent

C) engaging in

Set 5

whole

C) Moreover

A) display

E) not only / but also

Set 6

to endure

B) testament

to

B) both / and

B) influential