

Exam Practice

A) Read the passage and choose the best answer a, b, c or d.

Famous Explorers

Explorers are adventurous people who have left a lasting impact on history. They have played an important role in increasing our understanding of the world. Let's look at some famous explorers and their remarkable achievements.

1. Marco Polo, an Italian merchant, and explorer, journeyed widely throughout Asia during the 13th century. Between 1271 and 1295, he travelled along the Silk Road. His book "The Travels of Marco Polo" introduced the Europeans to the wonders of the Far East.



2. Christopher Columbus was born in Genoa, Italy. Columbus discovered the Americas in 1492. His voyages across the Atlantic Ocean led the Europeans to inhabit the Americas.



3. Ferdinand Magellan was a Portuguese explorer who is famous for leading the first tour of the globe. Although he died during the voyage, his crew completed the journey in 1522, proving that the Earth was a sphere.



4. Captain James Cook was British. Cook made three major voyages in the 18th century. He drew maps of unexplored regions in the Pacific Ocean, including Australia, New Zealand, and the Hawaiian Islands.



5. Sacagawea, a Native American woman, served as a guide and interpreter for the Lewis and Clark expedition in the early 19th century. Her contributions were central to the exploration of the western part of the United States.



Questions:

1. Who helped Europe learn about the Chinese culture?
 - a) Ferdinand Magellan
 - b) Marco Polo
 - c) James Cook
 - d) Sacagawea
2. When did Columbus discover the Americas?
 - a) in 1491
 - b) in the 14th century
 - c) in the 15th century
 - d) in 1294

3. What did Magellan's voyage prove?

- a) Earth was a planet
- b) the crew were good
- c) the globe was round
- d) Magellan was Portuguese.

4- Who mapped the unknown waters of the Pacific Ocean?

- a) Christopher Columbus
- b) Marco Polo
- c) Sacagawea
- d) James Cook

5. Which language did James Cook most probably speak?

- a) Italian
- b) American
- c) English
- d) Portuguese

6. How many languages did Sacagawea speak?

- a) one
- b) Native American
- c) English
- d) two or more

7. Where did most of the explorers in the text come from?

- a) Italy
- b) Britain
- c) America
- d) Europe

8. How is the information presented in the text?

- a) from men to women
- b) from earliest to most recent
- c) from old to young
- d) from time to time

