1. What caused the Black Death?

A
The smallpox virus
B
The influenza virus
C
Bubonic plague bacterium
D
The tuberculosis bacterium
E
No one knows

2. How was the Black Death likely spread?

A
From person to person
B
By contaminated food
C
By mosquitos
D
By rats and their fleas

3. The Black Death was the second major epidemic of its kind. What was the first known epidemic of the disease that also caused the Black Death?

A
The Plague of India
B
The Plague of Justinian
C
The Hong Kong Plague
D
The Antonine Plague

4. What proportion of the affected population was killed by the Black Death?

A
Less than 10%
B
About 25%
C
Over 90%
D
About 50%

5. When did the Black Death initially occur?

A
14th century CE
B
19th century CE
C
541 CE
D
1904 CE

6. How would you describe the population that existed right before the Black Death in terms of size, availability of food, and general health?

7. In what ways could the Black Death have led to improvements in health in surviving populations?

8. What has DNA analysis revealed about the Black Death?

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