

Directions: Read each question carefully and choose the best answer. Refer to the text if necessary. Write your answer on the provided space.

1. Which of the following is **not** a function of castles as expressed in the text? _____
 - a. Castles served both offensive and defensive purposes militarily.
 - b. Castles served as symbols of power.
 - c. Castles were important social centers in medieval England.
 - d. Castles were places where knights would keep their best horses.

2. Which of the following *best* describes the main idea in paragraph 2? _____
 - a. It describes how and why William the Conqueror took control of England.
 - b. It explains why castles were first built in England and the military purposes they served.
 - c. It shows how Norman lords were often scared and frequently retreated.
 - d. It details all of the purposes that English castles served.

3. Which *best* explains why the original castles were first made from earth and timber? _____
 - a. It takes a lot more time and energy to build a stone castle.
 - b. It did not occur to people to build castles out of stone.
 - c. People did not realize how weak wooden castles would be against fire.
 - d. Wooden castles were prettier than dirty stone castles.

4. Which of the following is **not** a true statement according to the text? _____
 - a. Palaces are designed for luxury, not fortification.
 - b. Fortresses are designed for fortification, not luxury.
 - c. Castles are designed for luxury and fortification.
 - d. Palaces are designed for luxury and fortification.

5. Which best explains why wooden castles were converted to stone castles. _____
 - a. Wooden castles take a long time to build.
 - b. Wooden castles are uncomfortable.
 - c. Stone castles offer better defense.
 - d. Stone castles stay cooler in the summer.

6. Which of the following best describes the structure of the text in the fifth paragraph? _____
 - a. Compare and contrast
 - b. Order of importance
 - c. Cause and effect
 - d. Chronological order

7. Which is **not** described in the text as an improvement in castle defenses? _____
 - a. Towers attached to the main castle by wooden bridges
 - b. Deep ditches dug around the castle walls and filled with water
 - c. Multiple castle walls providing layers of defenses
 - d. Windows and entrances raised off of the ground floor

8. Which *best* explains how gunpowder ended the role of traditional castles? _____
 - a. Wars were fought with guns and hiding in castles was no longer necessary.
 - b. Artillery forts with large cannons became more stylish than traditional castles.

- c. Defending castles grew difficult, since attackers could just shoot castle defenders.
- d. Cannons were able to knock down stone walls, so castles offered little protection.

9. Which of the following titles would *best* describe the content of this passage? _____

- a. *William the Conqueror: Bringing Castles to England*
- b. *Defending the Castle: Technologies Used to Defend Medieval Castles*
- c. *A Short History of Castles: The Rise and Fall of Castles in England*
- d. *Fancy Living: Learning about Castles, Palaces, and Fortresses*

10. Which of the following is an opinion? _____

- a. Stone is more resistant to fire than wood.
- b. William the Conqueror built the first castles in England.
- c. It is unfortunate that castles no longer serve their original purposes.
- d. Castles were used as offices of administration during the Middle Ages.