1. Which civilization is the oldest?

2. Which Indian empire overlaps three Chinese dynasties?

3. In which dynasty did the founder of Taoism live?

4. Which civilization, empire, or dynasty lasted for the longest period?

5. Which dynasty overlaps both B.C. and A.D. dates?
A huge wall extends across 1,500 miles of northern China. It was built by order of Shih Huang Ti.

Turkish nomads, called Huns, lived on the plains northwest of China. These fierce horsemen often swept down on Chinese towns and villages, killing and robbing. Shih Huang Ti realized that his new empire would not last long if he did not find a way to protect China from its northern enemies.

To keep the Huns out, the emperor decided to connect smaller walls built in different places into one "Great Wall." At first, most of the workers building the wall were convicts. However, convict labor alone was not enough to finish the wall. Perhaps one-third of all Chinese men were forced to help build the wall.

A wide road and many watchtowers were built along the top of the Great Wall. Large numbers of Chinese soldiers were stationed at different points on the wall.

Once the northern border was safe, Shih Huang Ti conquered large portions of southern China. The emperor was determined to unify China under his rule. He destroyed the power of those nobles who opposed him. He forced many nobles to move to his capital city so that he could control them. Citizens were ordered to turn in their weapons to the government. Only soldiers were permitted to be armed.

The emperor built roads to improve trade and communication. Law was standardized, or made the same, throughout China. Money, weights, and measures were also standardized. This made the buying and selling of goods and services easier for the people.

Other advances were made. The Chinese system of writing was simplified and improved. Many scientific works were written during this period.

Shih Huang Ti died in 210 B.C. For the next thousand years, the emperors of China continued Shih Huang Ti's policy of unifying China under one royal government.

- How did the Great Wall help Shih Huang Ti to enlarge and unify the Chinese Empire?

- Indicate below which of the following statements are true (T) or false (F):
  
  a. Shih Huang Ti was a democratic leader.
      
  b. After Shih Huang Ti's death, all of his policies were abandoned.
Choose the item that best completes each sentence or answers each question. Then write the number in the blank at the left.

a. In which general direction is India from Manchuria?
   (1) northeast  (2) southwest  (3) south  (4) north

b. In which general direction is China from India?
   (1) northeast  (2) southeast  (3) northwest  (4) southwest

c. The Silk Road linked China to countries to the
   (1) east  (2) north  (3) south  (4) west.

d. The Great Wall protected China from invaders from the
   (1) east  (2) west  (3) north  (4) south.

e. The northernmost river in China shown is the
   (1) Yangtze  (2) Hwang Ho  (3) Hsi  (4) Mekong.