# THE CRUSADES - THE HIGH MIDDLE AGES - THE BLACK DEATH - ROMANESQUE & GOTHIC ART

## - EXAM QUESTION PRACTICE -

## THE CRUSADES

- 1. When did the First Crusade take place?
- 2. What did the Crusades hope to achieve?
- 3. Who called for the First Crusade and why?
- 4. What was the ulterior (real) reason for calling the Crusades?
- 5. Were the Crusades successful?
- 6. When did the Muslims first occupy Jerusalem?
- 7. In which year did the Christians first conquer Jerusalem?
- 8. How many Crusades were there in total?
- 9. When was the last Crusade?
- 10. Are the Crusades considered an important part of Middle East history?
- 11. In the film *The Kingdom of Heaven* who was the Muslim leader?
- 12. Why were the Christians in the film worried about the Muslims taking the city?
- 13. Who occupies Jerusalem today?
- 14. Who were the Knights Templar and the Knights of St. John?
- 15. What happened in 1095
- 16. Which Pope called for a Crusade to the Holy Land so that he could regain religious influence in Western Europe?
- 17. What happened in 1099?
- 18. What did the Christians do to the Muslim and Jewish inhabitants of Jerusalem when they conquered it for the first time?

## THE HIGH MIDDLE AGES

19. During the High Middle Ages of the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> centuries what happened to the economy?

- 20. What happened to government during the High Middle Ages?
- 21. What two things were built during the High Middle Ages that demonstrate the extraordinary achievements in European culture?
- 22. What improvements were there in agriculture during the High Middle Ages?
- 23. During the High Middle Ages there were 5 basic trade areas in Europe. Name all 5: (H\_\_\_\_\_\_, G\_\_\_\_\_, V\_\_\_\_\_\_, C\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_)
- 24. What important economic innovation was invented during the High Middle Ages in Italy?
- 25. During the High Middle Ages the population grew from \_\_\_ million in 1000 to \_\_\_ million in 1300.
- 26. Why did cities now become more important during the 12<sup>th</sup> century that at any time since the Roman Empire?
- 27. Why would a serf want to go to live in a city?
- 28. Who were the bourgeoisie?
- 29. What was the 12<sup>th</sup> century Renaissance?
- 30. What was the purpose of the first parliaments at this time?
- 31. What improvements were there in agriculture?
- 32. Which two writers inspired 12<sup>th</sup> century Europe?
- 33. What was the Western Schism of 1378?
- 34. Which war dominated the 14<sup>th</sup> century?
- 35. Can you give the dates for the Hundred Years' War and who fought in it?
- 36. Why was it called the Hundred Years' War?
- 37. Which region in Spain has one of Europe's oldest parliaments? What is the name of its parliament?
- 38. Which is the oldest university in the world?

## THE BLACK DEATH

- 39. When did the Black Death begin?
- 40. When did the Black Death end?
- 41. Why did they call it the Black Death?
- 42. Where did the Back Death begin and why?

- 43. How did the plague come to Europe?
- 44. How did people become infected?
- 45. How did the plague spread around Europe so quickly?
- 46. Why did Poland and Milan suffer from the plague less than the rest of Europe?
- 47. What happened to the Jews at this time and why?
- 48. In what ways did the Black Death transform Europe socially and economically?
- 49. Was the Black Death a good thing for Europe?
- 50. Could the Black Death affect Europe today in the same way? Why? Why not?
- 51. Were more plagues after the Black Death in Europe?
- 52. Did medieval doctors find a cure for the plague?
- 53. Why is Mongolia relevant in the story of the Black Death?
- 54. Which group of people was persecuted in Europe during the Black Death?
- 55. Why, apparently, did the Jews suffer the plague less than the Christians?
- 56. If you had survived the Black Death, what would your life have been like?
- 57. What were the symptoms of the Black Death?
- 58. What is the name of the Catalan parliament?

## ROMANESQUE & GOTHIC ART

- 59. Why was the Romanesque style called 'Romanesque'?
- 60. What are the characteristics of Romanesque architecture?
- 61. Name one example of Romanesque architecture in the city of Girona
- 62. Name one example of a Romanesque monastery in the province of Girona
- 63. Name one example of a Romanesque church in the province of Girona, but not in the city
- 64. Name a famous Romanesque cathedral in Spain that is not in Catalunya

- 65. How did the Gothic style receive its name?
- 66. What are the characteristics of Gothic architecture?
- 67. What architectural innovation led to the Gothic style?
- 68. Why are there more windows in a Gothic cathedral than a Romanesque cathedral?
- 69. How was Romanesque sculpture different from Gothic sculpture?
- 70. When and where was the pointed arch invented?
- 71. How did the pointed arch affect the building of cathedrals?
- 72. In which ways were Gothic cathedrals different from Romanesque cathedrals?
- 73. What art form did they apply to glass windows in Gothic cathedrals?
- 74. What was a flying buttress?
- 75. What cross plan was used for constructing Romanesque and Gothic cathedrals?
- 76. What style later replaced the Gothic in Europe?
- 77. What is a fresco painting?