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INTRODUCTION TO ISLAM / QUIZ 1

NAME:

SECTION:

A. MULTIPLE CHOICE. Circle the correct answer.

1. Emile Durkheim says that religion is based on

- (a) a division into permitted and forbidden.
- (b) a true claim about the nature of the universe.
- (c) a false claim about the nature of the universe.
- (d) the existence of a god.

2. Pre-Islamic Arab religions included

- (a) Judaism.
- (b) Christianity.
- (c) paganism.
- (d) all of the above.

3. The Sasanian Empire was

- (a) Persian-speaking.
- (b) officially Christian.
- (c) officially Zoroastrian.
- (d) (a) and (c) only.

4. Ibn al-Kalbi's *Book of Idols* represents

- (a) a Christian view of the jahiliyyah.
- (b) a Zoroastrian view of the jahiliyyah.
- (c) a Muslim view of the jahiliyyah.
- (d) a secular view of the jahiliyyah.

5. Seventh-century Islam was

- (a) an ethnic religion.
- (b) a universal religion.
- (c) an imperial religion.
- (d) a work in progress that combined elements of (a), (b), and (c).

TRUE OR FALSE

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| 1. All Arabs today are Muslims. | <u>False</u> | |
| 2. India is a majority-Muslim country. | <u>True</u> | |
| 3. Sunnis and Shiites agree that "there is no god but God." | <u>true</u> | |
| 4. Modern scholars agree that Mecca was a major trading city. | <u>True</u> | -3 |
| 5. The Qur'an is a form of Arabic poetry. | <u>True</u> | |

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Identify the following seventh-century items in the blanks (not on the map):

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A (an empire): Byzantine Empire

B (an empire): Sasanian Empire

C (a region): Arabian Peninsula (Arabia)

d (a city): Medina

e (a city): Mecca

