**CHAPTER 12**

**STUDY QUESTIONS ANSWER KEY**

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1) What are trade diasporas?

-Networks of interconnected commercial communities living and working in major trade cities throughout Africa, Europe, and Asia

2)  True or False. China reconstructs and extends the Grand Canal in 1400 C.E.

-true

3) What were some of the major trading communities of the eastern Mediterranean?

- Jews, Greek-speaking Egyptians, and Arabs

4) What was the central attraction of trade in the fourteenth century?

-Gold

5) What kingdom dominated trade in the Red Sea in the fourth century?

-The Kingdom of Axum in Christian Ethiopia

6) Which region held the most prominent Jewish community in the world around the eighth and ninth century?

-Asia

7) What generated after the Incas merged their empire in the early fifteenth century?

-Extensive trade, connecting settlements over hundreds of miles north t south and linking together about 32 million people

8) What were some of the items the *pochteca* exchanged from Gulf coast?

- City crafted obsidian knives, fur blankets, cloths, herbs, and dyes in exchange for raw material such as jade, seashells, jaguar skins, feathers, and cotton

9) True or False. Slaves were an important commodity.

-True

10) True or False. Great Zimbabwe played a minor role of trade in Africa.

-False; they were the largest and most remarkable of all the developing towns, with an abundant supply of valuable metals and animal products

11) What did the American Indians use to carry goods across trade routes?

-Pack animals and humans