Test Corrections

Test 7-9

4. Buddism in China:

a. came by way of Japan.

b. had little in common with either Confucianism or Daoism

c. eventually gained millions of followers.

d. had little lasting impact

1. Is incorrect because we know that Japan borrowed heavily from China, not the other way round.
2. Is incorrect because it eventually mixed with Confucianism and Daoism, therefore having commonalities.
3. May be correct / may not be correct
4. Is incorrect because as a unifying force (and combining with Chinese philosophies) it had real lasting impact.

Therefore, by process of elimination, c must be correct.

9. Of the following, which was NOT one of the five texts canonized by Confucius?

a. Rites and Rituals b. The Good Life c. Book of Changes d. Book of Songs

This one’s tough on two accounts, first it is a NOT question (see note below), and second it is a Know it or Don’t know it type question. If you don’t know the answer outright, here the style of the writing may save the day. Note that C and D have the same pattern with “of” in the title. Also note that A, C, and D are things you can list, whereas B is more of a descriptive type title. None other than B uses judgmental adjectives, either. B therefore is the correct answer.

24. The Indian subcontinent includes all the following areas, except:

a. Tibet b. Bangladesh c. Bhutan d. Nepal

This may be a know it or don’t know it type question, however, you may be able to still figure it out (or at least reduce your choices)

1. Is the present area of conflict in China
2. Is known for monsoon flooding
3. Is a neighbor to India
4. Nepal holds the highest peak in the world (Mt. Everest)

Logically, monsoons are also suffered in India, so b is probably wrong; if the peak is in Nepal than part of Nepal would be on both sides of the mountain and subcontinents (most likely) are divided by mountain ranges, so d would be wrong. That leaves a and c (if you didn’t know the location of c that is) and at this point you could play eeny-meeny-miny-moe, or logically conclude a as China is not part of the subcontinent.

Note: be warned against these tricky EXCEPT or NOT questions. The trick is to find the wrong answer.

72. Findings at Roman trade sites dating to about 0 CE suggest that of the following groups, this group was least involved in ocean trade between the Roman Empire and India

a. Romans b. Indians c. Arabs d. Jews

This is ostensibly a toughie, but again some logic can “save the day”. A is outright wrong. B. is the furthest distance from the Romans, so a likely candidate for a Correct answer, C and D are geographically closer so therefore good candidates for a wrong answer. We know that the Arabs taught the Romans about the monsoon winds and allowed them to cross the Red Sea. We also know that the Jews were located on the other side of the Red Sea…therefore, B is the correct answer.