

SIR ARTHUR LEWIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

PRECOLLEGE UNIT

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COMMENCEMENT TIME: 9:00 a.m.

DURATION: 2 Hours

INVIGILATOR(S):

ROOM(S):

Student ID Number _____

INSTRUCTIONS

Students must sign IN and OUT on the examination class list

Write your ID Number on each answer sheet.

Please number your responses accurately.

This paper consists of 3 sections. Students must complete each section.

Section A: There are 10 multiple choice questions. Answer **ALL QUESTIONS**.

Section B: Consists of 8 short answer questions. Students **MUST** answer all questions.

Section C: This section consists of essay questions. Students must answer **ONE** question from the available options.

SECTION A

Circle or shade the best answer that corresponds with each question. This section is worth **10 marks.**

1. What is known as the Van Sertima thesis?
(A) African presence in the Americas predated Europeans
(B) Indigenous presence in the Americas predated Africans
(C) Indigenous presence in the Americas predated Europeans
(D) European presence in the Americas predated Africans
2. What archaeological evidence Van Sertima did NOT use to prove his thesis?
(A) Artifacts
(B) Skeletons
(C) Monuments
(D) Stone heads
3. All of the following evidence exist of Nordic presence in the Americas before Columbus EXCEPT
(A) religious
(B) linguistic
(C) botanical
(D) metallurgical
4. New World Nordic discoveries are generally referred to which of the following?
(A) Kings
(B) Vinland
(C) Contemporary
(D) Icelandic Family
5. L'Anse aux Meadows shows evidence of Nordic Style
(A) smelting
(B) recycling
(C) leaching
(D) concentrating
6. The first sustained commercial connection between West Africa and Europe was established by which European nation?
(A) Spain
(B) Britain
(C) Holland
(D) Portugal
7. Most archeological evidence of Nordic presence in the Americas was garnered from the excavation at
(A) Oklahoma Rune
(B) Spirit Pond Eune
(C) Kensington Rune
(D) L'Anse aux Meadows
8. The Portuguese, the pioneer explorers of Western Africa, were primarily interested in
(A) finding a route to the East
(B) trading with the African chiefs
(C) engaging in plantation agriculture
(D) finding the golden city of El Dorado
9. Which of the following BEST explains why Spain invaded the Americas?
(A) To search for gold
(B) To spread Christianity
(C) To secure colonial empires
(D) To spread European civilization

10. Under the encomienda system, the Spaniards were given title to and allowed to use Indigenous lands and villages in return for

- (A) using the Indians as labourers
- (B) converting the Indians to Christianity
- (C) developing the villages for all to benefit
- (D) sharing the mineral resources with the Indians

SECTION B

Answer **all** questions in complete sentences.

1. Where did the Norsemen live in the 15th century? (3 marks)
2. Where is L'Anse aux Meadows located? (1 mark)
3. Give two examples of evidence that proves that there was a Viking presence at L'Anse aux Meadows before Columbus. (6 marks)
4. Provide and explain 2 examples of evidence which proved that there was an African presence in the Americas before 1492 (6 marks)
5. What is the criticism being made against a pre-Columbus African presence in the Americas? Africans lacked the spirit of adventure, curiosity, technology in shipbuilding and navigational skills (3 marks)
6. Which part of Africa did the Guinea gold come from? (2 marks)
7. Briefly explain what the repartimiento was about. (2 marks)
8. What was the purpose of the Laws of Burgos 1512? (2 marks)

Total 25 marks

SECTION C

Answer **ONE** question from this section in the form of an essay.

1. From the list below, select ONE of the indigenous groups in the Americas:
 - (i) Incas
 - (ii) Aztecs
 - (iii) Mayas

Discuss the view that the selected group demonstrated an advanced level of social organisation in the pre-Colombian period.

Total 30 marks

2. Examine the effects of Spanish settlement on the Indigenous peoples of the Caribbean up to 1600.

Total 30 marks