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CALIFORNIA STANDARDS HSS 5.2

MULTIPLE CHOICE

DIRECTIONS Select the letter of the best answer.

- 1 Which of these historical periods is best described as a new age of learning, science, and art in Europe?
- A the Counter-Reformation
 - B the Reconquista
 - C the Reformation
 - D the Renaissance

Use the boxed information to answer question 2.

New technology, such as the compass and astrolabe, improved navigation in the late 1400s.

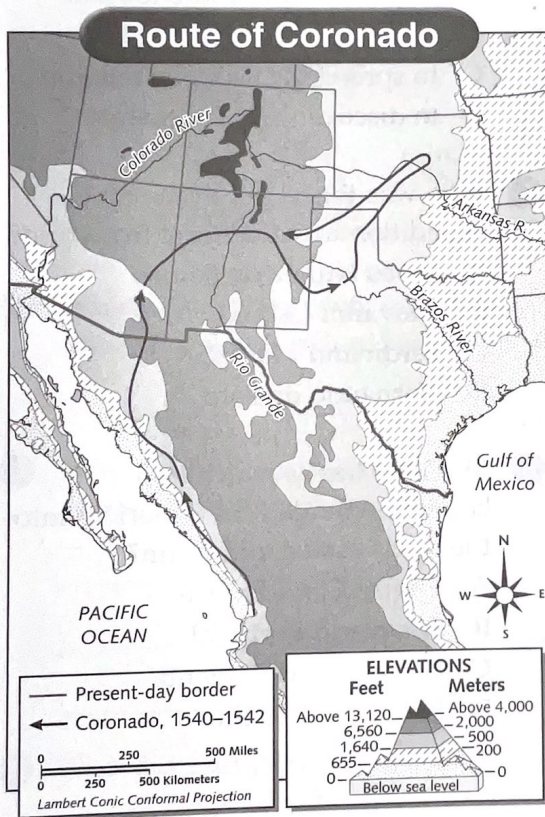
- 2 What does the word navigation mean in the sentence above?
- A scientific knowledge and tools
 - B a trip taken with the goal of exploring
 - C the science of planning and following a route
 - D an instrument used to find direction
- 3 Which European nation sponsored Columbus's expedition across the Atlantic Ocean in 1492?
- A England
 - B France
 - C Portugal
 - D Spain

- 4 Which of the following was the main reason that Columbus sailed west from Europe?
- A to find a water route to Asia
 - B to set up colonies
 - C to spread the Catholic religion
 - D to discover new continents
- 5 Who was the leader of the first expedition to sail around the world?
- A Vasco Núñez de Balboa
 - B Giovanni Caboto
 - C Ferdinand Magellan
 - D Hernando de Soto
- 6 In a 1494 treaty, which two countries divided the Americas into the lands each could claim?
- A England and France
 - B Spain and Portugal
 - C Holland and England
 - D France and Spain

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- 7 Which empire did the army of Hernando Cortés conquer in Mexico?
- A the Aztec
 - B the Inca
 - C the Maya
 - D the Ancient Puebloans

Use the map to answer question 8.



- 8 What was the elevation of the land where Coronado crossed the Rio Grande?
- A 0–655 feet
 - B 655–1,640 feet
 - C 1,640–6,540 feet
 - D 6,560–13,120 feet
- 9 Why did the first missionaries come to the Americas?
- A to start new Protestant churches
 - B to convert the American Indians to the Catholic religion
 - C to get rich from gold, silver, and other resources
 - D to find a water route between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans
- 10 Which of these people unsuccessfully searched for gold along the St. Lawrence River?
- A Jacques Cartier
 - B Henry Hudson
 - C Amerigo Vespucci
 - D Giovanni da Verrazano

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MATCHING

DIRECTIONS Match each explorer with the correct description. Write the letter of the correct explorer on the blank line.

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| 11 | _____ explored and claimed for Spain what is now the state of Florida | A. Jacques Cartier |
| 12 | _____ explored and claimed for France the area around the St. Lawrence River | B. Francisco Vásquez de Coronado |
| 13 | _____ explored and claimed for Spain much of what is now the southwestern United States | C. Henry Hudson |
| 14 | _____ explored and claimed for Holland much of what is now the state of New York and surrounding areas | D. Juan Ponce de León |
| 15 | _____ explored and claimed for Spain much of the southern half of what is now the United States | E. Hernando de Soto |

SHORT ANSWER

DIRECTIONS Answer each question in the space provided.

- 16 What were three obstacles that early European explorers faced?

- 17 What was Christopher Columbus's opinion about the lands he reached in 1492? What are two facts that prove that his opinion was incorrect?

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DIRECTIONS Answer each question in the space provided.

18 What were some of the costs and benefits of expeditions for explorers and their sponsors?

19 What were the main goals of the conquistadors in the Americas?

20 What is one way that the expeditions of Cartier and Hudson were different from most of the earlier expeditions to the Americas?
