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# Test

CALIFORNIA STANDARDS HSS 4.4

## MULTIPLE CHOICE (5 points each)

**DIRECTIONS** Select the letter of the best answer.

1. Before the 1860s, how did Californians communicate with the East?
   - A by cross-country train
   - B by telegraph
   - (C) by letters carried on ships
   - D by overland stagecoach

   HSS 4.4.1, CS 5, HI 1

2. What was John Butterfield's contribution to California's growth as a state?
   - (A) He founded a company that carried mail by stagecoach.
   - B He founded California's first commercial farm.
   - C He invested in the transcontinental railroad.
   - D He built a canal to irrigate the Imperial Valley. HSS 4.4.1, HI 1

3. Who were the Big Four?
   - A a group who invested in the first telegraph to California
   - B a group who owned the Pony Express
   - (C) a group who owned the Central Pacific Railroad Company
   - D a group who paid for the entire transcontinental railroad

   HSS 4.4.1, HI 1

4. Why was it hard for companies to find workers for the transcontinental railroad?
   - A They did not have the money.
   - B Chinese workers were not allowed to enter the country.
   - C People in the East were not interested in moving west.
   - (D) Many Americans were involved in the Civil War. HSS 4.4.1, HI 1, 3

5. How was California's economy affected at first by the completion of the transcontinental railroad?
   - A California businesses grew.
   - (B) Cheap goods from outside the state caused businesses to close.
   - C More goods came from Mexico.
   - D Businesses could not keep up with the demand. HSS 4.4.1, HI 3

6. What enabled the Southern Pacific Railroad to gain more than 11 million acres of California land?
   - (A) Under the Pacific Railroad Act, companies got land for every mile of track they laid.
   - B The company bought it from rancho owners.
   - C The company took the land from California Indians.
   - D New towns sold land to the company. HSS 4.4, HI 3

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**Use the boxed information to answer question 7.**

> California farmers began to export wheat to France and Italy.

7. What does the word export mean?
   - A to buy from other countries
   - B to compete with
   - C to advertise a product
   - (D) to sell to other countries

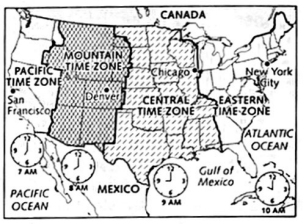
   HSS 4.4.6

8. What caused the violence at Mussel Slough?
   - A A railroad company did not pay its workers.
   - (B) Farmers and a railroad company disagreed over the price of land.
   - C Neighbors disagreed over who owned water rights.
   - D Rancho owners refused to leave land they said they owned.

   HSS 4.4, 4.4.6, HI 1

9. What enabled people to establish farms in the Imperial Valley in the early 1900s?
   - A Immigrants planted a new and better kind of orange tree.
   - B Chinese workers built levees to prevent flooding.
   - (C) Workers built a canal from the Colorado River to irrigate the land.
   - D Growers advertised to create new markets. HSS 4.4.6, HI 1

**Use the map to answer question 10.**




10. The 1906 earthquake hit San Francisco just after 5:00 A.M. What time was it in New York City then?
    - A just after 2:00 A.M.
    - B just before 5:00 A.M.
    - (C) just after 8:00 A.M.
    - D just before 11:00 A.M.

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## MATCHING (5 points each)

**DIRECTIONS** Match each person on the right with the correct description on the left. Write the letter of the correct person on the blank line.

11. D a scientist who worked to develop new and better kinds of plants HSS 4.4.6
12. B a successful wheat farmer from the Central Valley HSS 4.4.6
13. E one of the Big Four HSS 4.4.1
14. C an engineer with a plan for building a transcontinental railroad HSS 4.4.1
15. A a herbalist who came to California to look for gold HSS 4.4.3

A. Yee Fung Cheung
B. John Bidwell
C. Theodore Judah
D. Luther Burbank
E. Leland Stanford

## SHORT ANSWER (5 points each)

**DIRECTIONS** Answer each question in the space provided.

16. What changes took place in the speed of communication between California and the eastern states in the 1850s and the early 1860s? HSS 4.4.1, CS 1, HI 1

Possible response: In 1858, the Overland Mail Company brought mail by stagecoach from Missouri to California in 24 days. Then, in 1860, Pony Express riders succeeded in bringing mail by horse in only 10 days. Finally, in 1861, the first telegraph line connected California to the East. The telegraph could send messages across the country in just a few minutes.

17. How was the transcontinental railroad paid for? HSS 4.4.1, HI 1

Possible response: Theodore Judah asked Leland Stanford, Collis P. Huntington, Mark Hopkins, and Charles Crocker, who came to be known as the Big Four, to invest in the railroad. Then he went to Washington, D.C., and got Congress to provide money and land for the Big Four's Central Pacific Railroad to lay track east from Sacramento.

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18. Who were the workers who built the transcontinental railroad, and what challenges did they face? HSS 4.4.1, 4.4.3

Possible response: The Union Pacific hired many Irish immigrants and, later, Civil War soldiers to lay tracks from the east. The Central Pacific hired many Chinese immigrants to lay tracks from the west. Both groups were challenged to work fast. The Central Pacific faced more dangerous conditions. Chinese workers had to blast tunnels and lay track through the Sierra Nevada.

19. Would commercial farms have developed in California without the gold rush? Explain. HSS 4.4, 4.4.2, 4.4.6, HI 3

Accept all reasonable responses. Possible response: Because of California's fertile soil and long growing season, commercial farms would eventually have been started even without the gold rush. The gold rush only helped speed up the process.

**DIRECTIONS** California farmers found solutions for many of the problems they faced. Complete the chart below by writing solutions to the problems listed. (5 points total) HSS 4.4, 4.4.6

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| Problem | Solution |
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| Most of the land in the Imperial Valley was too dry for farming. | Canals were built to irrigate the land. |
| Oranges grown in California were sour and full of seeds. | Orange growers started to grow better types of oranges, including the Washington navel and the Valencia. |
| Land along the Sacramento River often flooded. | Levees were built to control the flooding. |



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