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### Latin America Regents Review Questions

1. The social class system in Latin America during the 16th and 17th centuries reflects the
  - a. dominance of Spanish-born nobility
  - b. emerging equality between classes
  - c. influence of mestizo economic power
  - d. increasing social mobility of Native American Indians
  
2. A study of Mayas, Aztecs, and Incas would show that these ancient American civilizations
  - a. Produced few cultural achievements
  - b. Lived at peace with their neighbors
  - c. Welcomed the new technology brought by the Europeans
  - d. Were very advanced and rivaled other great civilizations from around the world
  
3. Which statement is true about the Maya, Aztecs, and Incas?
  - a. All three developed written languages
  - b. All three depended on agriculture to survive
  - c. All three were conquered by the Spanish
  - d. All three were warlike and had large armies
  
4. An important result of the Spanish conquest of Mexico and Peru was
  - a. The improved health of the indigenous people of Mexico and Peru
  - b. The end of all forms of slavery and forced labor
  - c. The education of indigenous leaders in the ways of the Spanish government
  - d. The near destruction of the local native culture
  
5. Under the economic idea of mercantilism, the Spanish colonies existed for the benefit of
  - a. The Spanish mother country
  - b. All European nations
  - c. The people of the colony itself
  - d. The people of North America
  
6. The Native American population of Mexico in 1492 has been estimated at 25 million; the population in 1608 has been estimated at 1.7 million. This decrease in population was mainly a result of
  - a. Crop failures brought on by poor weather conditions
  - b. Emigration of Native Americans to Europe and Africa
  - c. Wars between the various native groups
  - d. Diseases introduced by the Spanish

7. Which of these situations was the direct result of the other three?
  - a. Nations of Latin America won their independence
  - b. Revolutions occurred in North America and France
  - c. The Napoleonic wars weakened Spain's power
  - d. Creoles and mestizos became discontented with Spanish rule
  
8. Which of the following was not a cause of the Mexican Revolution of 1910?
  - a. Most Mexicans were poor and worked for low wages
  - b. There was a large gap between the rich and the poor
  - c. The government was controlled by an unpopular dictator
  - d. The people of Mexico wanted a communist government
  
9. Under the leadership of Fidel Castro, Cuba has become an example of
  - a. The success of democracy in improving conditions in a developing nation
  - b. A nation in which the efforts of the United Nations has improved human rights
  - c. the successful reform of agriculture from single-crop to multi-crop production
  - d. A communist government struggling to maintain power despite economic problems
  
10. In many Latin American nations, a major effect of colonial rule has been the
  - a. Concentration of power in a small group of landowners
  - b. Minor political role of the military
  - c. Equal distribution of wealth among social classes
  - d. Economic control held by the Indian population