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KS2 Quiz

Unit title: How did the achievements of the Ancient Maya impact their society and beyond?

1 Where did the Ancient Maya live?

- A India, Pakistan, Nepal, China and Bangladesh.
- B Mexico, Belize, Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador.
- C France, Britain, Italy, Germany and Spain.
- D Brazil, Bolivia, Argentina, Chile and Peru.

2 The ancient Maya settled in...

- A ...rainforests, surrounded by sea, quicksand, swamps and freshwater sinkholes.
- B ...hills, fields and woods, surrounded by other countries.
- C ...ice sheets covering mountains and valleys.
- D ...forests, surrounded by sea, marshes and countryside.

3 What periods is the Maya civilisation split into?

- A Stone Age, Bronze Age, Iron Age, the Romans.
- B Plantagenets and Tudors.
- C Pre-Classic, Classic, Post-Classic, Conquest.
- D Classic and Post-Classic.

4 How was the Maya civilisation governed?

- A By no one.
- B It was a democracy.
- C It was an oligarchy.
- D Independent city states ruled by kings.

5 What challenges did the Maya face settling in the rainforest?

- A Hot conditions and monsoons.
- B Cold conditions, strong winds and the dangerous waves.
- C Droughts, communication issues and dangerous animals.
- D A lack of reliable electricity and poor wifi.

6 Who was the oldest God?

- A Kukulkan.
- B Ixchel.
- C Chaac.
- D Itzamná.

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7 What buildings were found in Maya cities?

- A** Villas, churches, streets, baths, theatres and forums.
- B** Temples, plazas, palaces, ball courts and observatory towers.
- C** Flats, shops, train stations, offices and cinemas.
- D** Huts, defensive walls and marketplaces.

8 Which Maya cities were abandoned and declined at the end of the Classic period?

- A** Rio de Janeiro, Salvador and Manaus.
- B** Chichen Itza, Uxmal and Mayapán.
- C** London, Manchester, York and Birmingham.
- D** Palenque, Copán, Tikal and Calakmul.

9 Why did the Maya cities decline? Choose all that apply.

- A** Alexander the Great conquered them.
- B** Nobody knows the exact reason.
- C** Overpopulation, ending of trade, fighting.
- D** Taken over by the Roman Empire.

10 Why was cacao important to the ancient Maya?

- A** It was believed to be given by the god Kukulcan as a gift to humanity.
- B** They made a chocolate drink from it, which was often used in their religious ceremonies.
- C** It was used as currency for trade.
- D** All of the above.