

## THE LIFE AND WORKS OF RIZAL

1. Which did Rizal believe in?
  - a. Change of government is the way to change.
  - b. A bloody revolution is the only way to introduce change.
  - c. Change of rulers is the way to change.
  - d. Education of the people is the real way to change Philippine society.
  
2. In his poem "My First Inspiration" which thought did Rizal express?
  - a. A child is mother's inspiration.
  - b. A child is the best gift for a mother.
  - c. One needs a beloved like Rizal's Leonor Rivera to be inspired.
  - d. A mother is the first teacher and first inspiration for a child.
  
3. Why was the Guardia Civil a hated symbol of Spanish tyranny?
  - a. Because of their abuses
  - b. Because they were associated with the friars
  - c. Because they were Spaniards
  - d. Because they were heavily armed
  
4. Rizal's poem, "A La Juventud Filipina" is said to be a classic in Philippine literature
 

Explanation

  - I. It was the first great poem in Spanish written by a Filipino.
  - II. It expressed the nationalistic concept that the Filipinos were the "fair hope of the Fatherland."
  - III. It was written by a courageous eighteen-year-old Filipino.
  - a. I only
  - b. I and II
  - c. II only
  - d. II and III
  
5. Which is/are TRUE of Jose Rizal?
  - I. It was his personal decision to come back to the Philippines despite threats of imprisonment and execution at the hands of the Spanish colonizers.
  - II. Rizal did not recommend fighting with arms for freedom and liberation from Spain as it was an unnecessary waste of Filipino lives.
  - III. He was executed on orders of Spanish authorities and was shot by a firing squad composed of Spaniards.
  - a. I only
  - b. I and II
  - c. II and III
  - d. I and III
  
6. Which message did Rizal give to the youth in his poem "To the Filipino Youth"?
  - I. You (the youth) have a great role in nation building.
  - II. Use talents and skills not only for your own but for the nation.
  - III. Fill your minds with high ideals and thoughts.

- a. I and II
- b. I only
- c. II and III
- d. I, II and III

7. Which was not an aim of the Liga Filipina?

- I. Unification of the whole archipelago to fight the Spanish friars
- II. Mutual protection in every want and necessity
- III. Defense against all violence and injustice
- IV. Encouragement of education, agriculture and commerce

- a. II
- b. IV
- c. III
- d. I

8. Which novel did Rizal write to expose Spanish colonial abuse in the Philippines?

- a. El Consejo de Dios
- b. Noli Me Tangere
- c. Makamisa
- d. El Filibusterismo

9. Which is TRUE of El Filibusterismo?

- a. The first novel of Jose Rizal
- b. Originally written in English
- c. Literally means "Touch Me Not."
- d. Dedicated to Gomburza

10. Which does Rizal's letter "to the Young Women of Malolos" point to?

- a. Rizal was against women empowerment.
- b. Rizal was for women empowerment.
- c. Rizal promoted the idea that women are fragile.
- d. Rizal accepted the concept that women are meant for the home.

11. Rizal related how the town of Los Baños was built by Filipino laborers snatched from all the towns of the province. Each laborer forced by the authorities was paid five centavos daily.

Which does this point to?

- a. Filipinos suffered from forced labor during the Spanish period
- b. The Filipinos were ruled by the friars.
- c. During the Spanish period, forced labor was for all regardless of age.
- d. The Spaniards paid Filipino laborers according to minimum wage law.

12. In his "Mi Ultimo Adios", which thought did Rizal express?

- a. It is not true that he is a rebel.
- b. The youths are the hope of the future.
- c. Education is the way to enlightenment.
- d. Death is honorable if given for the sake of home and country.

13. Which is the alternative English title of El Filibusterismo?

- a. Paradise Lost

- b. Things Wanted
- c. Touch Me Not
- d. The Reign of Greed

14. Why did Rizal found the La Liga Filipina?

- a. To work for an educational system fit for Filipinos
- b. To unite the Filipino leaders to rise against Spain
- c. To educate the masses
- d. To unite the whole archipelago into one society with equality for Filipinos and Spaniards in the Philippines

15. In his poem "The Intimate Alliance Between Religion and Good Education", which thought did he express?

- a. The Spanish friars are the best educators because they have been prepared for such task.
- b. True education can happen even without God.
- c. Education without God is not true education.
- d. Religion should then be taught in schools.

## Key Answers

Filipinos suffered from forced *Polo y servicio* was a practice employed by Spanish colonizers that required the forced labor of all Filipino males from 16 to 60 years old for 40-day periods. The workers could be placed on any project the Spanish wanted, despite hazardous or unhealthy conditions.

1. **D**  
Education of the people is the real way to change Philippine society. Education changes people's beliefs. If we change our beliefs, we change how we interact with one another, our nation will also change.
  2. **D**  
A mother is the first teacher and first inspiration for a child. Rizal wrote the poem "My First Inspiration" for her mother as a gift on her mother's birthday.
  3. **A**  
Because of their abuses The Guardia Civil had the power to impose penalties for infringements of law and local ordinances. They could arrest people upon suspicion alone, and the Spanish colonial government did not bar the Guardia Civil from using torture techniques in interrogation processes. They were known to be abusive.
  4. **B**  
I and II  
It was the first poem in Spanish written by a Filipino and expressed that the Filipinos not the Spaniards were the hope of the fatherland.
  5. **B**  
I and II  
III is wrong. The firing squad was composed of Filipinos, not Spaniards.
  6. **D**  
I, II and III  
With good education, the youths will be filled with high ideals, will have their talents and skills developed not only for themselves but for the nation as well.
  7. **D**  
I  
The La Liga Filipina was meant to unite the Filipinos for mutual protection never to revolt
  8. **B**  
Noli Me Tangere  
Translated in English as "Touch Me Not", this novel of Rizal exposed the abuses of Spanish colonial rule.
  9. **D**  
Dedicated to Gomburza  
Second novel of Jose Rizal; Noli Me Tangere was the first novel; El Filibusterismo literally means "The Subversive", original form was written in Spanish.
  10. **B**  
Rizal was for women empowerment.  
Rizal did not agree that women were meant only for the home and so need not be educated.
  11. **A**
12. **D**  
Death is honorable if given for the sake of home and country. Form his last poem, Rizal expressed "... To die to give you life, heath your skies to expire..."
  13. **D**  
The Reign of Greed  
El Filibusterismo literally means "The Subversive" but "Reign of Greed" is the alternative title.
  14. **D**  
To unite the whole archipelago into one society with equality for Filipinos and Spaniards in the Philippines  
The La Liga Filipina was meant to unite the Filipinos for reforms not for an armed revolution against Spain.
  15. **C**  
Education without God is not labor during the Spanish period true education. True education is founded on a belief in God.