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**Questions for Document 1:**

1. What can you infer about the economy, ideology, and technology of the Mongols from the descriptions given?

2. Which of their characteristics would be helpful to them during their career of conquest?

3. Which of the descriptions would you be most willing to accept as accurate? Which would you be least willing to accept as accurate? Why?

**Questions for Document 2:**

4. In what ways could Mongol ideas about women’s position in society help the Mongols’ career of conquest?

5. Would you agree with Chinggis’s idea that severity is good, because it leads to stable government? Why or why not? Did the idea apply more in Chinggis’s time and place than today? Why or why not?

**Questions for Document 3:**

6. What problems was Chinggis trying to solve by setting up his army the way he did?

7. What features of Mongol society favored the possibility of mobilizing a large proportion

of the population for a war effort?

8. In what ways might the diversity and mixing that Chinggis favored have been an

advantage, and in what ways a handicap in the conquests and the running of his empire?

**Questions for Document 4:**

9. What problems of logistics and provisioning might a Mongol army numbering 100,000 to 120,000 mounted soldiers be likely to encounter? Note: The Persian historian Juvaini estimated that the daily food ration for a few thousand Mongols assembled for a council meeting was 2000 wagon-loads of fermented mares’ milk and wine, 300 horses or oxen, and 3000 sheep.

10. Assess the part that the natural and physical environment is likely to have played in the Mongols’ success at conquest.

**Questions for Document 5:**

11. Which three of the following did the Mongols need most when fighting other pastoral nomads? Use examples from all the documents you have read so far.

agricultural state

bows and arrows

lance, battle-axe, and spear

armor

communication equipment

catapults, battering rams, and other siege equipment

technical advisors

**Questions for Document 6:**

12. Did ideology cause the Mongols to launch their conquests? On what evidence are you basing your answer?

13. Which Mongol beliefs would be a disadvantage in governing their multi-ethnic empire? Why?

14. Based on the evidence you have, would you agree with the idea that the Mongols’

success was due to their enemies’ weaknesses rather than to their own strengths? Explain

your answer.

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