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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 on all sides, marshes and countryside.

3 What periods is the Maya civilisation split into?

- A The Stone Age, Bronze Age, Iron Age and the Romans.
- B The Plantagenets and the Tudors.
- C Pre-Classic, Classic, post-Classic and Spanish conquest.
- D The Classic period and the post-Classic period.

4 How was the Maya civilisation governed?

- A It was a representative democracy.
- B It was a direct democracy - the government was selected by the people.
- C It was an oligarchy where few people had power.
- D It was organised into independent city states ruled by kings.

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

- A Hot conditions, unstable sand and little shade.
- 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.

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6 Who was the oldest god?

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

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 What do historians suggest were the main reasons for the decline of the Maya cities?

- A The complete conquest of the Maya by the Spanish during the 9th century.
- B A sudden volcanic eruption that destroyed most Maya cities.
- C Overpopulation, ending of trading routes and fighting.
- D They were 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, often used in their religious ceremonies.
- C It was used as currency for trade.
- D All of the above.