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## Cracking the Code: The Chinese Imperial Examination System

### Short Answer Key

1. The three levels of examinations were county-level, provincial-level, and imperial examinations.
2. The core subjects included classical Chinese literature, poetry, Confucian philosophy, law, and history.
3. The "jinshi" degree was the highest achievement in the imperial examination system, signifying that a candidate had passed the imperial examination at the capital.
4. The imperial examination system promoted meritocracy by selecting government officials based on their knowledge and skills rather than noble birth.
5. The imperial examination system was abolished in the early 20th century due to various factors, including criticisms of its effectiveness and relevance in a changing world.

