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Confucius: The Wise Sage and His Timeless Teachings

Multiple Choice Questions

1. When and where was Confucius born?

- a) 551 BCE in Athens, Greece
- b) 221 AD in Rome, Italy
- c) 551 BCE in the state of Lu, China
- d) 100 CE in Alexandria, Egypt

2. Which key principle of Confucianism emphasizes treating others with respect and compassion?

- a) Li (礼) - Rituals and Etiquette
- b) Ren (仁) - Benevolence and Kindness
- c) Xiao (孝) - Filial Piety
- d) Yi (义) - Righteousness

3. What period in Chinese history was characterized by political turmoil and social unrest during Confucius' lifetime?

- a) The Ming Dynasty
- b) The Tang Dynasty
- c) The Warring States period
- d) The Qin Dynasty

4. What is the central concept in Confucianism that emphasizes the respect and devotion that children should have for their parents and ancestors?

- a) Junzi (君子) - The Gentleman or Noble Person
- b) Ren (仁) - Benevolence and Kindness
- c) Xiao (孝) - Filial Piety
- d) Yi (义) - Righteousness

5. How did Confucius' teachings influence Chinese governance?

- a) By advocating for authoritarian rule
- b) By emphasizing the importance of a strong military
- c) By forming the basis for the civil service examination system
- d) By promoting individualism and self-reliance

