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Study Guide II

The following guide is provided to lead your study while preparing for the second test. **Several** questions will be formulated out of these items (i.e., the questions may not be the same as the individual questions below) and given on **April 3, 2017** as test questions. You are expected to give **complete** answers to **all** questions. This exam carries 12 points.

1. Who are the Iranians? Describe their relationship to the "Indo-European" peoples.
2. Describe Piran (of Viseh) through the eyes of
 - a) Siyavosh
 - b) Kaykhosrau
3. Describe Siyavosh through the eyes of
 - a) Piran
 - b) Afrasiyab
4. Who are the Amesha Spentas? Describe their genesis and cosmic roles.
5. Describe Khshathra Vairya before and after evil learned about its existence.
6. In what way was Plato's society under the guardian the same as the Persians' social structure under the Ahuric order? In what way were the two different?
7. Describe the role of the *farr* (various levels) in Iranian society and culture.
8. Explain the PreSocratics' view of the "first principle" and describe the significance of the first principle.
9. Discuss causes and categories in Aristotle's approach to understanding nature.
10. Describe "Allegory of the Cave" and its significance.
11. Describe the Maqams or Stages in Sufism.
12. What role did translation play in the development of the medieval world?
13. Who are the Mu'tazilites? Describe their impact on the Islamic world.
14. Discuss the influence of Zoroastrianism on Twelvers Shi'ite Islam.
15. Describe the impact of al-Ghazzali's efforts on the Muslim world.
16. Describe the daily schedule, as well as the clothing, travel, and social status of a person living in Sir Thomas More's Utopia.
17. To whom, or to what, in the former Soviet Union, might the following names from *Animal Farm* apply: Squealer; Snowball; Moses; the Windmill?
18. Write a biography for (two or three names will be chosen):
al-Kindi; al-Farabi; al-Razi; al-Biruni; Ibn Sina; al-Ghazzali; Ibn Taimiyya; al-Ash'ari; Martin Luther; St. Aquinas; Edward Said
19. Describe Humanism and its impact on medieval Europe.
20. What are indulgences? What role did indulgences play during Martin Luther's era?
21. What are some of the main differences between Islam and Christianity?