1. **List five great Maya cities, and describe the basic city design.**

   Possible answers are Palenque, Copán, Tikal, Toniná, Yaxchilán, Banampak. The basic city design consisted of the palace and temples in the center, with the temples in a cross formation. Buildings were often places on top of older structures.

2. **Who are the principal Maya gods?**

   The Maize God, the Chocolate God, Itzamna (God D), God L, (god of the underworld), Chok Chel (goddess of women), and the Moon Goddess are some possibilities.

3. **How is the Maize God story connected to the maize crop cycle?**

   The Maize God was decapitated at harvest time, like the corn, then reborn at spring planting time.

4. **What is Popol Vuh?**

   Popol Vuh is the Mayan creation story.

5. **Who were the Hero Twins?**

   The Hero Twins are Maya mythological figures who often are victorious over evil forces.

6. **What were some of the features of physical beauty for men and women of the Maya court?**

   A high forehead, which was shaped in infancy when the skull was soft, with hair swept high in imitation of corn silk.

7. **What was the "ball game?" How was the "ball game" connected to the Maya religion?**

   A game played with two teams and a large solid rubber ball. The game has religious connections, and may show struggle between good and evil and relationship to spirit world.

8. **What is a glyph? Copy one and explain its meaning if you can.**

   Answers will vary.

9. **Write your age using the Maya numbering system.**

   Answers will vary.
10. **What are some of the theories for the collapse of the Maya civilization?**

   *Constant warfare with other cities, shortage of food sources.*

11. **What great mathematical discovery are the Maya known for?**

   *The concept of zero*

12. **Why was cacao important to the Maya?**

   *Cacao beans were used for currency, and the shells represented "cash" for use in the afterlife.*