**Review** **Questions on Chinese Geography and the Shang and Zhou Dynasties**

Directions: Answer each in a complete sentence:

1. Why were rivers important in early China?
2. Why was the Yellow River also called the “River of Sorrows”?
3. What crops were most commonly grown in Ancient China?
4. What natural features border China?
5. Why was Ancient China called the “Middle Kingdom”?
6. What do oracle bones tell us about life in Ancient China?
7. Why is it difficult for English-speakers to learn Chinese?
8. Why did the Zhou family create the Dynastic Cycle?
9. How does a dynasty lose the Mandate of Heaven?
10. What were some inventions made during the Zhou dynasty?