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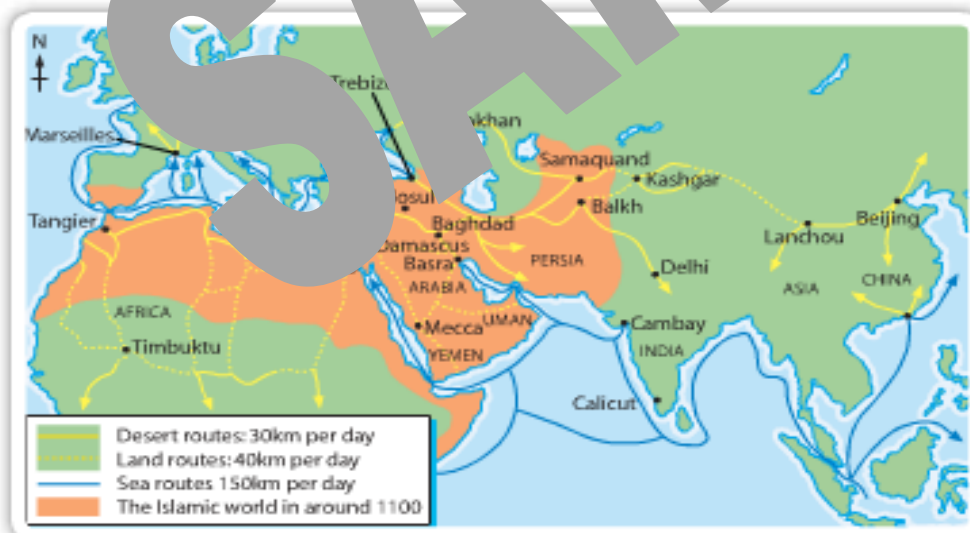
Source B – Some of the Caliph's belongings, 809

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 4,000 silk cloaks
 2,000 pairs of trousers
 4,000 turbans
 500,000 gold coins
 5,000 cushions
 1,000 washbasins
 300 stoves
 4,000 pairs of socks
 1,999 Armenian carpets

Source A – Baghdad trade list, a ninth-century guide to imports to Baghdad

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- From China: spices, silk, porcelain, paper, ink, spirited horses, saddles, rhubarb.
- From the Byzantines: silver & gold vessels, coins, medicines, cloth, slave-girls, experts in water engineering & farming.
- From Arabia: horses, pedigree she-camels, tanned hides.
- From North Africa: leopards and black falcons.
- From the Yemen: cloaks, giraffes, breastplates, indigo.
- From Egypt: donkeys, fine cloth.
- From Central Asia: slaves, armour, helmets, grapes, sugarcane.
- From Persia: plums, soft woollen coats, honey, fruit drinks, glass.

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