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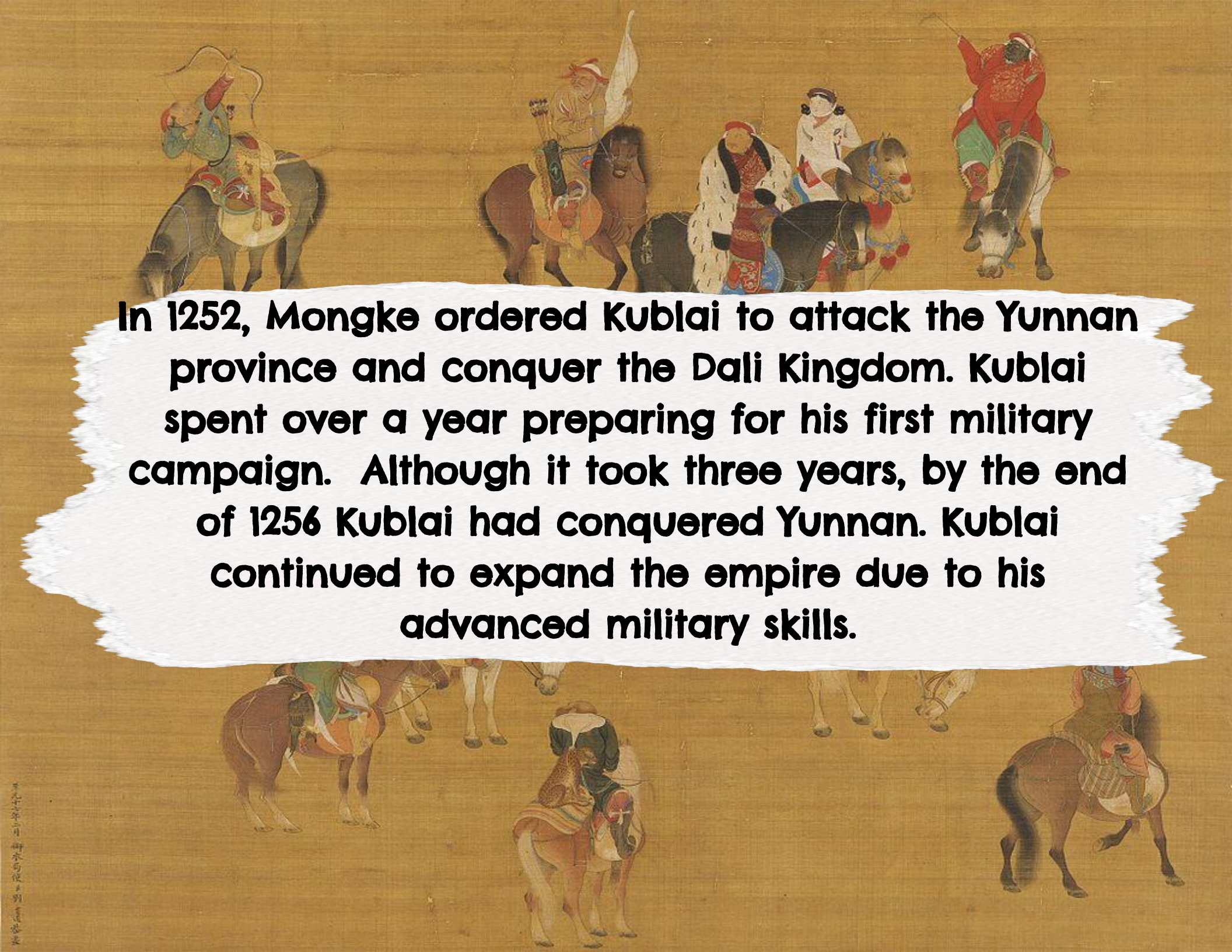


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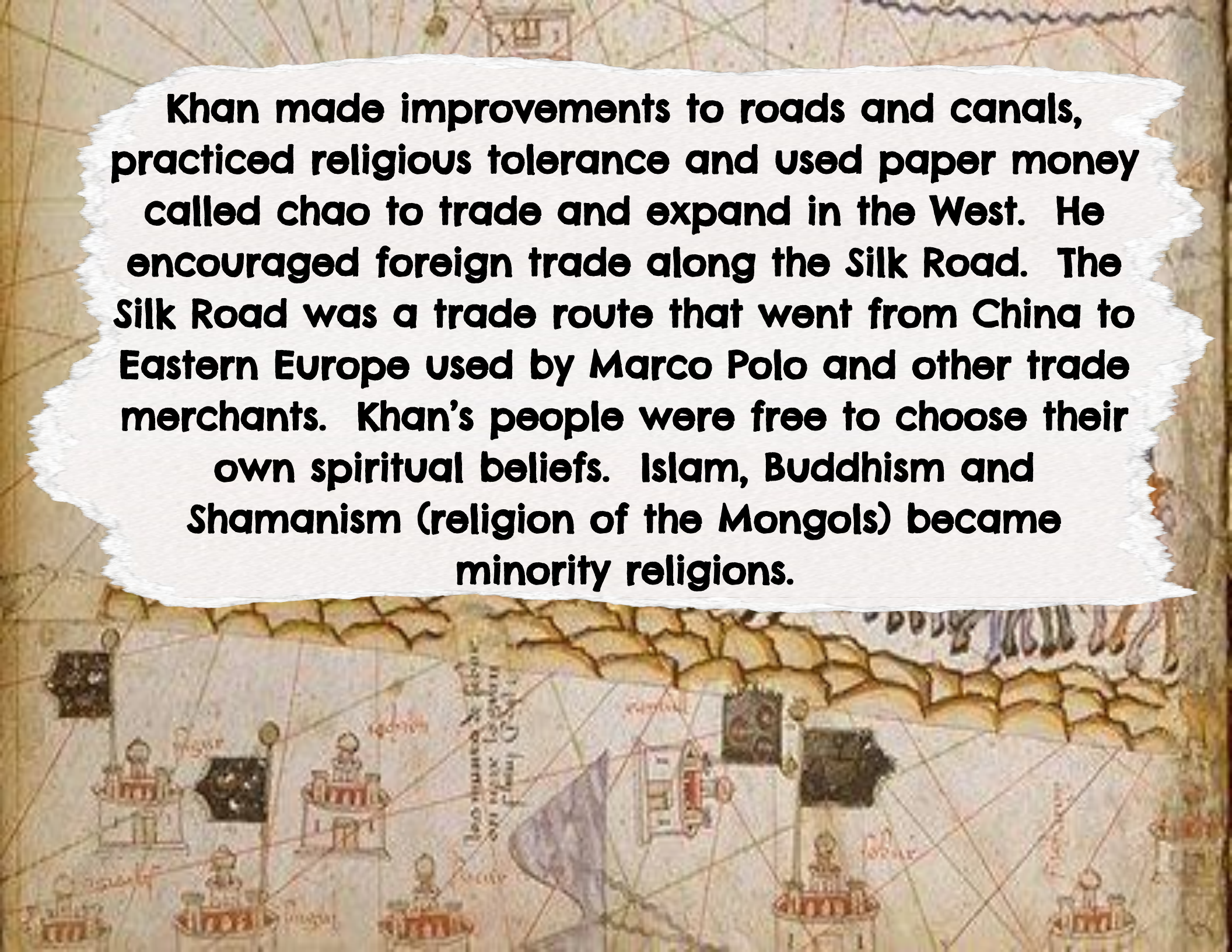
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A. Six

B. Four

C. Three

Khan made improvements to roads and canals, practiced religious tolerance and used paper money called chao to trade and expand in the West. He encouraged foreign trade along the Silk Road. The Silk Road was a trade route that went from China to Eastern Europe used by Marco Polo and other trade merchants. Khan's people were free to choose their own spiritual beliefs. Islam, Buddhism and Shamanism (religion of the Mongols) became minority religions.



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