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WORLD HISTORY – MCQ BOOKLET

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1. Prehistoric Societies and Early Human Civilization

Ancient Egyptian Civilization: Dynastic Rule, Religion, and Monumental Architecture

1. The great museum (Mouseion) at Alexandria founded by Ptolemy I Soter early in the 3rd Century BCE was situated in - - (5) Question not attempted

A. (1) France
B. (2) Italy
C. (3) Egypt
D. (4) Greece

Ans: C

Archaeology and Museums Dept. Exam 2023 (Curator)-2023

The Mouseion of Alexandria was an ancient institution, a centre of learning and scholarship, not a museum in the modern sense, although it housed collections. It was part of the larger Ptolemaic Kingdom, which was based in Egypt. It is considered a precursor to modern universities and research institutions.

2. The 'Sphinx' is associated with

A. Mughal Civilization
B. Chinese Civilization
C. Roman Civilization
D. Egyptian Civilization

Ans: D

TOURIST INFORMATION OFFICER(TIO) -2017

The Sphinx is an iconic representation of ancient Egyptian culture, mythology, and architectural prowess.

Chalcolithic Cultures: Copper Usage and Village Societies

3. Archaeologists have recently discovered a 7000-year-old prehistoric settlement in which one of the following countries ?

A. Serbia
B. Bulgaria
C. Romania
D. Finland

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Ans: A

UPSC Combined Section Officer-2024

- A 7,000-year-old prehistoric settlement was discovered in Serbia. - The discovery is linked to the Vinca culture.

4. The first metal used by man was:

A. Iron
B. Copper
C. Gold
D. Bronze

Ans: B

APPSC Draughtman-2008

Archaeological evidence suggests that copper was one of the first metals used by humans because it could be found in relatively pure, native form and was malleable enough to be shaped with simple tools before smelting techniques were developed.

Early Chinese Civilizations: Shang and Zhou Dynasties

5. The manufacture of real paper in china can be creadited to:

A. Tsai Lun
B. Wa wang
C. Chin
D. Kung tzu

Ans: A

RPSC RAS Prelims-1995

Cai Lun (also romanized as Tsai Lun) was a Han Dynasty Chinese eunuch who is traditionally credited as the inventor of paper and the papermaking process in 105 AD.

6. Great Wall of China was built as protection against the

A. Huns
B. Vandals
C. Kouei
D. Muslims

Ans: A

TRAINED GRADUATE TEACHER (TGT) -2018

The Great Wall of China was constructed to protect against invasions from nomadic peoples of the north, particularly the Huns.

Emergence of Early River Valley Civilizations: General Characteristics

7. Which are the main cradles of civilizations which have shaped the destinies of mankind?

- **1. China**
- **2. Indian Sub-continent**
- **3. The Fertile Crescent (Egypt and Mesopotamia)**
- **4. The Mediterranean (Greece and Rome)**

Select the correct answer using the code below:

A. 1, 2 and 3 only
B. 2 only
C. 2 and 3 only
D. All of the above

Ans: D

GPSC Prelims CSP-1-2023

The listed regions are universally recognized as areas where significant advancements in human organization, technology, culture, and governance occurred, impacting global history. The Fertile Crescent (Mesopotamia and Egypt), the Indus Valley in the Indian Sub-continent, and early China are considered primary cradles where civilization arose independently. The civilizations of the Mediterranean (Greece and Rome), while perhaps not as early as the others, represent monumental phases in the development of human thought, politics, and culture that have had a lasting impact.

8. Most of the early civilizations evolved in

A. coastal regions
B. mountainous regions
C. river valleys
D. deserts

Ans: C

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Agricultural Development Officer, Agriculture Department

River valleys provided the necessary conditions for the development of early civilizations due to water, fertile soil, and transportation.

Indus Valley Civilization: Urban Planning, Trade, and Unique Features

9. The cylindrical stone seals were used in which civilization ?

A. Harappan
B. Egyptian
C. Roman
D. Mesopotamian

Ans: D

UPSC NDA-2-2016

Mesopotamian cylindrical seals are famous for their intricate carvings and their method of use (rolling). They served as personal identifiers and administrative tools.

Mesopotamian Civilizations: Sumer, Akkad, Babylon, and Assyria

10. There is similarity in AVESTA RIGVEDA. To which region Avesta belongs ?

A. India
B. Iran
C. Israel
D. Egypt

Ans: B

UPPCS Prelims-2008

Linguistic evidence (Old Avestan vs. Vedic Sanskrit) and parallels in deities and concepts demonstrate a close relationship between the early religious traditions of Iran and India, suggesting a common origin.

11. City life began in Mesopotamia. The land lies between two rivers. The rivers are

A. Euphrates and Tigris
B. Tigris and Barrage de Samarra
C. Barrage de Samarra and Barrage de Kut
D. Euphrates and Barrage de Kut

Ans: A

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The fertile land between these two major rivers provided the resources necessary for agriculture and the development of settled communities, leading to the rise of urban centers.

Neolithic Revolution: Origins of Agriculture, Animal Domestication, and Early Settlements

12. During 10000 BC, the population of the world was

A. 2 million
B. 3 million
C. 4 million
D. 5 million

Ans: C

BPSC Prelims Exam-63rd

- Before the development of agriculture, human populations were small and scattered, relying on hunting and gathering. - The advent of settled agriculture allowed for increased food production and denser populations, leading to gradual growth from this relatively low baseline.

Origin of Humans and Early Hominids

13. Which of the following branch deals with the reconstruction of the history of the earth? - (5) Question not attempted

A. Palaeontology
B. Stratigraphy
C. Palaeobotany
D. Palynology

Ans: B

Archaeology and Museums Dept. Exam 2023 (Exploration and Excavation Officer)-2023

Stratigraphy is the branch of geology that deals with the study of rock layers (strata) and layering (stratification). By analyzing the sequence and composi-

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tion of these layers, geologists can reconstruct the Earth's history, including past environments, geological events, and the evolution of life.

14. Select the correct sequence of the geographical Periods/Era using the codes given below : - (A) Triassic $\rightarrow$ Jurassic $\rightarrow$ Cretaceous - (B) Paleozoic $\rightarrow$ Mesozoic $\rightarrow$ Cenozoic - (C) Devonian $\rightarrow$ Silurian $\rightarrow$ Carboniferous Codes :

A. (1) (A) and (B)
B. (3) Only (C)
C. (2) Only (B)
D. (4) (A), (B) and (C)

Ans: D

School Lecturer (Sanskrit Edu.) -2018

(A) Triassic, Jurassic, and Cretaceous are all periods within the Mesozoic Era, and they are listed in their correct chronological order. (B) Paleozoic, Mesozoic, and Cenozoic are the three main eras of geological time, and they are listed in their correct chronological order. (C) Devonian, Silurian, and Carboniferous are all periods within the Paleozoic Era, and they are listed in their correct chronological order.

15. Who was the Greek philosopher to be sentenced to death by poisoning?

A. Homer
B. Socrates
C. Aristotle
D. Plato

Ans: B

LAW OFFICER CUM JUNIOR DRAFTSMAN -2018

Socrates' execution is a significant event in the history of philosophy, often seen as a martyrdom for his intellectual pursuits and questioning of authority.

Palaeolithic Age: Hunter-Gatherer Societies, Stone Tools, and Cave Art

16. Which one of the following tribes use 'Iglu' for shelter ?

A. Eskimos
B. Masai
C. Bushman
D. Pigmy

Ans: A

Group C Exam -2011

An igloo is a temporary or permanent shelter constructed from snow. It is particularly effective in cold climates as snow is an excellent insulator, trapping body heat and keeping the interior relatively warm.

17. Vedda tribe is found in _____ .

A. Thailand
B. New Zealand
C. Tasman
D. Sri Lanka

Ans: D

Jail Warders Exam -2022

The Vedda tribe is indigenous to Sri Lanka.

Social Stratification, Governance, and Religious Beliefs in Early Civilized Societies

18. Who is the most powerful God in the Greek pantheon?

A. Zeus
B. Apollo
C. Kratos
D. Junas

Ans: A

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Zeus's dominance is often depicted through his thunderbolt and his role in maintaining order in the cosmos.

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Technological Advancements (e.g., irrigation, wheel, writing systems) in Early Civilizations

19. Tin famous book " 1'he Alphabet" was written by

A. Buhler
B. David Diringer
C. G.S Ojlia
D. Sir William .Ions

Ans: B

UPPSC Upper Mains-2009

- David Diringer was an Italian-born British scholar specializing in the history of writing systems. - His book "The Alphabet" is a comprehensive study of scripts globally.

Trade Networks and Cultural Exchange in the Ancient World

20. _____ is known as 'The Father of History'.

A. Nearchus
B. Herodotus
C. Megasthenes
D. Von Ranke

Ans: B

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This title was given to him by the Roman orator Cicero for his monumental work "The Histories," which documented the Greco-Persian Wars.

21. The Parthians originated from which of the following countries?

A. Afghanistan
B. Iraq
C. Iran
D. Turkmenistan

Ans: C

Agriculture Development Officer -2021

The Parthians originated from the region of ancient Persia, which is modern-day Iran.

22. Which of the following Greek historians has been called the 'Father of History'?

A. Nearchus
B. Herodotus
C. Aristobulus
D. Megasthenes

Ans: B

Civil Judge -2018

Herodotus, a Greek historian, is credited with being the 'Father of History' due to his pioneering systematic historical research in his book "The Histories."

23. Which numeral does "Alpha" in Greek numeral system stand for?

A. 0
B. 1
C. 2
D. None of these

Ans: D

LAW OFFICER CUM JUNIOR DRAFTSMAN -2018

The Greek numeral system, also known as the Milesian system or Ionian system, used letters of the Greek alphabet to represent numbers. Each letter was assigned a numerical value.

2. Byzantine Empire and Eastern Roman Empire