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## **Chapter 7 Test: Hammurabi and the Babylonians**

### **A. Fill in the blanks.**

1. Hammurabi ruled the whole southern part of Mesopotamia called \_\_\_\_\_.
2. He wrote down a set of laws called \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The Babylonians called the time that it took the earth to go all the way around the sun once \_\_\_\_\_.
4. They divided this time period into \_\_\_\_\_ months.

### **B. Multiple Choice. Circle the letter of the best choice.**

5. Hammurabi wanted his empire to be governed by \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. just laws
  - b. a strong army
  - c. religious priests
  - d. a powerful king
6. Who had to obey Hammurabi's laws?
  - a. only men
  - b. everyone but the king
  - c. everyone
  - d. only soldiers
7. Where did Hammurabi write down his laws?
  - a. They were written on a scroll in a ziggurat.
  - b. They were written on clay tablets.
  - c. They were carved on the walls of the palace.
  - d. They were carved on a stone monument.

8. Hammurabi encouraged his people to learn more about \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. the gods  
b. the laws of other cities  
c. farming  
d. nature
9. People in Babylon believed that they could find out what the gods were doing by \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. praying and offering sacrifices  
b. watching the movements of the planets and stars  
c. asking the priests  
d. observing nature

**C. True or False. Write the word “true” or “false.”**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. The people of Mesopotamia lived with war all the time because the citystates were constantly fighting with each other.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. Hammurabi believed that the chief god of Babylon, Marduk, made him king so that he could become rich.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. Hammurabi wanted people to follow his laws because they were right—not because soldiers were making them obey.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. The Babylonians could tell the difference between stars and planets.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. The Babylonians divided an hour into 50 minutes.

## Chapter 17 Test: The Phoenicians

### A. Fill in the blanks.

1. The Phoenicians were the group of people living in \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The Phoenicians sailed all around the \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Two important Phoenician cities were \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The Phoenicians were famous for making \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

### B. Multiple Choice. Circle the letter of the best choice.

5. Which of these sentences is not true about the area where the Phoenicians lived?
  - a. It was rocky, sandy, and dry.
  - b. It wasn't a good place to raise animals because there wasn't enough grass or water.
  - c. It was surrounded by steep craggy hills.
  - d. It was easy to get into and out of.
6. What did the Phoenicians use to make glass?
  - a. snails
  - b. sand and lye
  - c. rocks
  - d. cedar logs
7. What was the color of the Phoenicians' famous dye?
  - a. green
  - b. blue
  - c. purple
  - d. gold
8. The Phoenicians used \_\_\_\_\_ to make their special dye.
  - a. flowers
  - b. lye
  - c. snails
  - d. cedar logs

9. The color of this dye was often called "the color of kings" because \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. the dye was so expensive  
b. only kings were allowed to wear it  
c. it was the Phoenician king's favorite color  
d. the dye smelled so good when it was being made
10. The Phoenicians started \_\_\_\_\_, little settlements of people, in many of the places where their ships landed.  
a. states  
b. city-states  
c. colonies  
d. countries

**C. True or False. Write the word "true" or "false."**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. When the Israelites walked from Egypt back up to Canaan, they were moving into an empty country.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. The northern part of Canaan wasn't a very good place to grow wheat.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. The Phoenicians were the first glassmakers to invent glass blowing.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. According to the story, Dido left her home because she was afraid of her husband.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 15. Dido wanted to build her city near the water so that ships would visit and trade with her.



## Chapter 25 Test: The Aryans of India

### A. Fill in the blanks.

1. The Aryans were a group of people who came to India from \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The Aryans settled near two rivers, the Indus River and the \_\_\_\_\_ River.
3. The religion of these people was called \_\_\_\_\_.
4. In this religion, people belong to one of four groups called a \_\_\_\_\_.

### B. Multiple Choice. Circle the letter of the best choice.

5. What kinds of crops did the Indian farmers raise?
  - a. wheat and rice
  - b. melons and wheat
  - c. corn and beans
  - d. cotton and rice
6. Every year the sacred river in India would \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. dry up
  - b. overflow
  - c. change direction
  - d. grow longer
7. Who did the people of ancient India believe had given them their river?
  - a. Siddhartha
  - b. Rig Veda
  - c. Ganga
  - d. Shiva
8. Which group of people was the most important?
  - a. farmers and traders
  - b. noble warriors
  - c. brahmin or priests
  - d. untouchables

9. How did people know which group they belonged to?
- a. They were born into it.
  - b. They married into it.
  - c. They were assigned a group at school.
  - d. They were assigned a group by the king.
10. What were the people called who didn't belong to any group?
- a. farmers and traders
  - b. noble warriors
  - c. brahmin or priests
  - d. untouchables
11. Why did Siddhartha leave his palace?
- a. He was bored.
  - b. He wanted to see what was outside the palace walls.
  - c. He thought that a god was calling him to go.
  - d. He wanted to help people.
12. Siddhartha became known as \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. Shiva
  - b. Ganga
  - c. Buddha
  - d. Purusha

**C. True or False. Write the word "true" or "false."**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. The people of ancient India raised horses and cows.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. The job of the Untouchables was to protect the priests from enemies and to rule India.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 15. In India, you could only marry someone who belonged to the same group as you.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 16. Siddhartha taught that people could find happiness by leading a good life.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 17. Today, no one follows the teachings of Siddhartha.

## Chapter 30 Test: The People of the Americas

### A. Fill in the blanks.

1. To get to the Americas from the Fertile Crescent, you have to cross the \_\_\_\_\_ Ocean.
2. The narrow strip of land that connects North and South America is called \_\_\_\_\_.
3. South America has flat, fertile land in the middle and \_\_\_\_\_ all along one edge.
4. The people of the Americas did not leave \_\_\_\_\_ behind so we don't know as much about them as we know about other ancient people.

### B. Multiple Choice. Circle the letter of the best choice.

5. The \_\_\_\_\_ were a tribe of people who lived along the rivers of South America in a place that is now called Peru.
  - a. Nazca
  - b. Meso
  - c. Olmecs
  - d. Macedonians
6. These people made drawings on the ground that were \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. washed away by heavy rains
  - b. carved in stone
  - c. very small and hard to see
  - d. hundreds of feet across
7. Some of these drawings were pictures of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. their great tribal leaders
  - b. horses, cows, and pigs
  - c. spiders, hummingbirds, and flowers
  - d. huge buildings and temples

8. Archeologists think these drawings may have been made using \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. roads and highways  
b. airplanes  
c. the sun  
d. mathematics
9. What was the name of the first civilization in Central America?  
a. Nazca  
b. Meso  
c. Olmecs  
d. Macedonians
10. Where did the rich people of this tribe live?  
a. on top of a huge pyramid of dirt and clay  
b. at the foot of the hill, on the plain  
c. in a city on a hill  
d. by the river
11. Archaeologists found huge \_\_\_\_\_ that once surrounded these people's temple.  
a. animals  
b. heads  
c. bodies  
d. pyramids
12. The people who lived in North America left us \_\_\_\_\_ that tell us about them.  
a. written records  
b. stories  
c. artifacts  
d. books

**C. True or False. Write the word "true" or "false."**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. The ancient people of South America learned how to dry cassava roots, grind them up, and make them into banana pudding.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. Mesoamerica means "between the Americas."
- \_\_\_\_\_ 15. In the northern part of North America, the people ate corn, wheat, fish and buffalo.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 16. The ancient people of North America were nomads.

## Chapter 31 Test: The Roman Republic

A. Matching. Match each god or goddess with the correct description.

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|---------------------|---|
| _____ 1. Jupiter    | a. the Roman god of the sea                   |
| _____ 2. Mars       | b. the king of the Roman gods                 |
| _____ 3. Neptune    | c. the daughter of the goddess of the harvest |
| _____ 4. Ceres      | d. the king of the underworld                 |
| _____ 5. Proserpine | e. the goddess of the harvest                 |
| _____ 6. Pluto      | f. the Roman god of war                       |

B. Multiple Choice. Circle the letter of the best choice.

7. The Appian Way was a famous Roman \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. bath  
b. apartment building  
c. aqueduct  
d. road
8. The Romans built \_\_\_\_\_ to bring fresh water into the cities.  
a. baths  
b. gladiators  
c. aqueducts  
d. roads
9. Which of the following did the Romans not build?  
a. roads  
b. apartment buildings  
c. castles  
d. baths

10. How did the Romans travel from one end of the Italian peninsula to the other?
- a. They built aqueducts.
  - b. They built roads.
  - c. They used ships.
  - d. They did not travel much.
11. The Romans took the \_\_\_\_\_ gods as their own but gave them Roman names.
- a. Greek
  - b. Babylonian
  - c. Egyptian
  - d. Assyrian
12. \_\_\_\_\_ were men trained to fight with each other and with wild animals.
- a. gladiators
  - b. consuls
  - c. patricians
  - d. aqueducts

**C. True or False. Write the word “true” or “false.”**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. The Romans were the first ancient people to use concrete.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. The Roman roads were much better than most roads of the ancient world.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 15. All Roman apartment buildings were well built and luxurious.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 16. Today, many things built by the Romans can still be found.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 17. According to the Romans, winter comes because Ceres has to spend six months of every year in the underworld.

## Chapter 39 Test: Troubles in China

### A. Fill in the blanks.

1. Because trade along the \_\_\_\_\_ was so important, hundreds of young men were forced to join bands of soldiers who kept the \_\_\_\_\_ safe from thieves and highwaymen.
2. Chang Chueh told his followers that they could not be \_\_\_\_\_ in battle.
3. After the Han emperor fled, the Han kingdom fractured into \_\_\_\_\_ pieces.

### B. Multiple Choice. Circle the letter of the best choice.

4. In 184 CE, a band of warriors who called themselves the \_\_\_\_\_ declared that they were ready to fight.
  - a. Red Wave
  - b. Yellow Turbans
  - c. Blue Storm
  - d. People's Army
5. Chang Chueh, their leader, claimed that he was a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. God
  - b. Prince
  - c. Magician
  - d. Poor farmer
6. Instead of fighting the rebellion, General Dong Zhuo took his army and \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. Marched into the capital city of Han China
  - b. Captured the thirteen-year-old emperor
  - c. Declared himself ruler of the Han
  - d. All of the above

7. After Dong Zhuo died, Ts'ao Ts'ao \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. Made himself the official emperor
  - b. Forced the emperor to marry his daughter
  - c. died from a battle wound
  - d. Formed a democracy

**C. True or False. Write the word “true” or “false.”**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. For over fifty years, the Han had children as emperors.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Dong Zhuo and Ts'ao Ts'ao were both generals for the Han government.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Wei Yuandi gave General Sima Yan (Jin Wudi) control of China because they were friends.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. Jin Wudi conquered the other two kingdoms and became ruler over all China.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. After Jin Wudi died, his only son inherited the throne and maintained the power of the Jin Empire.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. The Sixteen Kingdoms refused to adopt the customs of the Jin or speak the Jin language.