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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?

- They were born into it.
- They married into it.
- They were assigned a group at school.
- They were assigned a group by the king.

10. What were the people called who didn't belong to any group?

- farmers and traders
- noble warriors
- brahmin or priests
- untouchables

11. Why did Siddhartha leave his palace?

- He was bored.
- He wanted to see what was outside the palace walls.
- He thought that a god was calling him to go.
- He wanted to help people.

12. Siddhartha became known as \_\_\_\_\_.

- Shiva
- Ganga
- Buddha
- 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.

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## 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.

____ 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?

- They built aqueducts.
- They built roads.
- They used ships.
- They did not travel much.

11. The Romans took the \_\_\_\_\_ gods as their own but gave them Roman names.

- Greek
- Babylonian
- Egyptian
- Assyrian

12. \_\_\_\_\_ were men trained to fight with each other and with wild animals.

- gladiators
- consuls
- patricians
- 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.