

Writing and City Life

I. Choose the right answer from the following

Question 1.

Mesopotamian weapons were prominently made of

- (a) bronze.
- (b) copper.
- (c) stone.
- (d) iron.

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (a) bronze.

Question 2.

The technological landmark witnessed by the urban economy of the city of Uruk was

- (a) bronze tools.
- (b) construction of brick columns.
- (c) potter's wheel.
- (d) oil pressing technique.

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (c) potter's wheel.

Question 3.

In the 2000 BCE, the city that flourished as the royal capital of Mesopotamia was

- (a) Ur.
- (b) Mari.
- (c) Mohenjodaro.
- (d) Kalibangan.

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (b) Mari.

Question 4.

The Mesopotamian ruler who became the king of Akkad, in 2370 BCE, was

- (a) Enmerkar
- (b) Gilgamesh
- (c) Hamurabi
- (d) Sargon

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (d) Sargon

Question 5.

Inanna was the Goddess of

- (a) the Moon
- (b) love and War
- (c) wind
- (d) fire

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (b) love and War

Question 6.

The earliest temples in Southern Mesopotamia were built in

- (a) c.4000 BCE
- (b) c.5000 BCE
- (c) c.6000 BCE
- (d) c.7000 BCE

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (b) c.5000 BCE

Question 7.

The Mesopotamian city, which was systematically excavated in the 1930s, was

- (a) Uruk.
- (b) Ur.
- (c) Mari.
- (d) Nineveh.

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (b) Ur.

Question 8.

The Achaemenids of Iran conquered Babylon in

- (a) 639 BCE.
- (b) 539 BCE.
- (c) 439 BCE.
- (d) 339 BCE.

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (b) 539 BCE.

Question 9.

The King who released Babylonia from Assyrian domination in 625 BCE was

- (a) Alexander.
- (b) Nabonidus.
- (c) Nabopolassar.
- (d) Sargon.



▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (c) Nabopolassar.

Question 10.

War captives and local people who were put to work for the temple or for the ruler were paid

- (a) bronze tools.
- (b) cattle.
- (c) coins.
- (d) rations.

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (d) rations.

Question 11.

In _____ part of South Iran, the first cities and writing emerged.

- (a) plain
- (b) deserted
- (c) mountainous
- (d) hilly

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (b) deserted

Question 12.

Agriculture of southern _____ was the most productive.

- (a) Iran
- (b) China
- (c) Mesopotamia
- (d) None of the above

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (c) Mesopotamia

Question 13.

Which region is important to Europeans because of references to it in the Old Testament,

- (a) Iran
- (b) Turkey
- (c) Syria
- (d) Mesopotamia

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (d) Mesopotamia

Question 14.

From which word Cuneiform is derived from?



- (a) Latin
- (b) Greek
- (c) Chinese
- (d) Mayan

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (a) Latin

Question 15.

Which language replaced the Sumerian language after 2400 BCE?

- (a) Mesopotamian language
- (b) Akkadian language
- (c) Chinese language
- (d) Middle Eastern language

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (b) Akkadian language

Question 16.

With which person the first event of Sumerian trade is associated?

- (a) The ancient ruler of Uruk City, Enmerkar.
- (b) The ancient ruler of Lebanon City, Enmerkar.
- (c) The ancient ruler of Nile City, Enmerkar.
- (d) The ancient ruler of Aral City, Enmerkar.

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (a) The ancient ruler of Uruk City, Enmerkar.

II. Fill in the blanks with appropriate words in the following sentences

Question 1.

When we talk about writing or a script, we mean that spoken sounds are represented in

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: visible signs

Question 2.

Regular exchanges are possible only when there was a

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: social organization

Question 3.

List of goods that were brought into Uruk was that of

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: oxen, fish and bread loaves

Question 4.

The writing used in Mesopotamian civilizations was in

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: Cuneiform

Question 5.

Ivanna was the goddess of

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: love and war

Question 6.

Mesopotamian country side saw repeated over land and water.

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: conflicts

Question 7.

In the long run, the wheel enables to mass produce.

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: a potter's workshop

Question 8.

In Mesopotamia, cylindrical stone seals pierced down the centre were fitted with a

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: stick

Question 9.

Nomadic communities viz and Aramaeans came down into prosperous agricultural land to graze their cattle.

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: Akkadians, Amorites, Assyrians

Question 10.

Moving narratives can be transmitted orally but requires written texts that



generations of scholars can read and build upon.

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: science.

III. Write false or true against the following statements

Question 1.

The division of labour is not necessary in urban settlements.

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: False

Question 2.

Iraqi date-palm and poplar was the best suitable for manufacture of carts, cart wheels and boats.

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: False

Question 3.

An organized trade and storage is needed in order to supply raw material to the manufacturing industries.

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: True

Question 4.

The first Mesopotamian tablets written around 3200 BCE contained picture like signs and numbers.

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: True

Question 5.

There is no necessity for transport in order to provide the masses with craft trade and services.

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: False

Question 6.

Enmerkar was interested in getting lapis lazuli and precious metals imported from Aratia.

▼ [Answer](#)



Answer: True

Question 7.
It can not be inferred that in Mesopotamia, it was kingship that organized the trade and writing.

▼ Answer

Answer: False

Question 8.
Temples were the first structures which gradually inspired Mesopotamian to settle in city and construct palaces as we see in Mari, the capital town.

▼ Answer

Answer: True

Question 9.
Steles are stone slabs with inscriptions or carvings.

▼ Answer

Answer: True

Question 10.
The palace at Mari was spread on an area of 61.8 hectares.

▼ Answer

Answer: False

IV. Match the following columns appropriately

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