

Ancient Civilizations Mastery

History · Answer Key · 18 Questions

1. Which ancient civilization developed the writing system known as cuneiform?

- A) Sumerians**
- B) Egyptians
- C) Phoenicians
- D) Greeks

2. What was the primary purpose of the Great Pyramids of Giza built during the Old Kingdom?

- A) Military forts
- B) Grain storage
- C) Royal tombs**
- D) Observatories

3. Which river valley is known as the 'Cradle of Civilization' where the first cities emerged?

- A) Indus
- B) Nile
- C) Tigris and Euphrates**
- D) Yellow

4. Who was the famous Macedonian king who created one of the largest empires in history by age 30?

- A) Julius Caesar
- B) Alexander the Great**
- C) Pericles
- D) Cyrus the Great

5. What material did the Hittites master, giving them a significant military advantage in the Bronze Age?

- A) Bronze
- B) Gold
- C) Iron**
- D) Copper

6. In ancient Athens, what was the 'Agora'?

- A) A religious temple
- B) A marketplace and meeting place**
- C) A naval shipyard
- D) A theatre for plays

7. The Terracotta Army was created to protect the tomb of which Chinese Emperor?

A) Qin Shi Huang

B) Wu Zetian

C) Kublai Khan

D) Liu Bang

8. What was the name of the ancient Phoenician invention that simplified writing to just 22 sounds?

A) Hieroglyphs

B) Cuneiform

C) Alphabet

D) Sanskrit

9. Which ancient civilization built the city of Mohenjo-Daro, known for its advanced drainage systems?

A) Ancient Egypt

B) Indus Valley

C) Ancient Rome

D) Inca

10. What did the Romans use 'aqueducts' to transport across their vast empire?

A) Soldiers

B) Fresh water

C) Trade goods

D) Mail

11. The Code of Hammurabi, one of the earliest written legal codes, originated from which region?

A) Babylonia

B) Persia

C) Egypt

D) Greece

12. What was the primary writing surface used by ancient Egyptian scribes?

A) Clay tablets

B) Papyrus

C) Vellum

D) Silk

13. Which structure in ancient Rome was used for gladiatorial contests and public spectacles?

- A) The Parthenon
- B) The Colosseum**
- C) The Pantheon
- D) The Circus Maximus

14. What was the 'Silk Road' primarily used for during the ancient and classical periods?

- A) Moving armies
- B) Transporting water
- C) Trading luxury goods**
- D) Religious pilgrimages

15. Which ancient civilization worshipped the sun god Inti and built the site of Machu Picchu?

- A) Maya
- B) Aztec
- C) Inca**
- D) Olmec

16. What was the main function of the Ziggurat in Mesopotamian city-states?

- A) Defense wall
- B) Royal palace
- C) Religious temple**
- D) Market storage

17. Which early civilization is credited with the invention of the wheel?

- A) Sumerians**
- B) Egyptians
- C) Romans
- D) Chinese

18. Who was the first female pharaoh to rule Egypt with the full powers of a king?

- A) Cleopatra VII
- B) Nefertiti
- C) Hatshepsut**
- D) Sobekneferu