

Advanced Archaeology Trivia

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1. The discovery of the Rosetta Stone in 1799 by French soldiers during Napoleon's Egyptian campaign was crucial for deciphering Egyptian hieroglyphs. Who is credited with the primary decipherment, publishing his findings in 1822?

- A) Thomas Young
- B) Howard Carter
- C) Jean-François Champollion**
- D) Giovanni Battista Belzoni

2. The earliest definitive evidence for hominin stone tool manufacture, known as the Lomekwian industry, dates to approximately how many million years ago?

- A) 1.5 million
- B) 2.6 million
- C) 3.3 million**
- D) 4.4 million

3. Which archaeological site in Peru, famously rediscovered by Hiram Bingham in 1911, is the most well-known Inca citadel, situated at an altitude of approximately 2,430 meters (7,970 feet)?

- A) Machu Picchu**
- B) Chan Chan
- C) Caral-Supe
- D) Nazca Lines

4. The Iceman, 'Ötzi,' a well-preserved natural mummy of a man who lived between 3359 and 3100 BCE, was discovered in the Ötztal Alps in 1991. Approximately how many distinct tattoos were found on his body?

- A) 10
- B) 25
- C) 50
- D) 61**

5. The Indus Valley Civilization, flourishing between approximately 2600 and 1900 BCE, had major urban centers such as Mohenjo-daro and Harappa. What was the approximate population of Mohenjo-daro at its peak?

- A) 10,000
- B) 35,000**
- C) 75,000
- D) 150,000

6. The earliest known form of writing, cuneiform, developed in Sumer (Mesopotamia) around the late 4th millennium BCE, with the earliest undisputed evidence dating to approximately what year?

- A) 3500 BCE
- B) 3100 BCE**
- C) 2800 BCE
- D) 2500 BCE

7. The famous Terracotta Army, guarding the tomb of Qin Shi Huang, the first Emperor of China, consists of thousands of life-sized figures. The tomb itself was constructed over a period of approximately how many years, beginning in 246 BCE?

- A) 10 years
- B) 22 years**
- C) 38 years
- D) 50 years

8. The Minoan civilization, centered on Crete, is known for its elaborate palaces, such as Knossos. The Late Minoan period, characterized by its decline and eventual destruction, is generally dated to approximately what timeframe?

- A) 1700-1450 BCE
- B) 1450-1100 BCE**
- C) 2000-1700 BCE
- D) 2500-2000 BCE