

Foundations of Ancient Civilizations

Ancient History · Practice Test · 18 Questions

1. Which ancient civilization built the Great Pyramid of Giza?

- A) Mesopotamians
- B) Ancient Egyptians
- C) Ancient Greeks
- D) Romans

2. What system of writing was developed by the ancient Sumerians?

- A) Hieroglyphics
- B) Cuneiform
- C) Latin alphabet
- D) Sanscrit

3. The Code of Hammurabi is a famous legal document from which ancient empire?

- A) Babylonian
- B) Persian
- C) Macedonian
- D) Byzantine

4. Which river was the lifeline of the ancient Egyptian civilization?

- A) Tigris
- B) Euphrates
- C) Nile
- D) Indus

5. What was the primary purpose of the Roman Colosseum?

- A) Religious worship
- B) Public entertainment
- C) Senate meetings
- D) Grain storage

6. Who was the famous Carthaginian general who crossed the Alps with war elephants?

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

7. Which city-state is considered the birthplace of democracy?

- A) Sparta
- B) Athens
- C) Corinth
- D) Thebes

8. What material did the ancient Phoenicians become famous for trading throughout the Mediterranean?

- A) Steel
- B) Purple dye
- C) Silk
- D) Porcelain

9. The Terra Cotta Army was created to protect the tomb of which Chinese emperor?

- A) Qin Shi Huang
- B) Wu Zetian
- C) Kublai Khan
- D) Sun Yat-sen

10. Which ancient structure was built to protect the northern borders of the Chinese Empire?

- A) The Great Wall
- B) The Forbidden City
- C) The Hanging Gardens
- D) The Pantheon

11. What is the name of the ancient Greek epic poem attributed to Homer that tells the story of the Trojan War?

- A) The Aeneid
- B) The Iliad
- C) The Odyssey
- D) The Republic

12. Which Roman leader was assassinated on the Ides of March in 44 BCE?

- A) Augustus
- B) Nero
- C) Julius Caesar
- D) Marcus Aurelius

13. Which ancient civilization is located in the Indus Valley?

- A) Ancient India
- B) Ancient Japan
- C) Ancient Britain
- D) Ancient Scandinavia

14. What was the main function of ziggurats in Mesopotamian cities?

- A) Royal palaces
- B) Religious temples
- C) Military fortresses
- D) Public baths

15. Which ancient queen was the last active ruler of the Ptolemaic Kingdom of Egypt?

- A) Nefertiti
- B) Cleopatra VII
- C) Hatshepsut
- D) Zenobia

16. The Olympic Games originated in which ancient country?

- A) Italy
- B) Egypt
- C) Greece
- D) Turkey

17. What primary building material was used by the Romans to create their durable roads and aqueducts?

- A) Concrete
- B) Wood
- C) Glass
- D) Gold

18. Which ancient civilization is credited with the invention of the wheel?

- A) Mayan
- B) Sumerian
- C) Aztec
- D) Incan