

Advanced Archaeology: Historical Fact Mastery

Archaeology · Answer Key · 10 Questions

1. Which famous Mesoamerican civilization's writing system was largely deciphered by Yuri Knorozov, building upon earlier work by Tatiana Proskouriakoff?

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

2. The Rosetta Stone, instrumental in deciphering Egyptian hieroglyphs, features the same decree written in which three scripts?

- A) Hieroglyphic, Demotic, and Greek**
- B) Hieratic, Coptic, and Latin
- C) Demotic, Hieratic, and Phoenician
- D) Hieroglyphic, Coptic, and Greek

3. What archaeological site in Peru is renowned for its complex system of geoglyphs, attributed to the Nazca culture?

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

4. The discovery of the tomb of Tutankhamun in 1922 was primarily financed by which British nobleman and archaeologist?

- A) Lord Carnarvon**
- B) Arthur Evans
- C) Howard Carter
- D) Flinders Petrie

5. Which Bronze Age civilization, centered on Crete, is known for its elaborate palaces like Knossos and its Linear B script, eventually deciphered as an early form of Greek?

- A) Mycenaean
- B) Minoan**
- C) Cycladic
- D) Hittite

6. The Venus of Willendorf, one of the most famous examples of prehistoric art, is a figurine dating to the Upper Paleolithic period and was discovered in which modern-day country?

- A) France
- B) Italy
- C) Austria**
- D) Germany

7. What significant archaeological find, discovered in 1974 near Xi'an, China, consists of thousands of life-sized terracotta figures of warriors and horses guarding the tomb of the First Qin Emperor?

- A) Mawangdui Tombs
- B) Terracotta Army**
- C) Sanxingdui Museum
- D) Han Tombs at Luoyang

8. The Iceman, Ötzi, a remarkably preserved natural mummy of a man from about 3300 BCE, was discovered in which mountain range?

- A) Alps**
- B) Pyrenees
- C) Carpathians
- D) Himalayas

9. The excavation of Pompeii and Herculaneum in the 18th and 19th centuries, though initially amateurish, laid crucial groundwork for the development of which archaeological methodology?

- A) Stratigraphy**
- B) Dendrochronology
- C) Radiocarbon dating
- D) Typology

10. Which ancient city, rediscovered in the 19th century by Hiram Bingham, is often referred to as the 'Lost City of the Incas' and is a UNESCO World Heritage Site?

- A) Cusco
- B) Ollantaytambo
- C) Machu Picchu**
- D) Choquequirao