

Ancient Wonders and Early Civilizations

World History · Practice Test · 20 Questions

1. Which ancient civilization, known for its pyramids, developed a complex hieroglyphic writing system and worshipped many gods, including Ra, the sun god?

- A) Mesopotamia
- B) Ancient Greece
- C) Ancient Egypt
- D) Indus Valley Civilization

2. The Sumerians, who lived in Mesopotamia, are credited with inventing one of the earliest known forms of writing. What was this system called?

- A) Alphabet
- B) Hieroglyphics
- C) Cuneiform
- D) Runes

3. The Great Wall of China, one of the world's most famous landmarks, was primarily built to defend against invasions from which nomadic group?

- A) The Romans
- B) The Vikings
- C) The Mongols
- D) The Persians

4. What ancient civilization flourished in Mesoamerica, developing advanced mathematics, a complex calendar system, and impressive city-states like Chichen Itza?

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

5. The Minoan civilization, which thrived on the island of Crete, is famous for its elaborate palaces, such as Knossos, and its distinctive art featuring which marine animal?

- A) Dolphins
- B) Whales
- C) Seahorses
- D) Octopuses

6. Ancient Rome is renowned for its engineering feats. Which of the following was a key Roman architectural innovation used to transport water over long distances?

- A) The Ziggurat
- B) The Aqueduct
- C) The Pyramid
- D) The Colosseum

7. The ancient city of Mohenjo-daro, part of the Indus Valley Civilization, is notable for its advanced urban planning, including a sophisticated system of what?

- A) Floating gardens
- B) Underground sewage
- C) Irrigation canals
- D) Elevated highways

8. The Persian Empire, under rulers like Cyrus the Great, was known for its vast network of roads and its postal system. What was the name of the official road system?

- A) The Silk Road
- B) The Royal Road
- C) The Appian Way
- D) The Inca Trail

9. Which ancient Greek city-state was known for its military strength and a society focused on discipline and training, producing famous warriors?

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

10. The ancient city of Babylon, in Mesopotamia, is famous for its Hanging Gardens, which were considered one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. Who is often credited with their construction?

- A) King Hammurabi
- B) Nebuchadnezzar II
- C) Sargon of Akkad
- D) Gilgamesh

11. The ancient civilization of the Olmec, often called the 'mother culture' of Mesoamerica, is best known for its monumental stone carvings of what?

- A) Birds
- B) Serpents
- C) Human heads
- D) Jaguar figures

12. The Ancient Greeks developed a form of government where citizens had a direct say in decision-making. What is this system called?

- A) Monarchy
- B) Democracy
- C) Oligarchy
- D) Republic

13. The Silk Road was a network of trade routes connecting East and West. What was the primary commodity that gave the Silk Road its name?

- A) Spices
- B) Gold
- C) Silk
- D) Porcelain

14. The Shang Dynasty in ancient China is known for its development of bronze casting. What type of object was frequently made using this advanced technique?

- A) Pottery
- B) Weapons and ceremonial vessels
- C) Stone tools
- D) Wooden furniture

15. The Vikings, seafaring people from Scandinavia, are known for their exploration and raids. What were their distinctive long, narrow ships called?

- A) Triremes
- B) Dromons
- C) Longships
- D) Galleys

16. Which ancient civilization, located in modern-day Peru, built an extensive empire along the Andes Mountains and is famous for its stone masonry and road system?

- A) The Maya
- B) The Aztec
- C) The Inca
- D) The Caral-Supe

17. The Code of Hammurabi, one of the earliest and most complete written legal codes, originated from which ancient civilization?

- A) Ancient Egypt
- B) Ancient Greece
- C) Mesopotamia
- D) The Indus Valley

18. The ancient city of Pompeii was famously preserved by the eruption of which volcano in 79 CE?

- A) Mount Etna
- B) Mount Vesuvius
- C) Mount Olympus
- D) Mount Kilimanjaro

19. The philosophy of 'Confucianism', emphasizing ethics, morality, and social harmony, originated in which ancient country?

- A) India
- B) Japan
- C) China
- D) Korea

20. Which ancient civilization developed a system of writing using cuneiform tablets and built impressive ziggurats, temple towers dedicated to their gods?

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- B) Ancient Greece
- C) Mesopotamia
- D) Ancient Egypt