

Ancient Civilizations: A Deep Dive

Ancient History · Answer Key · 10 Questions

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

- A) Sumerian
- B) Akkadian
- C) Babylonian**
- D) Assyrian

2. Which of these was the primary architectural and religious purpose of the Ziggurats built by Mesopotamian civilizations?

- A) Royal tombs
- B) Administrative centres
- C) Observatories for astronomical study
- D) Temples for gods and goddesses**

3. The domestication of the horse, a crucial development in ancient warfare and transportation, is strongly associated with the emergence of which early culture located on the Eurasian Steppe?

- A) Indus Valley Civilization
- B) Minoan Civilization
- C) Corded Ware culture**
- D) Nok Culture

4. The concept of 'Ma'at' in Ancient Egypt was a fundamental principle representing cosmic order, truth, and justice. Who was the goddess most closely associated with this concept?

- A) Isis
- B) Hathor
- C) Ma'at**
- D) Sekhmet

5. The invention of papyrus, a writing material derived from a plant, is a significant contribution of which ancient civilization?

- A) Ancient Greece
- B) Ancient Rome
- C) Ancient Egypt**
- D) Ancient China

6. The Bronze Age collapse, a period of widespread societal breakdown in the Near East and Eastern Mediterranean, is often linked to multiple factors including invasion by the 'Sea Peoples' and internal unrest. Which of these was a major Bronze Age civilization that significantly declined or disappeared during this period?

- A) Achaemenid Empire
- B) Hittite Empire**
- C) Phoenician City-States
- D) Roman Republic

7. The philosophical concept of 'Ren' (benevolence or humaneness), central to Confucianism, was a major ethical and social ideal in which ancient civilization?

- A) Ancient India
- B) Ancient Persia
- C) Ancient China**
- D) Ancient Greece

8. The Oracle of Delphi, a highly influential religious site and prophetic institution, was central to the religious practices of which ancient civilization?

- A) Ancient Rome
- B) Ancient Greece**
- C) Ancient Mesopotamia
- D) Ancient Egypt

9. The development of the alphabet, a system of writing where symbols represent sounds, is a significant innovation attributed to which ancient Mediterranean civilization?

- A) Minoans
- B) Hittites
- C) Phoenicians**
- D) Sumerians

10. The concept of 'Democracy,' meaning 'rule by the people,' originated and was practiced in its early form in which ancient city-state?

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