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This Early River Valley Civilization exam consists of:

- 20 stimulus based multiple-choice questions
- 1 document based short response question

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ANCIENT RIVER VALLEY CIVILIZATIONS

DIRECTIONS: Choose the best answer for each question.

1. Early civilizations developed mainly in

1. areas with abundant mineral resources
2. valleys near rivers
3. areas with climatic diversity
4. mountainous areas

2. The development of ancient civilizations in Egypt, Mesopotamia, India, and China indicates the importance of

1. heavy forestation
2. mountain passes
3. rugged coastlines
4. river valleys

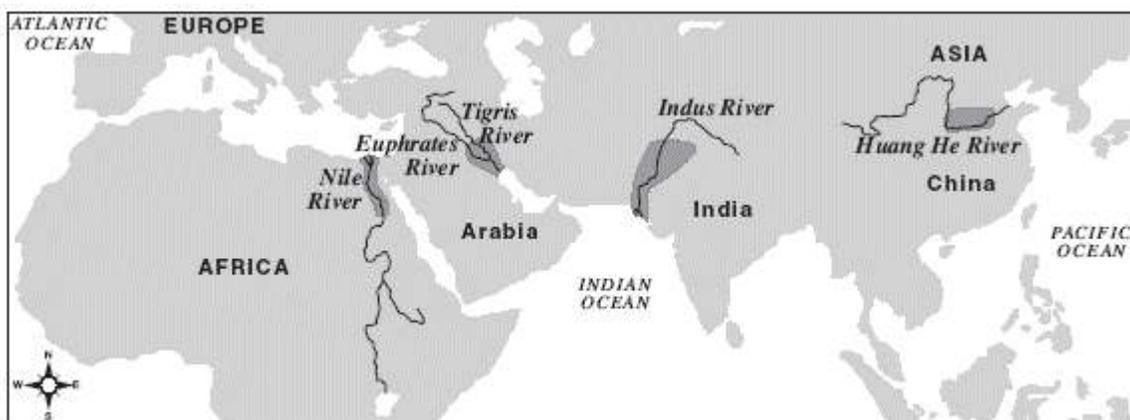
3. The early civilizations of the Nile River Valley, Mesopotamia, and the Yellow River Valley were similar because they were

1. industrialized societies
2. monotheistic
3. dependent on fertile land
4. dependent on each other for trade

4. The river valleys of the Tigris-Euphrates, the Nile, and the Indus were centers of civilization because they

1. had rich deposits of iron ore and coal
2. were isolated from other cultural influences
3. were easy to defend from invasion
4. provided a means of transportation and irrigation

5. Base your answer to the question on the map below and on your knowledge of social studies.



Source: Charles F. Gritzner, *Exploring Our World, Past and Present*, D. C. Heath and Company (adapted)

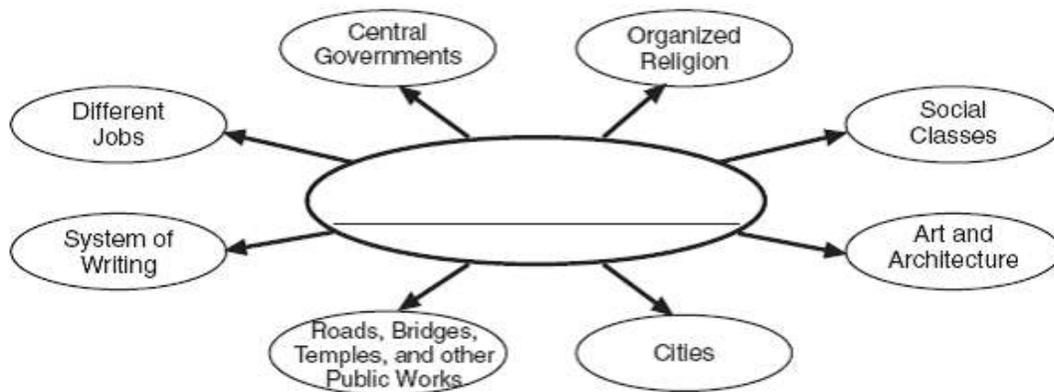
5. The main purpose of this map is to illustrate the location of

1. overseas trade routes
2. early belief systems
3. river valley civilizations
4. burial sites of ancient rulers

6. Which characteristic was common to ancient civilizations in Egypt, Sumer, and China?

1. monotheistic religion
2. written forms of communication
3. influence of European cultures
4. nomadic lifestyle

7. Base your answer on the diagram and on your knowledge of social studies.



Source: *Guide to the Essentials of World History*, Prentice-Hall

7. Which title best completes this diagram?

1. Elements of a Civilization
2. Features of a Nomadic Lifestyle
3. Basic Components of the Paleolithic Age
4. Human Life 50,000 Years Ago

“If a seignior (noble) has knocked out the tooth of a seignior of his own rank, they shall knock out his tooth. But if he has knocked out a commoner's tooth, he shall pay one-third mina of silver.”

– Code of Hammurabi

8. Which idea of Babylonian society does this portion of the Hammurabi code of law reflect?

1. All men were equal under the law.
2. Fines were preferable to corporal punishment.
3. Divisions existed between social classes.
4. Violence was always punished with violence.

9. The Code of Hammurabi was designed to

1. create a stable society
2. promote peaceful relations with other cultures
3. provide a framework for the development of democracy
4. emphasize the importance of life after death

10. The Code of Hammurabi was a major contribution to the development of civilization because it

1. treated citizens and slaves equally
2. ended all physical punishment
3. recorded existing laws for all to see
4. rejected the principle of filial piety

11 "If a son has struck his father, they shall cut off his hand. If a nobleman has destroyed the eye of a member of the aristocracy, they shall destroy his eye. . . ."

The idea expressed in this quotation is found in the

1. Ten Commandments
2. Twelve Tables
3. Justinian Code
4. Code of Hammurabi

12. Which action is most closely associated with the early Mesopotamian /Sumerian civilizations?

1. building floating gardens to grow corn
2. establishing representative democracies
3. constructing Hindu temples
4. developing a writing system using cuneiform

13 What is the main reason the Neolithic Revolution is considered a turning point in world history?

1. Fire was used as a source of energy for the first time.
2. Spoken language was used to improve communication.
3. Domestication of animals and cultivation of crops led to settled communities.
4. Stone tools and weapons were first developed.

14. Which statement about the early Indus River valley civilization is an opinion rather than a fact?

1. Farmers grew a surplus of barley, wheat, and dates.
2. The Indus people developed a system of writing.
3. Planned cities indicated a use of technology.
4. The Indus city-states were the most developed of the time period.

15 The history of which civilization was shaped by the monsoon cycle and the Himalaya Mountains?

1. Indus civilization
2. Babylonian Empire
3. ancient China
4. ancient Egypt

16. One reason early civilizations developed in China, Egypt, and the Tigris-Euphrates Valley in Mesopotamia is because

1. vast mineral deposits existed for manufacturing
2. climate and geography favored agriculture
3. rivers contributed to nomadic lifestyles
4. natural barriers provided protection from invasions

17. Base your answer to the question on the passage below.

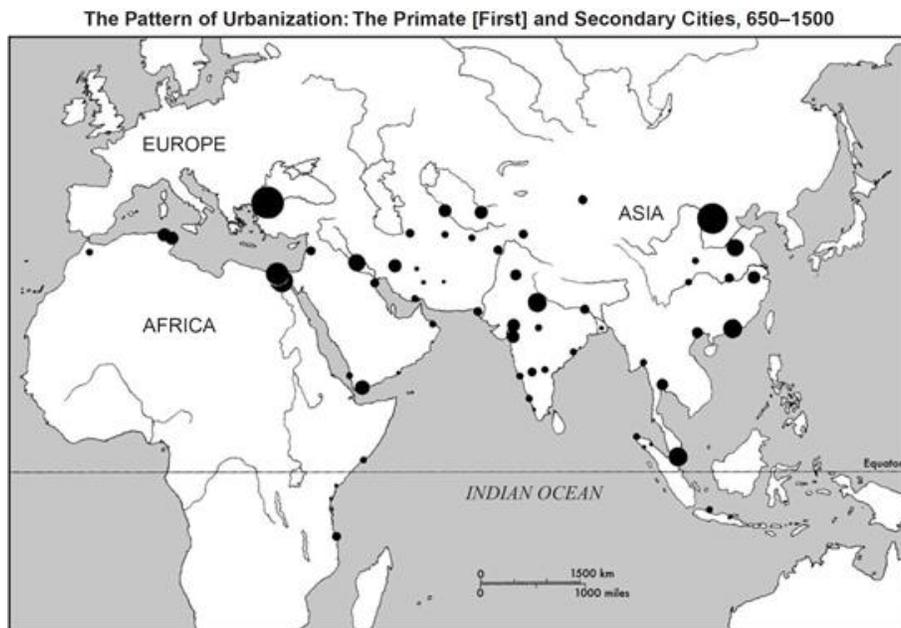
Some several thousand years ago there once thrived a civilization in the Indus Valley. Located in what's now Pakistan and western India, it was the earliest known urban culture of the Indian subcontinent. The Indus Valley Civilization, as it is called, covered an area the size of western Europe. It was the largest of the four ancient civilizations of Egypt, Mesopotamia, India and China. However, of all these civilizations the least is known about the Indus Valley people. This is because the Indus script has not yet been deciphered. There are many remnants of the script on pottery vessels, seals, and amulets, but without a "Rosetta Stone" linguists and archaeologists have been unable to decipher it. ... - Tarini J. Carr, "The Harappan Civilization"

Based on this passage, what is a valid conclusion about civilization in the Indus Valley?

1. Lack of a Rosetta stone has hindered linguists from deciphering Indus Valley script.
2. The absence of pottery vessels and seals from the Indus Valley indicates limited urban development.
3. The Indus Valley civilization controlled a territory that extended from western Europe to China .
4. Artifacts suggest the Indus Valley civilization is older than the civilizations in Egypt and Mesopotamia.

18. Archaeological studies of the Indus Valley cities of Harappa and Mohenjo-Daro show evidence of...

1. Dynastic rule
2. Monotheism
3. Social equality
4. Urban city planning



19. Based on the information provided by this map, which statement about urban areas between 650 and 1500 is accurate?

1. Most urbanization occurred in the Southern Hemisphere.
2. Most urbanization is associated with a tropical climate.
3. Most urban areas were located in Europe.
4. Most urban areas developed near waterways

20. Which heading best completes this partial outline?

Heading:

- Natural boundaries
- Yearly flooding to enrich soil
- Old and Middle Kingdoms
- Production of papyrus plant

1. Egypt – Gift of the Nile
2. Mesopotamia – Land Between the Rivers
3. China’s Sorrow – Huang He River
4. Harappa – City of the Indus

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Document 1:

“The words of King Hammurabi: Hammurabi (c. 1810 – c. 1750 BC) was the sixth king of the First Babylonian dynasty family of the Amorite tribe, in the lands of Mesopotamia, reigning from c. 1792 BC to c. 1750 BC. He is famous for the Code of Hammurabi

Hammurabi, the prince, called of Bel am I, making riches and increase, enriching Nippur and Dur-ilu beyond compare, sublime patron of E-kur; who reestablished Eridu and purified the worship of E-apsu; who conquered the four quarters of the world, made great the name of Babylon, rejoiced the heart of Marduk, his lord who daily pays his devotions in Saggil; the royal scion whom Sin made; who enriched Ur; the humble, the reverent... who brought plenteous water to its inhabitants,...who reunited the scattered inhabitants of Isin; who richly endowed E-gal-mach; the protecting king of the city, brother of the god Zamama; who firmly founded the farms of Kish, crowned E-me-te-ursag with glory, redoubled the great holy treasures of Nana, managed the temple of Harsag-kalama; the grave of the enemy, whose help brought about the victory; who increased the power of Cuthah; made all glorious in E-shidlam, the black steer, who gored the enemy; beloved of the god Nebo ...who captured the enemy, who granted life to the inhabitants of Mashkanshabri, who penetrated the secret cave of the bandits, saved the inhabitants of Malka from misfortune, and fixed their home fast in wealth.”

QUESTION: Based on the primary source above and your knowledge of social studies, what is King Hammurabi’s purpose for writing this document? Use textual evidence to support your answer.

Answer Key

1. 2

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2. 4

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