WORLD HISTORY · ALASKA

World History
Practice Test

Unit 1: Early Civilizations and Classical Empires

25 Questions

Original practice test based on the Alaska curriculum. Work through each question, then check your answers at the end.

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Question 1

How did a steady food surplus change life for early farming villages?

A) It forced everyone to keep moving to find food

B) It let some people work as craft workers, traders, and leaders

C) It ended all trade between villages

D) It made written records unnecessary

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Question 2

Why was the Fertile Crescent a good place for early farming?

A) It was covered by thick forests with no rivers

B) It had rich soil and rivers for watering crops

C) It had frozen ground all year

D) It was far from every water source

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Question 3

What was true of Sumerian city states?

A) Cities had no temples or markets

B) All cities shared one king in Egypt

C) Each city had its own ruler and government

D) Cities refused to trade with each other

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Question 4

Why did publishing laws in writing, as Hammurabi did, matter to ordinary people?

A) Cities stopped building walls

B) Taxes were ended for everyone

C) Farmers no longer needed water

D) Laws could be known in advance instead of kept secret

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Question 5

What did the yearly flooding of the Nile leave behind on Egyptian fields?

A) Fertile silt that helped crops grow

B) Salt that ruined the soil

C) Sand too dry for planting

D) Ice that froze the fields

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Question 6

Why did ancient Egyptians preserve bodies through mummification?

A) To make bodies lighter for travel

B) To prepare the dead for life after death

C) To hide the dead from their families

D) To use bodies as building stone

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Question 7

What job did scribes do in ancient Egypt?

A) They led armies into battle

B) They built boats for fishing

C) They kept written records of taxes, harvests, and laws

D) They guarded the palace gates

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Question 8

What did Phoenician traders spread across the Mediterranean world?

A) A method for making silk

B) A calendar based on the moon alone

C) A code of laws for Rome

D) A system of writing with letter symbols

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Question 9

What shows careful planning in Indus Valley cities?

A) Straight streets, covered drains, and standard sized bricks

B) Random paths with no drains

C) Houses built only on hills

D) Markets with no weights or measures

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Question 10

In Hindu belief, what is reincarnation?

A) The soul leaves the body and never returns

B) The soul is reborn in a new life after death

C) Only kings can be reborn

D) Death ends all spiritual life

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Question 11

According to Buddhist teaching, what is a main cause of suffering?

A) Too much rain

B) Living near a river

C) Craving and attachment to things

D) Studying too many books

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Question 12

What did the Hebrew idea of a covenant mean?

A) A trade deal for grain

B) A tax paid to Egypt

C) A plan to build a wall

D) A special agreement between God and the Hebrew people

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Question 13

How did the idea of the dynastic cycle explain the fall of a Chinese dynasty?

A) A dynasty fell when it became corrupt and lost the right to rule

B) A dynasty fell only when its capital flooded

C) A dynasty fell when it built too many roads

D) A dynasty fell only after one hundred years

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Question 14

What did Daoist teaching encourage people to do?

A) Build the largest possible army

B) Live simply and in harmony with nature

C) Collect as much gold as possible

D) Avoid all contact with family

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Question 15

What did the Qin ruler standardize across China?

A) Only the style of clothing

B) Only the names of rivers

C) Coins, weights, measures, and writing

D) Only the songs sung at festivals

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Question 16

How did Persian rulers help hold a large empire together?

A) They banned all local customs

B) They moved every family to the capital

C) They closed all trade roads

D) They let conquered peoples keep many of their own customs and religions

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Question 17

How did the geography of Greece affect its people?

A) Mountains and seas divided Greeks into separate city states and pushed them toward sea trade

B) Flat plains made one large empire easy to rule

C) Deserts cut Greece off from all trade

D) Thick forests kept Greeks from sailing

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Question 18

Who could take part in Athenian democracy?

A) Every person living in Athens

B) Only adult male citizens

C) Only visiting traders

D) Only soldiers from Sparta

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Question 19

What was the role of helots in Spartan society?

A) They were traders who ran the markets

B) They were elected kings

C) They were enslaved workers who farmed the land so Spartans could train for war

D) They were priests who wrote the laws

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Question 20

What was Alexandria in Egypt known for after Alexander?

A) A mountain mining town

B) A fortress with no trade

C) A farming village with no harbor

D) A center of learning with a great library

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Question 21

How did the Roman Republic limit the power of any one leader?

A) By electing two consuls who served short terms and could check each other

B) By giving all power to one king for life

C) By banning all voting

D) By letting generals rule without laws

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Question 22

Why did plebeians in Rome demand the Twelve Tables?

A) They wanted to end all farming

B) They wanted laws written down so they could be known and applied fairly

C) They wanted Rome to leave Italy

D) They wanted to ban trade

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Question 23

Why was Julius Caesar killed by a group of senators?

A) They wanted to close the Senate

B) They wanted Rome to stop using coins

C) They feared he was gaining the power of a king and ending the Republic

D) They opposed his support for farming

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Question 24

What helped trade grow during the Pax Romana?

A) Constant civil war

B) Closed borders and no roads

C) A ban on ships in the Mediterranean

D) Safe roads, a common currency, and stable rule across the empire

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Question 25

According to tradition, on how many hills was Rome built?

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