WORLD HISTORY · NEW JERSEY

World History

Practice Test

Unit 1: Early Civilizations and Classical Empires

25 Questions

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

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Question 1

Which civilization developed along the Nile River in northeast Africa?

A) Egypt

B) Mesopotamia

C) Greece

D) Rome

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Question 2

Which two rivers made farming possible in ancient Mesopotamia?

A) Nile and Indus

B) Tigris and Euphrates

C) Danube and Rhine

D) Ganges and Yellow

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Question 3

What did irrigation systems in Mesopotamia mainly allow farmers to do?

A) Sail across the Atlantic Ocean

B) Mine coal for factories

C) Control water for crops in dry seasons

D) Build roads across mountains

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Question 4

The Code of Hammurabi is best known as an early example of what?

A) A system of coinage

B) A religious hymn

C) A map of trade routes

D) A written set of laws

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Question 5

Which writing system was developed by the Sumerians using wedge shaped marks on clay?

A) Cuneiform

B) Hieroglyphics

C) Latin

D) Greek

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Question 6

Which group developed an alphabet that later influenced Greek and Latin writing?

A) Hittites

B) Phoenicians

C) Persians

D) Nubians

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Question 7

In ancient Egypt, what was the role of a pharaoh?

A) A merchant who led trade ships

B) A scribe who recorded taxes

C) A ruler believed to hold political and religious authority

D) A soldier who guarded only one city

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Question 8

Which Egyptian writing system used picture symbols?

A) Cuneiform

B) Alphabet

C) Sanskrit

D) Hieroglyphics

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Question 9

Which ancient civilization built large pyramids as tombs for rulers?

A) Egypt

B) Rome

C) Greece

D) Persia

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Question 10

Which early religion taught belief in one God and is associated with the ancient Hebrews?

A) Polytheism

B) Judaism

C) Hinduism

D) Buddhism

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Question 11

The Indus Valley cities of Harappa and Mohenjo Daro are best known for what?

A) Large stone pyramids

B) Long defensive walls around Rome

C) Planned streets and drainage systems

D) Ice roads across the Arctic

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Question 12

Which Chinese thinker taught respect for family, education, and proper conduct in government?

A) Laozi

B) Buddha

C) Zoroaster

D) Confucius

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Question 13

Which empire built a Royal Road and used satraps to govern large provinces?

A) Persian

B) Greek

C) Roman

D) Egyptian

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Question 14

What was a polis in ancient Greece?

A) An independent city state with its own government

B) A large farming village with no government

C) A temple used only for trade

D) A ship used for long sea voyages

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Question 15

Which Greek city state is best known for direct democracy in which citizens voted on laws?

A) Sparta

B) Corinth

C) Athens

D) Thebes

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Question 16

Which Greek city state placed the greatest emphasis on military training and discipline?

A) Athens

B) Delphi

C) Olympia

D) Sparta

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Question 17

Which leader spread Greek culture across Egypt and western Asia after conquering the Persian Empire?

A) Alexander the Great

B) Pericles

C) Socrates

D) Solon

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Question 18

What term describes the spread of Greek language and culture after Alexander?

A) Feudal

B) Hellenistic

C) Imperial

D) Classical Latin

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Question 19

In the Roman Republic, what was the Senate?

A) A group of foreign traders

B) A religious order of priests

C) A council of wealthy citizens that helped govern

D) An army unit that guarded the border

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Question 20

Which Roman achievement helped move fresh water into cities?

A) Ziggurats

B) Pyramids

C) Canals for ocean ships

D) Aqueducts

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Question 21

Who became the first emperor of Rome and began a long period of relative stability called the Pax Romana?

A) Augustus

B) Julius Caesar

C) Nero

D) Constantine

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Question 22

The Han Dynasty in China is best known for expanding trade along which route?

A) The Royal Road

B) The Silk Road

C) The Oregon Trail

D) The Trans Saharan route

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Question 23

Which Indian emperor promoted Buddhism and carved edicts on pillars and rocks across his empire?

A) Chandragupta

B) Akbar

C) Asoka

D) Babur

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Question 24

In what year did the Western Roman Empire traditionally end when the last emperor was deposed?

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Source I - A Farmer in Mesopotamia

Use this reading for question 25.

Our village digs channels from the river before planting season. When the water is low, the channels carry it to fields far from the bank. When the river rises too high, we strengthen the banks so the flood does not wash the crops away. A good harvest depends on work shared by many families.

Question 25

Based on Source I, why did Mesopotamian farmers build channels and banks?

A) To create harbors for ocean ships

B) To hide grain from traders

C) To build walls around temples

D) To control river water for farming

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ANSWER KEY

1. A
2. B
3. C
4. D
5. A
6. B
7. C
8. D
9. A
10. B
11. C
12. D
13. A
14. A
15. C
16. D
17. A
18. B
19. C
20. D
21. A
22. B
23. C
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25. D

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