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GRADES 7-8

HISTORY SAMPLE PAPER (MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS)



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EASY LEVEL (10 QUESTIONS)

1. The beginning of agriculture, also known as the Neolithic Revolution, occurred around:

- A) 10,000 BCE
- B) 5,000 BCE
- C) 2,000 BCE
- D) 500 BCE

Answer: A

2. People who hunted animals and gathered plants for food were called:

- A) Farmers
- B) Merchants
- C) Hunter-gatherers
- D) Priests

Answer: C

3. Which river civilization developed between the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers?

- A) Egypt
- B) Mesopotamia
- C) Indus Valley
- D) China

Answer: B

4. Which civilization built pyramids as tombs for their rulers?

- A) China
- B) Egypt
- C) Indus Valley
- D) Greece

Answer: B

5. The Indus Valley Civilization was located mainly in modern:

- A) Egypt
- B) Iraq
- C) Pakistan
- D) China

Answer: C

6. Which American civilization carved giant stone heads?

- A) Maya

- B) Olmec
- C) Aztec
- D) Inca

Answer: B

7.The Kingdom of Aksum was located in:

- A) West Africa
- B) East Africa
- C) North Africa
- D) Central Africa

Answer: B

8.The main political unit of ancient Greece was the:

- A) Empire
- B) Kingdom
- C) City-state
- D) Province

Answer: C

9.Rome transformed from a Republic into a(n):

- A) Democracy
- B) Empire
- C) Tribal state
- D) Theocracy

Answer: B

10.Confucianism began in which civilization?

- A) Rome
- B) India
- C) China
- D) Persia

Answer: C

NORMAL QUESTIONS (15)

11. Domestication of animals first helped humans by providing:

- A) Metal tools
- B) Reliable food sources
- C) Written laws
- D) Navigation skills

Answer: B

12. A sedentary lifestyle means:

- A) Moving constantly
- B) Staying in one place
- C) Traveling long distances
- D) Living in mountains

Answer: B

13. The Nile River flooded yearly, which helped Egyptians by:

- A) Destroying crops
- B) Providing fertile soil
- C) Creating deserts
- D) Bringing invaders

Answer: B

14. Which writing system developed in Mesopotamia?

- A) Hieroglyphics
- B) Cuneiform
- C) Sanskrit
- D) Chinese characters

Answer: B

15. A major feature of Indus Valley cities was:

- A) Pyramids
- B) Stone plazas
- C) Planned streets and drainage
- D) Monumental temples

Answer: C

16. The Yellow River contributed to the rise of early Chinese civilization because it:

- A) Was rich in gold
- B) Provided fertile soil

- C) Connected to the Silk Road
- D) Had many waterfalls

Answer: B

17. The Maya was known for their advanced understanding of:

- A) Metallurgy
- B) Astronomy
- C) Gunpowder
- D) Compass navigation

Answer: B

18. The Chavin civilization is associated with which region?

- A) Mesoamerica
- B) Andes Mountains
- C) Nile Valley
- D) Central Asia

Answer: B

19. The Kingdom of Aksum controlled trade routes linking:

- A) Europe and China
- B) Africa and India
- C) Persia and Rome
- D) Japan and Korea

Answer: B

20. Ancient Sub-Saharan cultures developed iron tools earlier than many regions because of:

- A) Large cities
- B) Skilled blacksmiths
- C) Access to gold
- D) Trade with India

Answer: B

21. Sparta was known for its:

- A) Art
- B) Philosophy
- C) Military discipline
- D) Democracy

Answer: C

22. One major reason for Rome's successful expansion was its:

- A) Weak army
- B) Road system
- C) Geographic isolation
- D) Nomadic lifestyle

Answer: B

23. The Gupta Empire achieved great advancements in:

- A) Engineering
- B) Astronomy and mathematics
- C) Shipbuilding
- D) Medicine only

Answer: B

24. The Han Dynasty used which philosophy to govern?

- A) Christianity
- B) Legalism
- C) Confucianism
- D) Buddhism

Answer: C

25. The Persian Empire used satraps to:

- A) Build temples
- B) Govern provinces
- C) Lead armies
- D) Control trade routes

Answer: B

DIFFICULT QUESTIONS (10)

26. Match the items in Column A with the correct descriptions in Column B:

Column A

1. Neolithic Revolution
2. Ancient Egypt
3. Gupta Empire
4. Daoism
5. Vikings

Column B

- A. Indian empire known for advancements in mathematics and arts
- B. Early humans' shift from hunting-gathering to farming
- C. Civilization along the Nile River with pyramids and pharaohs
- D. Chinese philosophy emphasizing harmony with nature
- E. Seafaring raiders from Scandinavia

Answer Key:

1 → B, 2 → C, 3 → A, 4 → D, 5 → E.

27. Match the items in Column A with the correct descriptions in Column B:

Column A

1. Mesopotamia
2. Maya Civilization
3. Qin Dynasty
4. Legalism
5. Great Zimbabwe

Column B

- A. African kingdom known for stone architecture
- B. Early civilization in the Tigris-Euphrates valley
- C. Chinese dynasty that unified China and standardized law
- D. Mesoamerican civilization famous for pyramids and calendar
- E. Chinese philosophy emphasizing strict laws and punishments

Answer: 1→B, 2→D, 3→C, 4→E, 5→A

28. Match the items in Column A with the correct descriptions in Column B:

Column A

1. Sassanid Empire
2. Roman Republic
3. Islam
4. Vijayanagara Empire

5. Renaissance

Column B

- A. Indian kingdom known for temple architecture and trade
- B. Religion founded by Muhammad in the 7th century
- C. Cultural revival in Europe with focus on art and humanism
- D. Persian empire known for Zoroastrianism and administration
- E. Roman government with elected officials and Senate

Answer: 1→D, 2→E, 3→B, 4→A, 5→C

29. Match the items in Column A with the correct descriptions in Column B:

Column A

- 1. Hunter-gatherers
- 2. Indus Valley Civilization
- 3. Han Dynasty
- 4. Confucianism
- 5. Olmec

Column B

- A. Early humans who relied on hunting and gathering
- B. Chinese dynasty that expanded trade and bureaucracy
- C. Earliest Mesoamerican civilization with colossal heads
- D. Ancient civilization along the Indus River
- E. Chinese philosophy emphasizing social harmony

Answer: 1→A, 2→D, 3→B, 4→E, 5→C

30. Match the items in Column A with the correct descriptions in Column B:

Column A

- 1. Maurya Empire
- 2. Ancient Greece
- 3. Moche
- 4. Legalism
- 5. Feudal Europe

Column B

- A. Roman Republic
- B. South American civilization known for irrigation and pottery
- C. Indian empire with Ashoka as ruler
- D. System emphasizing strict laws and punishments in China
- E. Medieval European social and political system

Answer: 1→C, 2→A, 3→B, 4→D, 5→E

31. Match the items in Column A with the correct descriptions in Column B:

Column A

1. Byzantine Empire
2. Samanid State
3. Maya
4. Islam
5. Persian Empire

Column B

- A. Eastern Roman Empire preserving Greco-Roman culture
- B. Early Central Asian state promoting trade and culture
- C. Religion founded in Arabia
- D. Mesoamerican civilization with advanced calendar and writing
- E. Ancient empire known for cultural tolerance in the Middle East

Answer: 1→A, 2→B, 3→D, 4→C, 5→E

32. Match the items in Column A with the correct descriptions in Column B:**Column A**

1. Timurid State
2. Kingdom of Mali
3. Crusades
4. Confucianism
5. Qin Dynasty

Column B

- A. Series of religious wars between Christians and Muslims
- B. Chinese dynasty that unified China and built Great Wall
- C. West African empire famous for gold and trade
- D. Central Asian empire founded by Timur
- E. Chinese philosophy emphasizing hierarchy and order

Answer: 1→D, 2→C, 3→A, 4→E, 5→B

33. Match the items in Column A with the correct descriptions in Column B:**Column A**

1. Roman Empire
2. Indus Valley
3. Olmec
4. Han Dynasty
5. Byzantine Empire

Column B

- A. Mesoamerican civilization with pyramids and early writing
- B. Roman state famous for law and engineering
- C. Chinese dynasty promoting Confucian bureaucracy

- D. Eastern Mediterranean empire preserving Greco-Roman traditions
- E. Ancient South Asian civilization with planned cities

Answer: 1→B, 2→E, 3→A, 4→C, 5→D

34. Match the items in Column A with the correct descriptions in Column B:

Column A

- 1. Maurya Empire
- 2. Vikings
- 3. Gupta Empire
- 4. Legalism
- 5. Great Zimbabwe

Column B

- A. African kingdom known for stone ruins
- B. Indian empire during classical age
- C. Chinese philosophy emphasizing strict laws
- D. Scandinavian seafarers
- E. Indian empire with Ashoka spreading Buddhism

Answer: 1→E, 2→D, 3→B, 4→C, 5→A

35. Match the items in Column A with the correct descriptions in Column B:

Column A

- 1. Andean Civilizations
- 2. Legalism
- 3. Feudal Europe
- 4. Maya Civilization
- 5. Qin Dynasty

Column B

- A. Ancient Chinese philosophy emphasizing strict law and punishment
- B. Ancient South American civilizations like Chavin and Moche
- C. Medieval European system of lords, vassals, and serfs
- D. Early Mesoamerican civilization with pyramids and calendar
- E. Chinese dynasty that unified the country and standardized laws

Answer: 1→B, 2→A, 3→C, 4→D, 5→E