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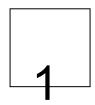
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PREHISTORIC ART



Multiple Choice Questions

- 1. What are menhirs?
 - A. upright rough-hewn stones
 - B. tombs, originally underground, with several large upright stones supporting a single massive capstone
 - C. prehistoric monuments found only in the British Isles
 - D. markers of the summer solstice

Answer: A

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- Cromlechs are:
 - A. upright rough-hewn stones composed in circles
 - B. found in the deepest recesses of caves
 - C. prehistoric monuments found only in the British Isles
 - D. markers of the summer solstice

Answer: A

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- 3. Dolmens are:
 - A. upright rough-hewn stones
 - B. tombs, originally underground, with several large upright stones supporting a single massive capstone
 - C. prehistoric monuments found only in the British Isles
 - D. markers of the solstice

Answer: B

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- 4. The Chauvet caves:
 - A. are a part of Carnac
 - B. have animal imagery
 - C. are located in Spain
 - D. have images that have to do with fertility

Answer: B

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- 5. The images in the Chauvet caves:
 - A. show animals of the hunt
 - B. are painted in natural pigments
 - C. show the movement of animals
 - D. all of the above

Answer: D

Page reference: 23-26

- 6. What is a megalith?
 - A. a hall of state in an ancient palace
 - B. a prehistoric monument found only in the British Isles
 - C. a marker of the summer solstice
 - D. a large stone

Answer: D

Page reference: 29

- 7. Chauvet is a cave that:
 - A. contains corbelling
 - B. shows post-and-lintel construction
 - C. has Paleolithic murals
 - D. is a menhir

Answer: C

Page reference: 23-26

- 8. Stonehenge:
 - A. is surrounded by effigy mounds
 - B. has trilithons
 - C. has megarons
 - D. has corbelling

Answer: B

Page reference: 30-31

- 9. Many Paleolithic cave paintings are located:
 - A. in megarons
 - B. in the deepest areas of the caves
 - C. at entrances to caves
 - D. in henges

Answer: B

- 10. The Woman of Willendorf:
 - A. was made of fired clay
 - B. is a colossal sculpture
 - C. was made of cast bronze

D. is 4 3/8" in size

Answer: D

Page reference: 27-28

- 11. The seasonal Paleolithic residences discovered at Mezhirich were made of:
 - A. mammoth bones
 - B. rough-hewn stones
 - C. woven plant fibers
 - D. mud brick

Answer: A

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- 12. According to one feminist view, the distorted form of figures like the *Woman* of *Willendorf* reflects:
 - A. a woman's view of her own body as she looks down on it.
 - B. the Paleolithic interest in population control
 - C. a cultural prohibition against obesity
 - D. Paleolithic religious beliefs

Answer: A

Page reference: 27-28

- 13. Prehistoric cave paintings were first discovered:
 - A. in the late 19th century
 - B. during the Renaissance
 - C. by a team of archaeological experts
 - D. in France

Answer: A

Page reference: 23

- 14. Lascaux, Pech-Merle, and Chauvet:
 - A. are located in modern day France
 - B. have the human figure as their primary subject
 - C. contain art for art's sake
 - D. show only a few distinct animal species

Answer: A

Page reference: 23

- 15. It's likely that the imagery in Prehistoric cave paintings represents:
 - A. a ritual or religious purpose
 - B. art for art's sake
 - C. narrative, or storytelling functions
 - D. a settled Paleolithic lifestyle

Answer: A

Page reference: 24

16. Paleolithic carving:

- A. often represented the human form
- B. was made using iron tools
- C. was usually intensely lifelike
- D. was usually without meaning

Answer: A

Page reference: 26

- 17. The art made by Neolithic peoples reflects:
 - A. a settled, agrarian existence
 - B. the migratory life of hunter-gatherers
 - C. the need for small-scale, portable imagery
 - D. a lack of interest in ritual or religion

Answer: A

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True or False Statements

1. Neolithic people are known to have built substantial structures.

Answer: True

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2. There is no relationship between changing climate and different artistic and architectural forms in the Neolithic period.

Answer: False

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3. Both Paleolithic and Neolithic carvings are somewhat abstract in their representation of the human figure.

Answer: True

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4. In the Neolithic period, concerns about ceremonial burial and ritual inspired monumental architecture.

Answer: True

Page reference: 29

5. Pottery making is known from the Paleolithic period.

Answer: False

Page reference: 29

Essay Test Questions

1. What was depicted on Paleolithic cave walls? What purpose did these images most likely serve?

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2. What concerns may the Woman of Willendorf reflect?

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3. What developments mark the change from Old Stone Age to New Stone Age? How did these developments affect different forms of architecture?

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4. Describe the techniques used by Paleolithic cave dwellers to create paintings on the interior walls of caves. What observations may be made about composition and design?

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5. How was Stonehenge constructed? What are speculations about its possible function?

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Ancient Near eastern art

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Multiple Choice

- 1. An indirect axial approach was typical of which type of structure?
 - A. Egyptian pyramids
 - B. Sumerian ziggurats
 - C. Persian palaces
 - D. Persian temples

Answer: B

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- 2. What is the main room of a Sumerian temple called?
 - A. atrium
 - B. hypostyle hall
 - C. audience hall
 - D. cella

Answer: D

Page reference: 34

- 3. The stele depicting the Law Code of Hammurabi comes from which culture?
 - A. Sumerian
 - B. Assyrian
 - C. Babylonian
 - D. Egyptian

Answer: C

Page reference: 39

- 4. Darius I and Xerxes are two of the most important figures of which culture?
 - A. Sumerian
 - B. Egyptian
 - C. Persian
 - D. Assyrian

Answer: C

Page reference: 43

- 5. The Sumerians built primarily of wood and what other material?
 - A. diorite stone
 - B. marble
 - C. mud brick
 - D. granite

Answer: C

Page reference: 33

- 6. The statues from Abu Temple at Tell Asmar:
 - A. have no eyes
 - B. have Cubic forms
 - C. were carved of stone
 - D. were made of limestone, alabaster, and gypsum

Answer: D

Page reference: 34

- 7. What was the most important form of architecture for the Persians?
 - A. palaces
 - B. mastabas
 - C. fortresses
 - D. temples

Answer: A

Page reference: 44

- 8. What material was used to make the Ishtar Gate?
 - A. adobe
 - B. glazed bricks
 - C. cut stone
 - D. metal panels

Answer: B

Page Reference: 41

- 9. Under whose regime was one of the very first codes of law written?
 - A. Xerxes
 - B. Darius I
 - C. Hammurabi
 - D. Gudea

Answer: C

- 10. Who defeats the Persians in 331 BCE?
 - E. Xerxes
 - F. Darius I
 - G. Alexander
 - H. Ramses II

Answer: C

Page reference: 45

- 11. The Tell Asmar figures may have large eyes because:
 - A. Seeing was a major channel of communication with the gods
 - B. Their eyes were wide open in terror before the gods
 - C. They were cult figures of blinded gods
 - D. Gods were believed never to sleep

Answer: A

Page reference: 35

- 12. The Temple of Solomon at Jerusalem:
 - A. Reflects the close connection between Near Eastern cultures
 - B. Was modest in its appearance and design
 - C. Was a place of polytheistic worship
 - D. Has stood in place unaltered since ancient times

Answer: A

Page reference: 42

- 13. Cuneiform characters:
 - A. were made by pressing a stylus into damp clay
 - B. remain untranslated to this day
 - C. were not used for writing fiction
 - D. were visible on the Rosetta Stone

Answer: A

Page reference: 32

- 14. Tigris and Euphrates were:
 - A. Rivers that supplied water to Mesopotamia
 - B. Important Sumerian cities
 - C. Names of the first-known ancient architects
 - D. The rulers of Akkad and Assyria

Answer: A

Page reference: 33

- 15. The Law Code of Hammurabi:
 - A. Survives as one of the earliest written bodies of law
 - B. Was concerned with crime law only, and not domestic law
 - C. Did not describe penalties for breaking laws
 - D. Could not be enforced

Answer: A

- 16. The world's largest language group (or linguistic family) is:
 - A. Indo-European
 - B. Semitic

- C. Chinese
- D. Sumerian

Answer: A

Page reference: 42

- 17. Which was among the Seven Wonders of the World?
 - A. Hanging Gardens of Babylon
 - B. Stonehenge
 - C. The Audience Hall at Persepolis
 - D. The caves at Lascaux

Answer: A

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True or False Statements

1. Alexander the Great was allied with the Persians.

Answer: False Page reference: 45

2. Art in Mesopotamian visual culture enabled and reflected political power.

Answer: True

Page reference: 35, 36-38, 39-41

3. Sumerian palaces were called ziggurats.

Answer: False Page reference: 33

4. The representation and ranking of figures according to physical size is called

hieratic scale. Answer: True

Page reference: 35

5. Naram-Sin was among the first Mesopotamian kings to deify himself.

Answer: True

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Essay Questions

1. What are the differences and similarities in the visual characteristics of

Assyrian art and Sumerian art? Page reference: 32-35, 39-41

2. What are the major architectural and ritual forms of a ziggurat?

3. What was the likely function of the sculptures of Tell Asmar?

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4. How is political power communicated in the *Stele of Naram-Sin* and the *Stele of Hammurabi*?

Page reference: 27-38, 39

5. How politically stable was the Mesopotamian region, and how did this have an impact on the arts of the region?

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