**7th Ancient Civilization Assessment Study Guide**

1. In which continent do archeologists feel the first humans evolved?

**Humans originated in Africa.**

2. As humans migrated across the globe over thousands of year, which was the last continent to be populated?

**Humans migrated to South America last**

3. Complete the following chart (p. 30)

Name means Traits

Australopithecus **Southern Ape Stood upright, walked on two legs**

Homo habilis **Handy Man Used stone tools**

Homo erectus **Upright Man Stone tools like axe, controlled fire**

Homo sapiens **Wise Man Same as us, developed language**

4. When historians attempt to understand ancient civilizations what is a more valuable resource than artifacts, skeletal remains, or even ruins of ancient cities?

**Written records, stories, etc.**

5. Define

History **Written and other recorded events of people**

Prehistory **Before recorded events**

Archaeology **Study of history through artifacts and other remains**

Geography **Study of the Earth’s surface**

6. What are some examples of primary source materials?

**A diary, photos, copy of a speech, a first person account**

7. Describe the work of a:

Historian - **Learning about culture, interpreting history, predicting the future based on the past**

Archeologist – **Studies ancient cultures through artifacts and remains**

8. Put the following in order from least to greatest according to population. Civilization, village, nomadic tribe, city

**Nomadic tribe, village, city, civilization**

9. Define

Agricultural revolution –**Mankinds transition from hunting and gathering to farming (food producing)**

Irrigation **Moving water to crops**

Silt – **very fertile dirt and sand carried by running water and deposited after seasonal flooding**

10. The first four civilizations in human history all settled in which landform?

**River valleys**

11. What critical development in human history allowed man to settle in permanent homes, create a surplus of food, and begin the specialization of jobs?

**Development of agriculture (farming)**

12. What problems arose with the development of cities?

**Living in crowded cities, among domesticated animals, with little ability to remove waste led to an increase of disease**

13. Why was the development of writing significant in human history?

**Reliable transfer of information, keeping track of events and business transactions, easier communication, recording history**

14. Why did religion develop among the first humans?

**Explaining natural events**

15. What are critical factors that are necessary for a civilization to develop?

**A steady food and water supply**

16. Which two rivers lie in the Fertile Crescent and create the river valley that Mesopotamia developed in?

**Tigris and Euphrates**

17. Why did Mesopotamia become a center of trade and commerce?

**It is in the crossroads of Europe, Africa, and Asia**

18. In which area of Africa did farming first develop?

**In the delta of Lower Egypt**

19. Why is Lower Egypt in the Northern part of the country?

**The Nile is the only major river to flow North**

20. China was isolated from other civilizations because of the Himalaya Mountains, Oceans, and deserts. What kept Egypt isolated?

**Deserts and Seas**

21. Due to high elevation in the west of China (Tibetan Plateau, Himalayas) which direction do the majority of the rivers flow in the country?

**To the East**

22. Explain India’s monsoon seasons:

Summer – **Winds bring warm moist air from the Indian ocean**

Winter – **Winds bring cool dry air from the Himalayas**

23. What began forming 40 million years ago when the Indian Subcontinent collided with Asia and is still “growing” today?

**Himalaya Mountains**

24. What is Mesopotamia’s first writing called?

**Cuneiform**

25. How did Egyptians view the Pharaohs?

**As Gods on Earth with power over all of Egypt**

26. Why did Egyptian tombs contain not only treasures but food, clothes, and other daily necessities?

**Egyptians believed these would be used in the afterlife**

27. Which civilization bordered Egypt to the South?

**Nubia**

28. What is the belief in China that the Gods give the Emperors the right to rule called?

**Mandate of Heavan**

29. Create the Aryan inspired Caste System chart, which still affects Indian culture today, below: