

Chapter 4 Drill

Answers and explanations can be found in Part IV.

1. Each of the following ancient civilizations developed according to the river valley pattern EXCEPT

- (A) the Egyptian
- (B) the Harappan
- (C) the Sumerian
- (D) the Babylonian
- (E) the Maya

When Meng I Tzu asked what filial duty meant, the Master answered, “It is not being disobedient.” Afterwards when Fan Ch’ih’ was driving him, the Master told him, saying: “Meng Sung asked me what filial piety meant, and I replied: ‘Not being disobedient.’” Fan Ch’ih thereupon asked, “What did you mean?” The Master answered: “While parents live, serve them with decorum; when they are dead, bury them with decorum and sacrifice to them with decorum.”

2. The quotation above most likely comes from which of the following sources?

- (A) *The Art of War*, by Sun Tzu
- (B) *The Avesta*
- (C) *The Tao Te Ching*, by Lao Tzu
- (D) *The Bhagavad Gita*
- (E) *The Analects of Confucius*

3. Which of the following ancient texts is generally acknowledged to be one of the earliest works of world literature?

- (A) *The Epic of Gilgamesh*
- (B) *The New Testament*
- (C) *The Iliad*
- (D) *The Book of the Dead*
- (E) *Aesop’s Fables*

4. Which of the following best describes the primary reason that historians know less about the early civilizations of sub-Saharan Africa than they do about those of Egypt, Mesopotamia, Asia, and Mesoamerica?

- (A) A plague decimated the Bantu population around 1000 B.C.E.
- (B) The early sub-Saharan African civilizations did not develop a system of writing.
- (C) The destruction that followed a series of barbarian invasions wiped out most of the historical record of the Kush empire.
- (D) The sub-Saharan African climate is not conducive to the preservation of historical artifacts.
- (E) Linguists have not been able to decipher the system of writing used during sub-Saharan Africa’s early history.

5. Which of the following was the highest class within the hierarchical caste system of early Hinduism?

- (A) Warriors
- (B) Peasants
- (C) Priests
- (D) Merchants
- (E) Artisans



6. The colossal stone head pictured above most likely comes from which of the following civilizations?
- (A) Hittite
 - (B) Egyptian
 - (C) Chinese
 - (D) Olmec
 - (E) Aztec
7. Which of the following best describes the historical importance of Hammurabi's Code?
- (A) It is a record of the funerary practices of the ancient Egyptians.
 - (B) It is the oldest known example of Persian mythological literature.
 - (C) It contains the most reliable contemporary account of the Punic Wars.
 - (D) It is notable for its depiction of everyday life in ancient Israel.
 - (E) It illustrates the legal system of ancient Mesopotamia.
8. Each of the following is associated with early Buddhist belief EXCEPT
- (A) the Four Noble Truths
 - (B) the Eightfold Path
 - (C) the Mandate of Heaven
 - (D) Nirvana
 - (E) rebirth
9. Which of the following best describes the prominent characteristics of the Maya civilization?
- (A) Monumental architecture, complex religious ritual, widespread agriculture, and highly organized urban society
 - (B) Pastoral society, nomadic population, complex religious ritual, and highly developed artisans
 - (C) Extensive written texts, widespread agriculture, pastoral society, and caste system
 - (D) River valley settlement, no written records, polytheistic religion, monumental architecture
 - (E) Slash-and-burn agriculture, extensive written texts, pastoral society, and textile manufacturing
10. Which of the following is commonly acknowledged as the first urban dynasty in ancient China?
- (A) The Zhou
 - (B) The Shang
 - (C) The Qin
 - (D) The Tang
 - (E) The Xia