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**8TH Grade World History Pre/Post Assessment**

# 1. Which development *most* enabled early peoples to form permanent settlements?

1. advances in agriculture
2. the creation of democratic government
3. the spread of monotheism
4. advances in written language

**2. Hammurabi’s Code of ancient Mesopotamian society was important because it**

1. brought order to society with laws and punishments
2. explained how government officials were chosen.
3. established a single currency for use across the empire.
4. described how to perform formal religious ceremonies.

**3. Use the image below to answer the following question:**

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**The Egyptian structures seen above were constructed to**

1. practice religion ceremonies
2. give slaves a cheap place to live
3. used a palaces for Egyptian nobles
4. protect the tombs of the Pharaohs

## **4. Cuneiform and hieroglyphics were important achievements in the development of**

1. written language
2. religious beliefs
3. agricultural production
4. representative government

**5. What is the main reason that European countries went to the New World?**

**A.** resources and water routes to Asia

**B.** conquer the Native Americans

**C.** spread Christianity throughout the world

**D.** acquire more farmland to produce crops

**6. When Walter Raleigh returned to the Roanoke colony he found all of the following but**

**A.** the houses had been dismantled

**B.** evidence that Natives attacked

**C.** words carved on posts

**D.** evidence that Natives had taken colonists belongings

**7. Which is NOT a major problem the Jamestown colonists encountered when arriving in the New World?**

**A.** diseases like malaria

**B.** laziness of Englishmen

**C.** attacks from Natives

**D.** weak leaders like John Smith

**8. What had the biggest impact on the colony of Jamestown?**

**A.** good farmland

**B.** discovery of gold

**C.** planting of tobacco

**D.** trade with the Natives

**9. Archeologists study:**

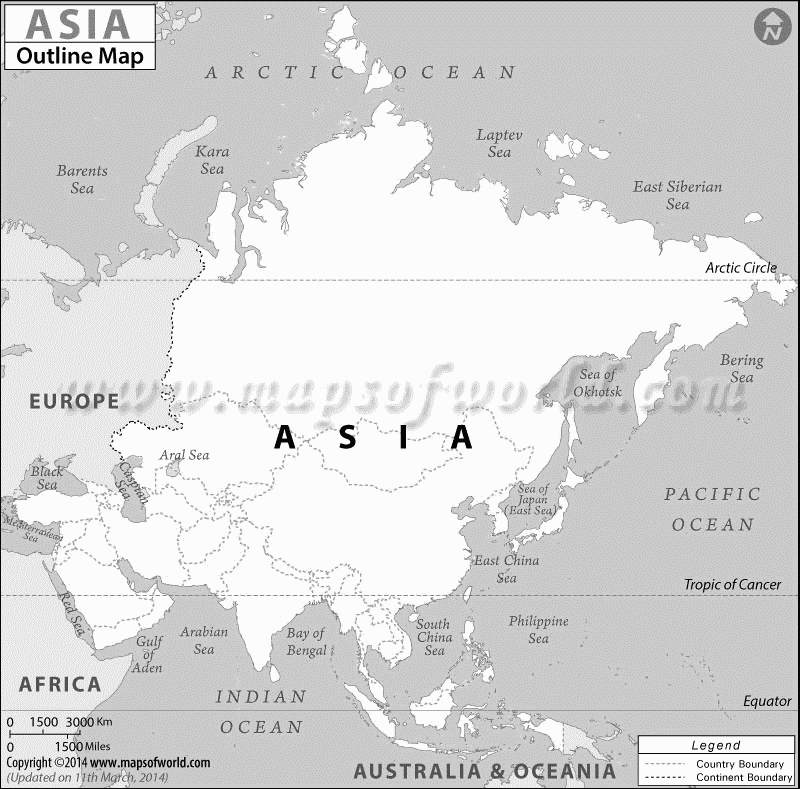
**A**. maps

**B**. artifacts

**C.** laws

**D.** buildings

**10. Use the map below to answer the following question:**



D

C

B

A

**Which letter on the map above was the location of the Indus River Valley civilization?**

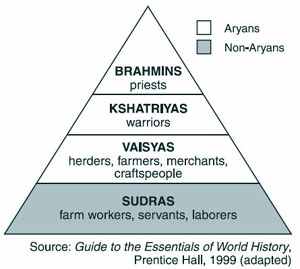
**A.** Location A

**B.** Location B

**C.** Location C

**D.** Location D

**11. Use the image below to answer parts A & B:**

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**A. This caste system was practiced by what ancient civilization?**

**A.** Egyptian

**B.** Babylonian

**C.** Mayan

**D.** Aryan

**B. Which statement about this caste system is accurate?**

1. Different castes shared the same rules for governing their behavior.
2. Foreigners were treated as members of the lowest caste.

**C**  People were required to stay in the same caste to which they were born.

**D**  Castes were encouraged to interact with one another.

**12. What was the main contribution of Emperor Shi Huangdi to China?**

1. He unified most of China under one government.
2. He established a public education system in China.
3. He required citizens to use the Mongol language.
4. He encouraged acceptance of the Hindu religion.

**13. What is the name of the river that flows through Egypt?**

**A.** Nile

**B.** Mediterranean

**C.** Red

**D.** Sahara

**14. What helped historians understand ancient Egyptian hieroglyphics?**

**A.** Rosetta Stone

**B.** King Tut’s tomb

**C.** algebra

**D.** studying sarcophagi

**15. In the 700s A.D., Arabian merchants played an important role in**

1. spreading new technology among Asia, Africa, and Europe.
2. converting large numbers of Western Europeans to Islam.
3. uniting most of Asia and Europe under a single religion.
4. stopping the invasions of nomadic people from Central Asia.

**16. What were the people who were paid to write for a living called?**

**A**. priests

**B.** merchants

**C.** law givers

**D.** scribes

**17. What is the best description of the relationship between the Mesopotamian city-states?**

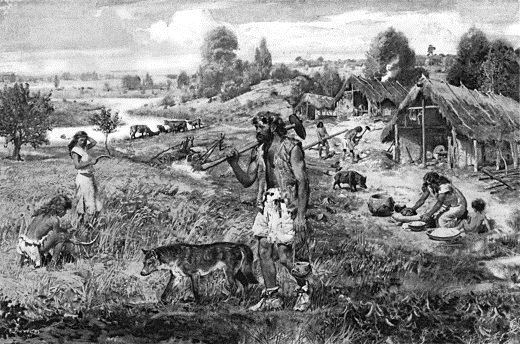
**A**. always fighting over land, power, and wealth

**B.** always ruled by a single leader

**C.** peaceful after the invention of writing

**D.** took turn voting for kings to rule

**18. Use the image below to answer the following question:**

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**This image illustrate which time period during the prehistoric Stone Ages**

**A.** Paleolithic

**B.** Mesolithic

**C.** Neolithic

**19. The system of levees and canals used to divert water to crops is called .**

**A.** irrigation

**B.** agriculture

**C.** specialization

**D.** ziggurats

**20. One of the great achievements of the Indus Valley civilization was**

**A.** number system

**B.** invention of the chariot.

**C.** iron technology.

**D.** plumbing and sewage system.

**21. Colonists were upset by the British taxes on the colonies. One of the main reasons they were upset by these taxes was because…**

**A.** colonists did not benefit from the French and Indian Wars

**B.** the American colonies were too poor to pay the taxes

**C.** the American colonies had no representation in British Parliament

**D.** only some of the colonists had to pay these taxes

**22. What impact did the Boston Massacre have on the British colonists in North America**

**A.** made colonists realize they could fight the British

**B.** angered colonists and united them against the British

**C.** made colonist boycott buying British tea

**D.** saddened colonists and made many move away from Boston

**23. People who move from place to place and have no permanent home are called**

**A.** artisans

**B.** nomads

**C.** yurts

**D.** laden

**24. The 5 MAJOR Inventions in Ancient China are...**

**A.** fireworks, silk, bronze, kites, watch

**B.** bronze, fireworks, cotton, silk, kites

**C.** fireworks, silk, bronze, kites, compass

**25. What is the name of the document that ended the American Revolution and granted the United States all the land south of Canada?**

**A.** Common Sense

**B.** Declaration of Independence

**C.** Treaty of Paris

**D.** U.S. Constitution

**26. Trapped between the Continental Army and the French fleet, the final British defeat occurred at which battle?**

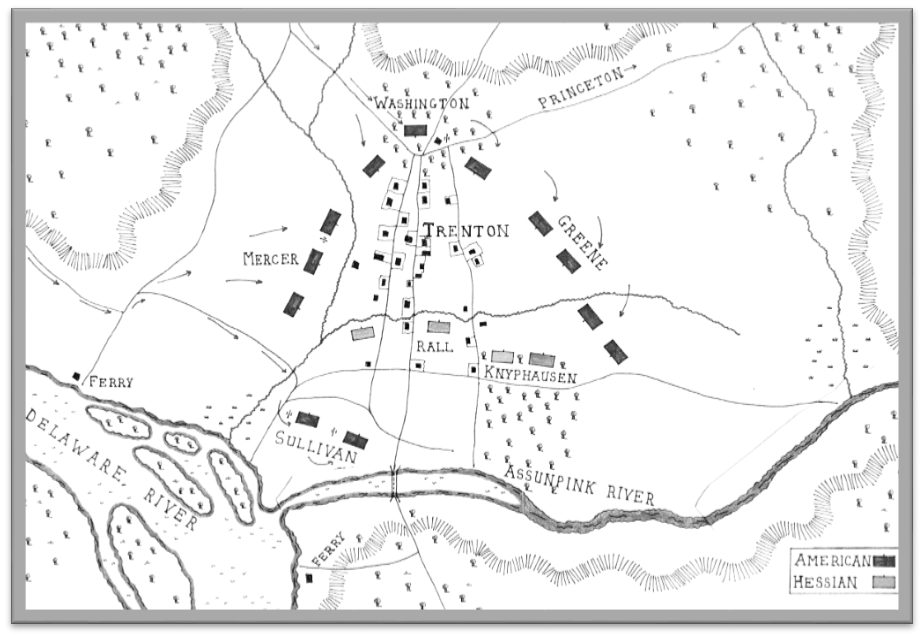
**A.** Trenton

**B.** Yorktown

**C.** Saratoga

**D.** Long Island

**27. Study the map of the Battle of Trenton below.**



**How did Americans feel about George Washington after the battle?**

**A.** He was a strong and intelligent military leader

**B.** His lack of battle plans would lose the war

**C.** He did not have the respect of his soldiers

**D.** He was sneaky and not to be trusted

**28. Democracy means government:**

**A.** By the people

**B.** By the king

**C.** By nobles

**D.** By the military

**29. When the river flooded in the Indus Valley, what valuable natural substance was left behind when the waters receded?**

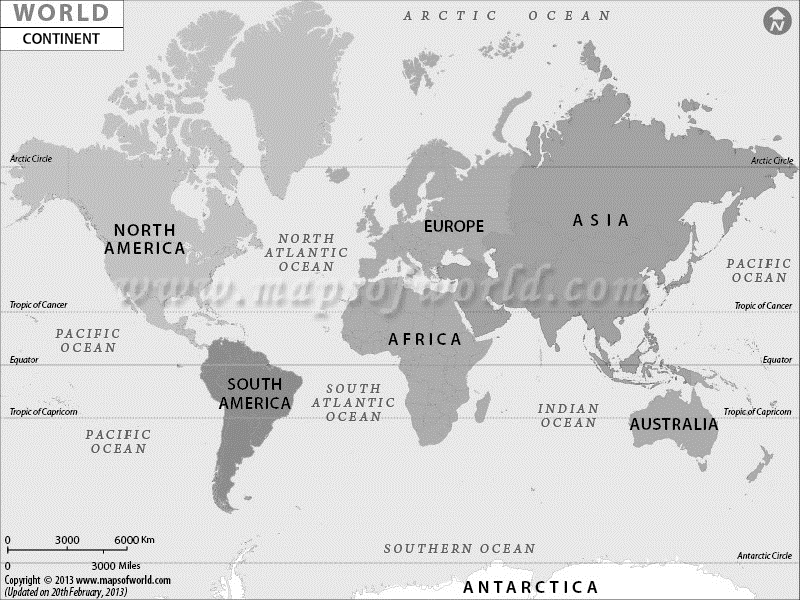
**A.** limestone

**B.** rocks

**C.** clay

**D.** silt

**30. Use the map to answer the following question:**

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**Which continents produced the first civilizations, first towns and first new ideas?**

**A.** Europe and Antarctica

**B.** South America and North America

**C.** Africa and Asia

**D.** Europe and Russia

**31. What power does the President have as head of the Executive Branch?**

**A.** appoint supreme court justices and cabinet members

**B.** decides what a laws means

**C.** collect taxes

**D.** declares laws unconstitutional

**32. The Great Wall of China was built to —**

**A.** close China to foreign trade

**B.** provide a trade route across Asia

**C.** protect China from invaders

**D.** create a monument to Mongol rule

**33. All are jobs of the Legislative Branch EXCEPT**

**A.** declare war

**B.** approve presidential appointments

**C.** collect taxes

**D.** enforce the laws

**34. Which of the following is NOT protected by the first amendment?**

**A.** freedom of speech

**B.** freedom of religion

**C.** right to bear arms

**D.** right to peaceful protest

**35. Which is one way the U.S. Constitution may be amended?**

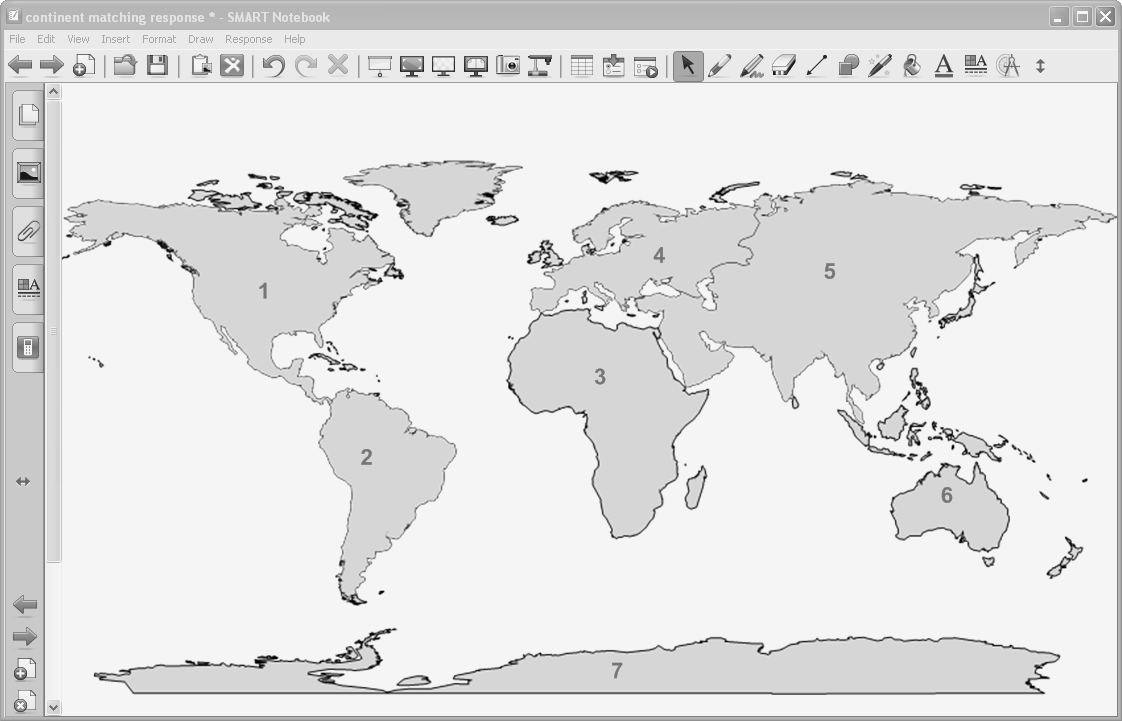
**A.** Supreme Court can make changes

**B.** Congress may propose amendments

**C.** The President can impose changes

**D.** Voters can write in changes on ballots

**36. Use the map below to answer the following question:**



**Which number on this map represents the region where archaeologists believe the first humans appeared?**

**A.** 1

**B.** 2

**C.** 3

**D.** 4

**37. The Silk Road was important because it allowed for the**

**A.** exploration of China by the Roman Army

**B.** exchange of goods and ideas between Asia and the West

**C.** movement of Chinese armies through Southeast Asia

**D.** development of agriculture by the nomadic people of Central Asia

**38. Which of the following statements is true about what was included in the Declaration of Independence?**

**A.** Bill of Rights

**B.** list of bad things that the King of England had done to the colonies

**C.** list of the three branches of government

**D.** threat that the colonies would take over the country of Britain