

**Subject: UAE Social Studies**

**TEXTBOOK-1 UNIT-3: ANCIENT CIVILIZATIONS  
LESSON 3: MESOPOTAMIA AND AGRICULTURE**

**Grade: 5**

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**A. Read the questions and choose the correct option:**

**1. The Tigris and Euphrates were the two main rivers of ancient \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a. Egypt                      b. Mesopotamia                      c. China                      d. India

**2. The word 'Mesopotamia' means \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a. 'the river between plateaus'                      b. 'the land between mountains'  
c. 'the river between plains'                      d. 'the land between rivers'

**3. The Mesopotamian Civilization is also known as the \_\_\_\_\_ Civilization.**

- a. Sumerian                      b. Babylonian                      c. Assyrian                      d. Persian

**4. The '\_\_\_\_\_' region of Mesopotamia is located in present day \_\_\_\_\_ and Iraq.**

- a. Fertile Crescent and Syria'                      b. Syria and Iraq  
c. Iraq and Jordan                      d. Syria and Kuwait

**5. Which of the following statements accurately describes how geography affected the growth of the ancient civilizations of Indus Valley and Mesopotamia?**

- a. River valleys provided rich fertile soil to grow crops.  
b. Large deserts provided many mineral deposits.  
c. Access to the Atlantic Ocean provided trade routes.  
d. Large farms provided protection from invaders.

**6. The Indus Valley Civilization emerged along the River Indus around \_\_\_\_ years ago.**

- a. 2,0000                      b. 3,000                      c. 4,000                      d. 5,000

**7. The Indus Valley Civilization is located in modern \_\_\_\_ and Western \_\_\_\_.**

- a. China, India      b. Pakistan, UAE      c. Pakistan, India      d. Turkey, Middle East

**8. Which famous mountain is located to the North of the Indus Valley Region?**

- a. The Aravalli Mountain range  
b. The Sulaiman mountain range  
c. The Himalayan Mountain range  
d. The Ural Mountain range

**9. Which water body is located to the South of the Indus Valley Region?**

- a. Arabian Sea                      b. Bay of Bengal                      c. Indian Ocean                      d. Caspian Sea

**10. What might happen to the Indus Valley in the absence of the River Indus?**

- a. It would have been an extreme cold region.  
b It would have been a mountainous region.  
b. It would have been an island.  
d. It would have been an arid desert region.

**B. Answer the following questions:**

**1. The area between Tigris and Euphrates rivers was called 'Fertile Crescent.' - Justify.**

**Answer:** The area between Tigris and Euphrates rivers was called 'Fertile Crescent' because the rivers made the land around it \_\_\_\_\_ which was suitable for the \_\_\_\_\_ people to grow \_\_\_\_\_.

**2. Why were the Sumerians called the ‘first farmers’ of the world?**

**Answer:** The Sumerians were called the ‘first farmers’ of the world because they were the first people to discover that when \_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_, they grow into crops. The first known example of this is \_\_\_\_\_. They also discovered that they could grow more \_\_\_\_\_ and developed a system of \_\_\_\_\_.

**3. Define the term ‘Domestication’.**

**Answer:** Domestication is the process of \_\_\_\_\_ for human use.

**4. Explain the impact of domestication of animals in the life of the people of ancient Mesopotamia.**

**Answer:** The impact of domestication of animals in the life of the people of ancient Mesopotamia:

- Increase in \_\_\_\_\_ of crops.
- \_\_\_\_\_ in population and establishment of \_\_\_\_\_ settlements.
- Transformation in \_\_\_\_\_: People no longer spent time \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ for food.
- Commencement of \_\_\_\_\_ (with extra food or \_\_\_\_\_) with people in other villages.

**5. Describe the geographical location of the Indus Valley Civilization.**

**Answer:** The Indus Valley Civilization is located in modern \_\_\_\_\_ and western \_\_\_\_\_. It was surrounded on all sides by \_\_\_\_\_ features including the \_\_\_\_\_ Mountain range to the \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ desert to the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ Sea to the \_\_\_\_\_.

**6. The Indus River played a significant role in the success of the Indus Valley Civilization.**  
**Comment.**

**Answer:**

- The River Indus provided \_\_\_\_\_ of water to the \_\_\_\_\_ plains.
- Fertile land of the river valley region led to \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.
- Small \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ were established \_\_\_\_\_ the River Indus.
- The Indus River leading into the sea \_\_\_\_\_ up trade opportunities with other \_\_\_\_\_ civilizations.

**7. Cross Curricular Link (Art Integration): Label the diagram given below.**

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|----------------|-------------------|------------|-----------|----------|
| 1) River mouth | 2) Mountain range | 3) Glacier | 4) Valley | 5) Plain |
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