

Subject: UAE Social Studies

TEXTBOOK-1 UNIT-3: ANCIENT CIVILIZATIONS

LESSON 3: MESOPOTAMIA AND AGRICULTURE

Grade: 5

A. Read the questions and choose the correct option:

1. The Tigris and Euphrates were the two main rivers of ancient _____.

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

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.
- c. 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.

1) River mouth

2) Mountain range

3) Glacier

4) Valley

5) Plain

