Test Study Guide – Units 1 and 2 (Prehistory, River Valleys)

1. What was the main reason for early humans being nomads?
2. Why did the early civilizations of Mesopotamia, Egypt, Indus Valley, and China arise along rivers?
3. Describe the lifestyle and groupings of early hunter-gatherer societies
4. What were the major changes caused by the agricultural revolution?
5. Which one (Paleolithic or Neolithic) used domesticated animals?
6. What type of religion do people who believe in many gods practice?
7. Where is Stonehenge located?
8. What is the arc of land that stretches from the Persian Gulf to the Mediterranean Sea?
9. Who uses carbon dating to determine the age of objects?
10. When studying prehistoric people, cave drawings allow archaeologists to understand what?
11. What river had the most influence on ancient Egypt?
12. What river had the most influence on ancient India?
13. What river(s) had the most influence on ancient Mesopotamia?
14. What river had the most influence on ancient China?
15. Where do archaeologists believe the first humans appeared?
16. What ancient civilization was build between the Tigris and Euphrates rivers?
17. What was the first major set of written laws?
18. What river valley civilization had the strongest influence on the kingdom of Kush?
19. What geographical feature were all of the earliest cities and civilizations built around?
20. In which form of government does the leader share religious and political power?
21. Were the Egyptians monotheistic or polytheistic?
22. Which civilization had hereditary rulers called pharaohs?
23. Which area was “the land between the rivers”?
24. What was the type of temple that was built in ancient Mesopotamia?
25. What writing system, used by the Egyptians, took the form of pictures that might look like birds, snails, or other objects?
26. What was the wedge-shaped writing form that people of Mesopotamia used?
27. How and why would agriculture lead to larger and more successful permanent settlements?
28. What kinds of things do archaeologists study?
29. Describe Hammurabi’s Code and its punishments
30. What are the differences between Hammurabi’s Code and the Ten Commandments?
31. What were the characteristics of the Phoenicians?
32. Know the location of the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers
33. Know the location of the Nile River
34. Know the location of the Indus River
35. Know the location of the Huang He River