World History I SOL Review Questions A (Units 1, 2, and 3)

1. Where did Homo Sapiens first emerge?

Eastern Africa

1. List 5 things that characterized early humans

Hunter-gatherers, nomadic, fire, cave art, simple tools

1. Early humans depended on wild plants and animal life to survive. What did this make them?

Hunter-gatherers

1. Early humans were forced to migrate to new locations for food. What did this make them?

Nomads

1. What was the Paleolithic Era?

Old Stone Age

1. What was the Agricultural Revolution / Neolithic Revolution?

The introduction of farming and agriculture – the shift from the Paleolithic Era to the Neolithic Era

1. What was the Neolithic Era?

New Stone Age

1. List 5 things that characterized Neolithic humans

Farming/agriculture, domesticated animals, permanent settlements, job specialization, advanced tools

1. What do archaeologists study?

Physical remains, artifacts, etc.

1. How do archaeologists find out the age of fossils and artifacts?

Carbon dating / radiocarbon dating

1. What was the archaeological site in England that was begun during the Neolithic Age and completed during the Bronze Age?

Stonehenge

1. Because of agricultural surpluses, certain people were able to engage in tasks and jobs other than farming. What was this called?

Job specialization

1. Name the 4 major River Valley Civilizations

Mesopotamia, Egypt, India (Indus River Valley), China (Huang He River Valley)

1. What river did the Egyptian civilization begin around?

Nile River

1. What river(s) did the Mesopotamian civilization begin around?

Tigris and Euphrates Rivers

1. Describe the Fertile Crescent

Area of fertile land (good for farming) stretching from the bottom of Mesopotamia and across to the coast of the Mediterranean Sea

1. What river did the Indian civilization begin around?

Indus River

1. What physical barriers surrounded early Indian civilization?

Indian Ocean, Hindu Kush Mountains, Himalayan Mountains

1. What river did the Chinese civilization begin around?

Huang He River

1. Why did early civilizations begin around rivers?

Fresh water and the rivers provided nutrients for the plants and made the soil good for farming

1. What does polytheistic mean?

Belief in many gods

1. What does monotheistic mean?

Belief in one god

1. What kind of religion did Sumer have?

Polytheistic

1. What was a Ziggurat? Which civilization were they associated with?

Tiered religious temple that looked like a layered pyramid. Sumer/Sumerians

1. What writing system developed in ancient Sumer?

Cuneiform

1. What was the significance of Hammurabi’s Code?

First written law code

1. What kind of religion did Egypt have?

Polytheistic

1. What writing system developed in ancient Egypt?

Hieroglyphics

1. What type of government did ancient Egypt have?

Theocracy (religion and government were mixed)

1. Where did Hinduism begin?

India

1. Was Hinduism monotheistic or polytheistic?

Polytheistic

1. What were the holy texts of Hinduism (there were two of them)?

Vedas and Upanishads

1. Describe the Caste System

Social class system of India/Hinduism

1. What was Reincarnation?

Rebirth into a new body after you die

1. Who founded Buddhism? Where was Buddhism founded?

Siddhartha Gautama. India

1. Which emperor of India converted to Buddhism and spread it? What empire was he associated with?

Asoka. Mauryan Empire of India

1. Which major country/region did Buddhism spread to?

China

1. What were the Four Noble Truths?

1-Life is suffering

2-There is a cause to our suffering

3-There is an end to suffering

4-The end to suffering is contained in the Eightfold Path

1. Describe the importance of the Eightfold Path

The steps one must follow to achieve enlightenment, according to Buddhism

1. Who was the founder of the Hebrews?

Abraham

1. Were the Hebrews monotheistic or polytheistic?

Monotheistic

1. Which culture was associated with Diaspora?

Hebrews

1. What was the set of rules for the Hebrew people?

10 Commandments

1. What was the holy text of the Hebrews?

Torah

1. What writing system did the Phoenicians develop?

Alphabet

1. What were the characteristics of the Phoenicians and their trade?

Sea traders who trades with people along the Meditteranean Sea. Established colonies. Traded purple dye

1. What type of government did ancient Persia have?

Imperial Bureaucracy

1. What was the official religion of Persia?

Zoroastrianism

1. Was Persia’s religion monotheistic or polytheistic?

Monotheistic

1. Which culture was associated with the Royal Road?

Persia

1. What was the significance of the Royal Road?

Connected the Persian Empire and made trade/travel/communication easier

1. Who built the Great Wall of China?

Qin Shi Huangdi

1. Why was the Great Wall of China built?

To defend China from northern invaders

1. Which culture was associated with The Mandate of Heaven?

China

1. What was the Mandate of Heaven?

Divine will of Heaven that a certain person is the ruler. A ruler must be just in order to keep the Mandate of Heaven

1. What were the key characteristics of Confucianism?

-Belief that humans are good, not bad

-Respect for elders

-Code of politeness

-Emphasis on education

-Ancestor worship

1. What were the key characteristics of Taoism/Daoism?

-Humility (humbleness)

-Simple life and inner peace

-Harmony with nature

1. What symbol/idea is used to represent opposites in both Confucianism and Taoism?

-Yin and Yang