

Chapter 2 Examination Questions

Multiple Choice

1. The oldest city known to archeologists emerged in human history
 - a. 50,000 years ago.
 - b. 10,000 years ago.
 - c. in 3500 B.C.E.
 - d. in 350 B.C.E.

Correct Answer: B

2.1: Examine the cosmic calendar to better understand the urban evolution

Topic/Concept: Urban Origins

Difficulty Level: Easy

Skill Level: Understand the Concepts

2. In 2010, the percentage of the world's population living in cities was
 - a. 19%.
 - b. 33%.
 - c. 47%.
 - d. 52%.

Correct Answer: D

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3. According to archeologists, populations began to settle in fertile places
 - a. because of increased population density.
 - b. because of slavery.
 - c. during the 5th century B.C.E.
 - d. in Europe first.

Correct Answer: A

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4. The early settlements were characterized by
 - a. a relatively complex division of labor.
 - b. a relatively egalitarian division of tasks.
 - c. a population of hunters and gatherers.
 - d. a lack of political structure.

Correct Answer: A

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5. The oldest city, which showed imposing fortifications including a surrounding wall and tower, was
- Rome.
 - Jericho.
 - Athens.
 - Budapest.

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6. Cities that controlled the neighboring regions and villages are called
- city-states.
 - Meso-states.
 - middle-states.
 - political-states.

Correct Answer: A

2.2: Recall some of the early city-states and the urban empires

Topic/Concept: City-States and Urban Empires

Difficulty Level: Easy

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7. The study of early urban settlements reveals
- continuous development over the millennia.
 - a continuity in developmental patterns.
 - that cities do not grow in population over time.
 - that cities will grow without financial security.

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8. Mesopotamia was characterized by
- theocratic political regimes.
 - political stability.
 - a diversity of cultures.
 - matriarchal rule.

Correct Answer: A

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9. The archeological record of Egyptian cities is less detailed due to
- earthquakes.
 - building materials.
 - wars.
 - fires.

Correct Answer: B

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10. Egyptian cities were symbols of
- simplicity.
 - democracy.
 - the pharaohs' power.
 - military wealth.

Correct Answer: C

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11. A gridiron street layout with a well-established city sanitation system are characteristics of
- Mesopotamia.
 - Jericho.
 - Liangzhu.
 - Moenjo-Daro.

Correct Answer: D

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12. The pattern of Chinese cities
- is very similar to that of Egyptian cities.
 - is more diffused than in other areas.
 - reveals the concentration of priests, rulers, craftpeople and traders within the city walls.
 - All of the above.

Correct Answer: B

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13. In Mesoamerica,
- cities were farming centers.
 - only few people resided permanently in the cities at the beginning.
 - cities were political rather than religious centers.
 - cities never supported populations larger than 20,000.

Correct Answer: B

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14. This country's cities were characterized by the number of commercial ties across Southern Europe, a level of egalitarianism, and destructive war.
- Italy
 - China
 - America
 - Greece

Correct Answer: D

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15. The Roman civilization was
- based on Christianity.
 - based on the expression of militaristic power.

- c. based on principles of moderation.
- d. based on the democratic principle of human participation.

Correct Answer: B

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16. Following the collapse of the Roman Empire, cities in Europe
- a. experienced new, rapid growth.
 - b. became smaller or disappeared.
 - c. grew steadily.
 - d. began to trade more regularly.

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17. The revival of cities during the 11th century is explained by
- a. the Crusades.
 - b. the emergence of a ruling government.
 - c. the decrease in trade and specialization.
 - d. the growth of military.

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18. Renaissance humanists saw cities as
- a. ideal places for human development.
 - b. dangerous and unhealthy.
 - c. necessary but problematic.
 - d. centers of religious life.

Correct Answer: A

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19. Medieval cities, circa 1350, include all but which one of the following?
- Gridiron streets
 - Defensive walls
 - The fortress of the local lord
 - A market plaza

Correct Answer: A

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20. The Black Plague
- began in 1253.
 - killed at least one-fourth of the European population.
 - had a more devastating effect in rural areas.
 - lasted less than a year.

Correct Answer: B

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21. A demographic transition refers to
- the fact that women began to have more children.
 - the fact that families became smaller.
 - the fact that birth rates remained high while death rates decreased dramatically.
 - a rapid decline in birth rates combined with urban migration.

Correct Answer: C

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22. London emerged as
- a Greek city-state.
 - a Roman outpost.
 - the political center of Great Britain.
 - a shipbuilding center.

Correct Answer: B

2.3: Review the genesis of the modern city where commerce replaced agriculture as the primary mode of making a living

Topic/Concept: The Rise of Modern Cities
Difficulty Level: Easy
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23. London became a world city during the 16th century because of all but which of the following?
- The discovery of the Americas
 - Its efficient sailing fleet
 - Its wool production
 - Its infrastructure

Correct Answer: D

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True/False

24. Cities have always been a part of human history.

Correct Answer: F

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25. The emergence of the first cities occurred some 10,000 years ago.

Correct Answer: T

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26. The first permanent settlements promoted specialization of tasks.

Correct Answer: T

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27. The beginning of city life took hold around 7,000 B.C.E.

Correct Answer: F

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28. The first city-states emerged in Mesopotamia.

Correct Answer: T

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29. In Catal Hüyük, house entrances were on the roof to protect the household from floods and wild animals.

Correct Answer: T

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30. In Mesopotamia, all early cities were ruled by a military ruler.

Correct Answer: F

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31. The Egyptians encircled their cities with high protective walls.

Correct Answer: T

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32. Egyptian cities are characterized by social inequality.

Correct Answer: T

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33. Tensions between pharaohs divided Egypt into many independent areas.

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34. Cities in the Indus region did not have a single leader in comparison to other Egyptian cities.

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35. Moenjo-Daro was built in a gridiron pattern.

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36. Central American cities emerged as ceremonial centers.

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37. Both Roman and Greek cities magnified military power at the expense of their other citizens.

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38. At its height, the Roman Empire included almost half of the world's population.

Correct Answer: T

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39. During the Middle Ages, many people gathered to cities to seek protection from barbarians.

Correct Answer: F

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Skill Level: Apply What You Know

40. The Church was a central component of social life during medieval times.

Correct Answer: T

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41. The Renaissance movement first emerged in Italian city-states such as Florence, Venice, Palermo, and Milan.

Correct Answer: T

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42. In the pre-industrial era, life expectancy was typically under 40 years.

Correct Answer: T

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43. The spread of activities to British colonies decreased the economic importance of London.

Correct Answer: F

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Essay/Discussion

44. What are some combining factors that facilitate the growth of cities over time? Think about the physical, social, economic, political, and other possible factors.

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45. Consider life in contemporary society. How is modern city life different that historical life? How are they the same?

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46. Using an early city from the text as an example, discuss the validity of conceptualizing history as “progress.”

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