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Mesopotamia Test

1. _____ The major temple in a Sumerian city-state
2. _____ The writing system developed in Mesopotamia
3. _____ Fertile soil left behind by rivers
4. _____ To defeat or take over
5. _____ A walled city and the surrounding farmland

- A. Silt
- B. City-State
- C. Ziggurat
- D. Cuneiform
- E. Conquer

Choose the letter of the choice that best answers the question

1. How did the Sumerians benefit from the flooding of the Tigris and Euphrates?
 - a. The floods left behind fertile silt on the ground that was good for farming
 - b. They were able to water their crops with the flood waters
 - c. The floods washed away their villages and allowed them to start building a new one
2. What made the flooding of the rivers difficult for the Sumerians?
 - a. The floods sometimes did not bring any silt with them
 - b. The floods always ruined their villages and made them move
 - c. Sometimes sharks washed up on shore and ate people
3. Which region of Mesopotamia would be best for farming, and why?
 - a. Northern Mesopotamia because of its mountainous terrain
 - b. Southern Mesopotamia because of its mountainous terrain
 - c. Southern Mesopotamia because of its alluvial plain
4. Why did Hammurabi post his laws in every city-state?
 - a. So that people would be aware of the laws and the consequences
 - b. So that people could add laws as they created new ones
 - c. He wanted people to learn to read and write
5. Why did people begin using bronze to make tools and weapons?
 - a. It is heavier than stones
 - b. Bronze can be made sharper and into more shapes than stones can
 - c. Bronze is shinier than rock
6. Which of the following words mean "land between the rivers"?
 - a. Fertile Crescent
 - b. Mesopotamia
 - c. Ur

7. Which of the following social classes had a larger population?
 - a. The King and his family
 - b. Slaves
 - c. Merchants, craftworkers, farmers, scribes

8. How can a kingdom become an empire?
 - a. They have to conquer different lands and people
 - b. They can develop new technologies
 - c. They can start calling their king "emperor"