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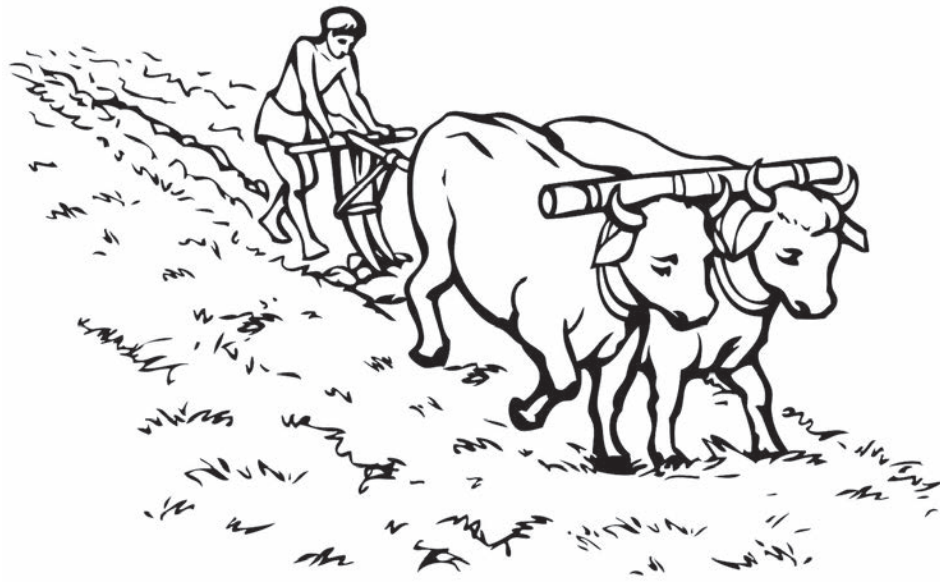
Characteristics of Early Civilizations

- Located near river valleys
- Development of irrigation techniques
- The creation of social classes in urban areas

Which statement **best** explains the importance of these characteristics on the economies of early civilizations?

- A.** Farmers produced food surpluses.
- B.** Food shortages became a greater risk.
- C.** People continued nomadic migration.
- D.** Hunting replaced agriculture as the primary activity.

00. Study the image and answer the question.



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How did this development promote the growth of Mesopotamian civilization?

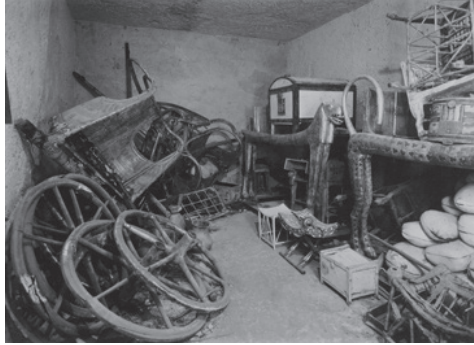
- A.** by preventing floods from destroying crops
- B.** by making it possible to farm larger fields
- C.** by marking the boundaries of cities
- D.** by contributing to the defense of cities

- 00.** Which statement **best** explains a characteristic of polytheistic beliefs in Mesopotamian civilizations?
- A.** Rulers used religion to justify their authority.
 - B.** The types of crops grown were restricted by religious practices.
 - C.** Priests had to approve all written documents.
 - D.** Merchants received privileges based on their religion.

- 00.** Which two sentences describe the geography of ancient Egypt?
- A.** The Nile Delta was located in Lower Egypt.
 - B.** The Sahara formed the southern border of Egypt.
 - C.** Most of the cities were located along the Mediterranean Sea.
 - D.** The Red Sea formed the northern border of Egypt.
 - E.** Most of the farmland was located along the Nile River.

00. Look at the sources and answer the question.

Tomb of Tutankhamun



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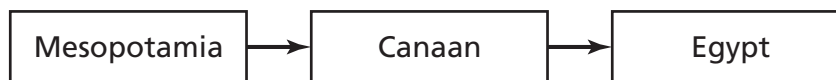


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Which statement **best** explains the significance of these objects?

- A. They showed that people left offerings outside the burial sites of family members.
- B. They were the first evidence of the wheel in the ancient world.
- C. They showed that wild animals had been domesticated.
- D. They provided knowledge of an ancient civilization's culture.

00. Study the diagram and answer the question.



Which group is **most commonly** associated with the migration described by this diagram?

- A. Babylonians
- B. Hittites
- C. Nubians
- D. Israelites

- 00.** How did the Yellow River Valley influence early Chinese settlements?
- A.** Villages were close to the water because of deserts on either side of the river.
 - B.** The water provided a way to trade with other villages along the river.
 - C.** Corn was the main crop grown due to frequent flooding.
 - D.** Abundant supplies of fish made it unnecessary to domesticate animals.

00. Look at the photograph and answer the question.

Great Wall of China



Courtesy of the Library of Congress

Why did the Emperor Shi Huangdi build this structure?

- A.** to honor Chinese ancestors
- B.** to establish a new trade route
- C.** to defend the northern Chinese border
- D.** to improve communications between cities

00. Read the source and answer the question.

The geography of Greece is a primary . . . feature of the culture and lives of the ancient populations who lived there.

—Mark Damen, Utah State University

Which two characteristics provide evidence for this statement?

- A.** Mountains contributed to the development of independent city-states.
- B.** A lack of good harbors discouraged foreign trade.
- C.** Limited land for farming created a need for colonies.
- D.** A lack of natural resources decreased military strength.
- E.** Long coastlines prevented successful invasions by foreign civilizations.

- 00.** Which statement about citizenship in the ancient Greek polis is correct?
- A.** Women had equal rights and responsibilities as citizens.
 - B.** Foreigners could purchase rights of citizenship in a polis.
 - C.** Slaves who fought in the military had rights as citizens.
 - D.** Men who owned land were granted citizenship.

00. Study the source and answer the question.

Spread of Hellenistic Culture



Which two factors allowed Hellenistic culture to flourish throughout the darker-shaded region during the fourth century BCE?

- A. the explorations of Odysseus
- B. the formation of the Delian League
- C. the conquests of Alexander the Great
- D. the growth of the Peloponnesian League
- E. the expansion of Greek trade networks

- 00.** Where was Constantinople located?
- A.** in the center of the Italian Peninsula
 - B.** on the coast of the Peloponnesian Peninsula
 - C.** at the entrance to the Black Sea
 - D.** on the banks of the Tiber River

00. Which actions are associated with Julius Caesar's rule?

A.

- Established the Pax Romana
- Assassinated by Roman Senators

B.

- Established the Pax Romana
- Became the first emperor of Rome

C.

- Started a civil war by crossing the Rubicon River
- Assassinated by Roman Senators

D.

- Started a civil war by crossing the Rubicon River
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- 00.** Which action was Paul most associated with in early Christianity?
- A.** spreading Christian beliefs
 - B.** making Christianity the state religion
 - C.** legalizing Christianity
 - D.** founding Christian monasteries

- 00.** Which two statements correctly describe causes of the fall of the Western Roman Empire?
- A.** Slave revolts led to a decline in long-distance trade networks.
 - B.** Corruption was widespread among officials in government.
 - C.** Repeated crop failures and disease significantly reduced the population.
 - D.** The capital city was relocated closer to trade routes.
 - E.** The military was unable to prevent invasions across the border.

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