

# MPSC Meghalaya LDA: World History High-Yield Guide

(50 Solved High-Probability MCQs)

Meghalaya Exam History Series

## Part I: High-Yield World History Notes & Tables

### 1. Ancient Bronze Age Civilizations

Civilization	Modern Area	River Valley
Mesopotamian	Iraq	Tigris and Euphrates
Egyptian	Egypt	Nile
Harappan	India and Pakistan	Indus
Chinese	China	Hwang-Ho

### 2. Major World Battles & Wars

Battle/War	Year	Significance
Battle of Waterloo	1815	Final defeat of Napoleon Bonaparte.
Russo-Japanese War	1904-05	First time an Asian power defeated a European power.
First Battle of Marne	1914	France defeated Germany in WWI.
Battle of Jutland	1916	Major naval battle between England and Germany.
Attack on Pearl Harbor	1941	Led to USA's entry into World War II.

## Part II: Practice MCQs

- Which of the following is considered the oldest civilization of the world? **[Ans: (a) Mesopotamian]**  
(a) Mesopotamian  
(b) Egyptian  
(c) Harappan  
(d) Chinese
- The word 'Mesopotamia' literally means: **[Ans: (b) Land between the rivers]**  
(a) Land of the Sun  
(b) Land between the rivers  
(c) Land of the pyramids  
(d) Land of the Gods
- Hammurabi, the greatest Babylonian ruler who gave a famous code of laws, belonged to: **[Ans: (c) Iraq]**

- (a) Egypt
  - (b) Turkey
  - (c) Iraq
  - (d) Greece
4. The law of 'eye for eye' and 'tooth for tooth' is associated with: **[Ans: (b) Code of Hammurabi]**
- (a) Magna Carta
  - (b) Code of Hammurabi
  - (c) Napoleonic Code
  - (d) Roman Law
5. Which ancient civilization was the first to make regular use of horses and iron implements? **[Ans: (c) Hittites]**
- (a) Sumerians
  - (b) Babylonians
  - (c) Hittites
  - (d) Egyptians
6. The 'Potter's wheel' and 'Glass ware' were perhaps first used in: **[Ans: (a) Mesopotamia]**
- (a) Mesopotamia
  - (b) Egypt
  - (c) China
  - (d) India
7. The Egyptian Civilization flourished along the banks of which river? **[Ans: (b) Nile]**
- (a) Tigris
  - (b) Nile
  - (c) Amazon
  - (d) Congo
8. 'Renaissance' (Rebirth) first started in the 14th century in which country? **[Ans: (c) Italy]**
- (a) France
  - (b) England
  - (c) Italy
  - (d) Germany
9. Who is known as the 'Father of Humanism'? **[Ans: (b) Petrarch]**
- (a) Dante
  - (b) Petrarch
  - (c) Machiavelli
  - (d) Erasmus
10. The famous painting 'Mona Lisa' was the work of: **[Ans: (a) Leonardo da Vinci]**
- (a) Leonardo da Vinci
  - (b) Michelangelo

- (c) Raphael  
(d) Donatello
11. Who discovered the sea route to India in 1498? **[Ans: (c) Vasco da Gama]**
- (a) Columbus  
(b) Magellan  
(c) Vasco da Gama  
(d) Bartolomeu Dias
12. The 'Reformation' movement against the Roman Catholic Church was led by: **[Ans: (b) Martin Luther]**
- (a) John Calvin  
(b) Martin Luther  
(c) Zwingli  
(d) Henry VIII
13. The 'Boston Tea Party' (1773) is an event associated with: **[Ans: (a) American War of Independence]**
- (a) American Revolution  
(b) French Revolution  
(c) Russian Revolution  
(d) Industrial Revolution
14. "No Taxation without Representation" was the slogan of: **[Ans: (c) American Revolutionaries]**
- (a) French peasants  
(b) British workers  
(c) American Revolutionaries  
(d) Russian serfs
15. Who was the primary author of the American Declaration of Independence (1776)? **[Ans: (b) Thomas Jefferson]**
- (a) George Washington  
(b) Thomas Jefferson  
(c) Benjamin Franklin  
(d) Abraham Lincoln
16. The French Revolution broke out in the year: **[Ans: (b) 1789]**
- (a) 1776  
(b) 1789  
(c) 1799  
(d) 1804
17. The fall of which prison fortress is celebrated as the National Day of France? **[Ans: (c) Bastille]**
- (a) Versailles  
(b) Tuileries  
(c) Bastille

- (d) Verdun
18. "I am the State" was the famous declaration of: [Ans: (b) Louis XIV]
- (a) Napoleon
  - (b) Louis XIV
  - (c) Louis XVI
  - (d) Tsar Nicholas II
19. Napoleon Bonaparte was finally defeated in the Battle of: [Ans: (c) Waterloo]
- (a) Austerlitz
  - (b) Leipzig
  - (c) Waterloo
  - (d) Trafalgar
20. The Industrial Revolution first began in: [Ans: (b) England]
- (a) France
  - (b) England
  - (c) USA
  - (d) Germany
21. Who invented the 'Steam Engine'? [Ans: (c) James Watt]
- (a) George Stephenson
  - (b) John Kay
  - (c) James Watt
  - (d) Hargreaves
22. The 'Unification of Germany' was completed under the leadership of: [Ans: (b) Otto von Bismarck]
- (a) Kaiser William I
  - (b) Otto von Bismarck
  - (c) Hitler
  - (d) Mazzini
23. 'Blood and Iron' policy is associated with: [Ans: (a) Bismarck]
- (a) Bismarck
  - (b) Napoleon
  - (c) Garibaldi
  - (d) Cavour
24. The Russian Revolution (Bolshevik Revolution) took place in: [Ans: (c) 1917]
- (a) 1905
  - (b) 1914
  - (c) 1917
  - (d) 1921
25. Who was the leader of the Bolsheviks during the Russian Revolution? [Ans: (b) Lenin]

- (a) Stalin
  - (b) Lenin
  - (c) Trotsky
  - (d) Kerensky
26. The immediate cause of World War I was the assassination of: **[Ans: (a) Archduke Franz Ferdinand]**
- (a) Archduke Franz Ferdinand
  - (b) Tsar Nicholas II
  - (c) Kaiser William II
  - (d) Abraham Lincoln
27. World War I ended with the signing of the Treaty of: **[Ans: (b) Versailles]**
- (a) Sèvres
  - (b) Versailles
  - (c) Paris
  - (d) Trianon
28. The 'League of Nations' was established after which war? **[Ans: (a) World War I]**
- (a) World War I
  - (b) World War II
  - (c) Napoleonic Wars
  - (d) Cold War
29. Fascism in Italy was led by: **[Ans: (c) Benito Mussolini]**
- (a) Adolf Hitler
  - (b) General Franco
  - (c) Benito Mussolini
  - (d) Stalin
30. 'Mein Kampf' is the autobiography of: **[Ans: (b) Adolf Hitler]**
- (a) Mussolini
  - (b) Adolf Hitler
  - (c) Goebbels
  - (d) Himmler
31. World War II began when Germany invaded: **[Ans: (c) Poland]**
- (a) France
  - (b) Austria
  - (c) Poland
  - (d) USSR
32. The 'United Nations Organization' (UNO) was established on: **[Ans: (c) 24 October 1945]**
- (a) 15 August 1945
  - (b) 1 January 1945

- (c) 24 October 1945  
(d) 10 December 1948
33. Atomic bombs were dropped by the USA on which two Japanese cities? **[Ans: (b) Hiroshima and Nagasaki]**
- (a) Tokyo and Osaka  
(b) Hiroshima and Nagasaki  
(c) Kyoto and Nara  
(d) Nagoya and Sapporo
34. The First Opium War was fought between China and: **[Ans: (b) Britain]**
- (a) France  
(b) Britain  
(c) Japan  
(d) Russia
35. Who is known as the 'Lady with the Lamp'? **[Ans: (a) Florence Nightingale]**
- (a) Florence Nightingale  
(b) Mother Teresa  
(c) Sarojini Naidu  
(d) Joan of Arc
36. The philosopher who wrote 'The Social Contract' was: **[Ans: (c) Jean-Jacques Rousseau]**
- (a) Voltaire  
(b) Montesquieu  
(c) Jean-Jacques Rousseau  
(d) John Locke
37. The 'Cold War' primarily involved the rivalry between: **[Ans: (b) USA and USSR]**
- (a) Britain and France  
(b) USA and USSR  
(c) Germany and Japan  
(d) India and Pakistan
38. "Liberty, Equality, Fraternity" was the motto of which revolution? **[Ans: (b) French Revolution]**
- (a) American Revolution  
(b) French Revolution  
(c) Russian Revolution  
(d) Glorious Revolution
39. The 'Statue of Liberty' was gifted to the USA by: **[Ans: (c) France]**
- (a) Britain  
(b) Germany  
(c) France  
(d) Italy

40. Who was the first person to sail around the world? [Ans: (b) Ferdinand Magellan]
- (a) Christopher Columbus
  - (b) Ferdinand Magellan
  - (c) Amerigo Vespucci
  - (d) Captain Cook
41. The Russo-Japanese War of 1904-05 ended with the Treaty of: [Ans: (c) Portsmouth]
- (a) Shimonoseki
  - (b) Peking
  - (c) Portsmouth
  - (d) Tokyo
42. The 'Declaration of the Rights of Man and of the Citizen' is associated with: [Ans: (b) French Revolution]
- (a) American Revolution
  - (b) French Revolution
  - (c) Russian Revolution
  - (d) Magna Carta
43. The 'Zollverein' was a customs union formed in: [Ans: (c) Germany]
- (a) Italy
  - (b) France
  - (c) Germany
  - (d) Austria
44. Which country was known as the 'Sick Man of Europe' in the 19th century? [Ans: (b) Ottoman Empire (Turkey)]
- (a) Austria
  - (b) Turkey
  - (c) Russia
  - (d) Poland
45. The 'Great Wall of China' was primarily built to protect against: [Ans: (c) Mongols]
- (a) Japanese
  - (b) Indians
  - (c) Mongols
  - (d) Persians
46. The 'Apartheid' system was a policy of racial discrimination in: [Ans: (d) South Africa]
- (a) USA
  - (b) Australia
  - (c) Kenya
  - (d) South Africa
47. Who said, "Man is born free, and everywhere he is in chains"? [Ans: (c) Rousseau]

- (a) Voltaire
  - (b) Marx
  - (c) Rousseau
  - (d) Montesquieu
48. The 'Magna Carta' was signed in England in the year: **[Ans: (a) 1215]**
- (a) 1215
  - (b) 1066
  - (c) 1688
  - (d) 1707
49. The headquarters of the United Nations is located in: **[Ans: (b) New York]**
- (a) Geneva
  - (b) New York
  - (c) Paris
  - (d) London
50. Which battle in World War II is considered the turning point on the Eastern Front? **[Ans: (c) Battle of Stalingrad]**
- (a) Battle of Britain
  - (b) Battle of Midway
  - (c) Battle of Stalingrad
  - (d) Battle of El Alamein