**Which civilization is credited with developing the earliest form of writing?**  
A) Ancient Egypt  
B) Sumerians  
C) Indus Valley Civilization  
D) Ancient Chinese  
**Correct Answer: B) Sumerians**

**What is the name of the writing system used by the Sumerians?**  
A) Hieroglyphics  
B) Latin  
C) Cuneiform  
D) Pictograms  
**Correct Answer: C) Cuneiform**

**The first recorded use of writing dates back to approximately which year?**  
A) 2000 BCE  
B) 3500 BCE  
C) 500 CE  
D) 1000 CE  
**Correct Answer: B) 3500 BCE**

**What was the primary material used for writing in ancient Mesopotamia?**  
A) Papyrus  
B) Clay tablets  
C) Animal skins  
D) Wood  
**Correct Answer: B) Clay tablets**

**Which ancient civilization developed hieroglyphics as their writing system?**  
A) Sumerians  
B) Ancient Egyptians  
C) Phoenicians  
D) Babylonians  
**Correct Answer: B) Ancient Egyptians**

**What was the main purpose of writing in ancient civilizations?**  
A) Artistic expression  
B) Record-keeping and administration  
C) Personal communication  
D) Religious rituals  
**Correct Answer: B) Record-keeping and administration**

**Which of the following is NOT a writing system used in ancient times?**  
A) Cuneiform  
B) Hieroglyphics  
C) Alphabetic script  
D) Morse code  
**Correct Answer: D) Morse code**

**What was the first known written law code in history?**  
A) The Twelve Tables  
B) Hammurabi's Code  
C) The Code of Ur-Nammu  
D) The Magna Carta  
**Correct Answer: B) Hammurabi's Code**

**The Rosetta Stone was crucial in deciphering which writing system?**  
A) Cuneiform  
B) Latin  
C) Hieroglyphics  
D) Greek  
**Correct Answer: C) Hieroglyphics**

**Which writing system is considered the ancestor of modern alphabets?**  
A) Cuneiform  
B) Phoenician alphabet  
C) Hieroglyphics  
D) Chinese characters  
**Correct Answer: B) Phoenician alphabet**

**What type of writing did the Indus Valley Civilization use?**  
A) Cuneiform  
B) Hieroglyphics  
C) Indus script  
D) Latin  
**Correct Answer: C) Indus script**

**Which of the following was a major development in the history of writing?**  
A) The invention of the printing press  
B) The use of metal styluses  
C) The development of ink  
D) The invention of papyrus  
**Correct Answer: A) The invention of the printing press**

**Who was the ancient Babylonian king known for his law code inscribed on stone?**  
A) Nebuchadnezzar  
B) Hammurabi  
C) Gilgamesh  
D) Ashurbanipal  
**Correct Answer: B) Hammurabi**

**What was the main advantage of using writing systems in ancient civilizations?**  
A) It improved artistic expression.  
B) It allowed for better communication with gods.  
C) It facilitated trade and record-keeping.  
D) It made storytelling easier.  
**Correct Answer: C) It facilitated trade and record-keeping.**

**Which culture used quipu, a system of knotted strings, for record-keeping instead of traditional writing?**  
A) Ancient Egyptians  
B) Sumerians  
C) Inca  
D) Mayans  
**Correct Answer: C) Inca**

**Which civilization's writing was largely ideographic and logographic?**  
A) Ancient Egypt  
B) Sumerians  
C) Chinese  
D) Greeks  
**Correct Answer: C) Chinese**

**What is a key feature of cuneiform writing?**  
A) It used alphabetic symbols.  
B) It was written from right to left.  
C) It was made using wedge-shaped marks.  
D) It involved pictographs.  
**Correct Answer: C) It was made using wedge-shaped marks.**

**Which of the following is a characteristic of hieroglyphics?**  
A) It has no symbols for sounds.  
B) It combines logographic and alphabetic elements.  
C) It was primarily used for trade.  
D) It was used exclusively for religious texts.  
**Correct Answer: B) It combines logographic and alphabetic elements.**

**Which ancient civilization is known for creating the first extensive library in history?**  
A) Babylon  
B) Assyria  
C) Egypt  
D) Greece  
**Correct Answer: B) Assyria**

**What is the significance of the Epic of Gilgamesh in relation to writing?**  
A) It was the first written story.  
B) It contained the first law code.  
C) It was a religious text.  
D) It was a political manifesto.  
**Correct Answer: A) It was the first written story.**

**The development of writing had the greatest impact on which of the following aspects of society?**  
A) Religion  
B) Government  
C) Trade  
D) All of the above  
**Correct Answer: D) All of the above**

**What writing material did the ancient Egyptians use?**  
A) Papyrus  
B) Parchment  
C) Clay tablets  
D) Bark  
**Correct Answer: A) Papyrus**

**Which script was used to write the famous Epic of Gilgamesh?**  
A) Hieroglyphics  
B) Latin  
C) Cuneiform  
D) Indus script  
**Correct Answer: C) Cuneiform**

**Which of the following is a true statement about the Indus script?**  
A) It has been completely deciphered.  
B) Its meaning remains largely unknown.  
C) It was alphabetic in nature.  
D) It was primarily pictorial.  
**Correct Answer: B) Its meaning remains largely unknown.**

**Who was the first known author in history, often associated with the Epic of Gilgamesh?**  
A) Homer  
B) Enheduanna  
C) Plato  
D) Confucius  
**Correct Answer: B) Enheduanna**

**Which ancient civilization was known for its use of a simplified writing system called the "Phoenician alphabet"?**  
A) Greeks  
B) Romans  
C) Phoenicians  
D) Egyptians  
**Correct Answer: C) Phoenicians**

**What significant impact did the invention of writing have on historical records?**  
A) It led to the decline of oral traditions.  
B) It eliminated the need for historians.  
C) It had no impact on history.  
D) It made history more accurate.  
**Correct Answer: A) It led to the decline of oral traditions.**

**What was one of the first subjects recorded in writing?**  
A) Religion  
B) Mathematics  
C) Trade transactions  
D) Military strategies  
**Correct Answer: C) Trade transactions**

**Which form of writing was used primarily for religious and ceremonial purposes in ancient Egypt?**  
A) Demotic script  
B) Hieratic script  
C) Cuneiform  
D) Linear B  
**Correct Answer: B) Hieratic script**

**What role did scribes play in ancient civilizations?**  
A) They were leaders of the armies.  
B) They served as record-keepers and writers.  
C) They were artists and painters.  
D) They were religious leaders.  
**Correct Answer: B) They served as record-keepers and writers.**