**Prehistoric Period MCQs**

1. **Which period is known as the Old Stone Age?**

A. Mesolithic

B. Neolithic

C. Paleolithic

D. Bronze Age

**Answer**: C. Paleolithic

1. **What type of tools were used during the Paleolithic era?**

A. Bronze tools

B. Iron tools

C. Stone tools

D. Wooden tools

**Answer**: C. Stone tools

**Which human species was the first to use fire?**

A. Homo sapiens

B. Homo habilis

C. Homo erectus

D. Neanderthals

**Answer**: C. Homo erectus

**The term "Neolithic" means what?**

A. New Stone Age

B. Old Stone Age

C. Bronze Age

D. Iron Age

**Answer**: A. New Stone Age

**Which of the following is a characteristic of the Neolithic period?**

A. Hunting and gathering

B. Agriculture and domestication of animals

C. Use of bronze tools

D. Development of writing

**Answer**: B. Agriculture and domestication of animals

**Where is the famous prehistoric cave painting site Lascaux located?**

A. France

B. Spain

C. Italy

D. Greece

**Answer**: A. France

**The first domesticated animal by early humans was most likely:**

A. Cow

B. Sheep

C. Dog

D. Horse

**Answer**: C. Dog

**The period after the Paleolithic but before the Neolithic is called:**

A. Bronze Age

B. Iron Age

C. Mesolithic Age

D. Chalcolithic Age

**Answer**: C. Mesolithic Age

**What were the primary subsistence strategies during the Paleolithic period?**

A. Farming and fishing

B. Hunting and gathering

C. Trading and agriculture

D. Animal husbandry

**Answer**: B. Hunting and gathering

**Who is credited with discovering the first fossil of Homo habilis?**

A. Charles Darwin

B. Louis Leakey

C. Mary Leakey

D. Donald Johanson

**Answer**: B. Louis Leakey

**The Neanderthals were most closely associated with which of the following time periods?**

A. Paleolithic

B. Mesolithic

C. Neolithic

D. Bronze Age

**Answer**: A. Paleolithic

**What tool is considered the hallmark of Homo habilis?**

A. Hand axe

B. Bow and arrow

C. Stone flakes

D. Metal spear

**Answer**: C. Stone flakes

**Which was the earliest known agricultural village?**

A. Jericho

B. Çatalhöyük

C. Mohenjo-Daro

D. Ur

**Answer**: A. Jericho

**Which of the following was not a feature of Neolithic life?**

A. Pottery

B. Permanent settlements

C. Bronze tools

D. Weaving

**Answer**: C. Bronze tools

**Stonehenge was constructed during which period?**

A. Paleolithic

B. Mesolithic

C. Neolithic

D. Iron Age

**Answer**: C. Neolithic

**The Venus figurines, small sculptures of women, are associated with which period?**

A. Neolithic

B. Mesolithic

C. Paleolithic

D. Bronze Age

**Answer**: C. Paleolithic

**What is the significance of the Neolithic Revolution?**

A. Development of fire

B. Beginning of agriculture and permanent settlements

C. The invention of writing

D. The discovery of bronze

**Answer**: B. Beginning of agriculture and permanent settlements

**Which of the following is an early site of agricultural development?**

A. Fertile Crescent

B. Amazon Basin

C. Great Rift Valley

D. Gobi Desert

**Answer**: A. Fertile Crescent

**The Ice Age, or glacial period, primarily took place during which time?**

A. Paleolithic

B. Neolithic

C. Bronze Age

D. Iron Age

**Answer**: A. Paleolithic

**Which was the first tool used by early humans?**

A. Bronze tools

B. Iron tools

C. Stone tools

D. Copper tools

**Answer**: C. Stone tools

**The earliest form of human communication was:**

A. Written language

B. Spoken language

C. Gestures and cave paintings

D. Sign language

**Answer**: C. Gestures and cave paintings

**The famous cave paintings at Altamira are found in which country?**

A. France

B. Spain

C. Italy

D. Portugal

**Answer**: B. Spain

**Which early human species is believed to have migrated from Africa to other parts of the world?**

A. Homo habilis

B. Homo sapiens

C. Neanderthals

D. Australopithecus

**Answer**: B. Homo sapiens

**During the Neolithic Age, humans learned to:**

A. Make fire

B. Domesticate animals and farm crops

C. Hunt large animals

D. Create cave paintings

**Answer**: B. Domesticate animals and farm crops

**Which of the following is considered an early Neolithic settlement?**

A. Ur

B. Jericho

C. Athens

D. Sparta

**Answer**: B. Jericho

**Who were the first humans to bury their dead?**

A. Homo habilis

B. Neanderthals

C. Homo sapiens

D. Homo erectus

**Answer**: B. Neanderthals

**The shift from nomadic life to settled farming during the Neolithic Revolution led to the development of:**

A. Stone tools

B. Complex societies

C. Fire usage

D. Language development

**Answer**: B. Complex societies

**The discovery of the remains of "Lucy" in Ethiopia is associated with which early human ancestor?**

A. Homo erectus

B. Homo sapiens

C. Australopithecus afarensis

D. Neanderthals

**Answer**: C. Australopithecus afarensis

**What was the primary purpose of cave paintings in the Paleolithic Age?**

A. Decoration

B. Storytelling and communication

C. Written record

D. Religious practices

**Answer**: B. Storytelling and communication

**Which of these animals was likely domesticated during the Neolithic Age?**

A. Lions

B. Wolves

C. Horses

D. Sheep

**Answer**: D. Sheep

**What material did early humans primarily use to make tools during the Paleolithic Age?**

A. Stone

B. Bronze

C. Iron

D. Wood

**Answer**: A. Stone

**The Ice Age likely ended around which period?**

A. Mesolithic

B. Bronze Age

C. Iron Age

D. Neolithic

**Answer**: D. Neolithic

**The Clovis culture, one of the earliest known in North America, is associated with which activity?**

A. Agriculture

B. Hunting large game

C. Fishing

D. Pottery making

**Answer**: B. Hunting large game

**The earliest evidence of human ancestors has been found in:**

A. Europe

B. Asia

C. Africa

D. North America

**Answer**: C. Africa

**Which of the following species was known for its cave dwellings and use of sophisticated tools?**

A. Homo habilis

B. Homo erectus

C. Neanderthals

D. Australopithecus

**Answer**: C. Neanderthals

**What is the significance of Göbekli Tepe in human history?**

A. Oldest known farming settlement

B. Oldest known temple complex

C. Oldest cave art site

D. First city

**Answer**: B. Oldest known temple complex

**Which of the following periods directly followed the Mesolithic?**

A. Bronze Age

B. Iron Age

C. Neolithic Age

D. Paleolithic Age

**Answer**: C. Neolithic Age

**The discovery of fire is believed to have occurred in which prehistoric age?**

A. Neolithic

B. Paleolithic

C. Bronze Age

D. Iron Age

**Answer**: B. Paleolithic

**The first tools used by early humans were made from which of the following materials?**

A. Metal

B. Stone

C. Clay

D. Bone

**Answer**: B. Stone

**What was one of the first plants to be domesticated by humans?**

A. Wheat

B. Maize

C. Rice

D. Barley

**Answer**: A. Wheat

**What did the invention of the wheel during the Neolithic period help with?**

A. Building houses

B. Agriculture

C. Transportation and pottery making

D. Military warfare

**Answer**: C. Transportation and pottery making

**Which of the following is the most famous example of Neolithic architecture?**

A. Pyramids of Giza

B. Stonehenge

C. Colosseum

D. Parthenon

**Answer**: B. Stonehenge

**What led to the end of the Neolithic Age?**

A. The discovery of fire

B. The use of metal tools and the Bronze Age

C. The Ice Age

D. The invention of writing

**Answer**: B. The use of metal tools and the Bronze Age

**The discovery of Otzi the Iceman provided insights into life during which prehistoric period?**

A. Mesolithic Age

B. Paleolithic Age

C. Neolithic Age

D. Bronze Age

**Answer**: C. Neolithic Age

**The Cro-Magnon humans are considered to be:**

A. Direct ancestors of modern humans

B. Another name for Neanderthals

C. Earlier than Homo erectus

D. Predecessors to Homo habilis

**Answer**: A. Direct ancestors of modern humans

**Which of the following innovations is most associated with the Neolithic Revolution?**

A. Written language

B. Fire-making techniques

C. The domestication of plants and animals

D. The invention of the wheel

**Answer**: C. The domestication of plants and animals

**Which of the following is not a characteristic of the Paleolithic era?**

A. Use of stone tools

B. Cave paintings

C. Agriculture

D. Nomadic lifestyle

**Answer**: C. Agriculture

**The term "Homo sapiens" means:**

A. Upright man

B. Handy man

C. Wise man

D. Ancient man

**Answer**: C. Wise man

**Which of the following regions is considered the "cradle of civilization"?**

A. Fertile Crescent

B. Sahara Desert

C. Himalayan Mountains

D. Andes Mountains

**Answer**: A. Fertile Crescent

**Which human ancestor species first developed bipedalism (walking on two legs)?**

A. Homo habilis

B. Homo erectus

C. Australopithecus

D. Neanderthals

**Answer**: C. Australopithecus

**The Neolithic Age is characterized by which of the following advancements?**

A. Use of iron tools

B. Development of agriculture and permanent settlements

C. Invention of writing

D. Domestication of fire

**Answer**: B. Development of agriculture and permanent settlements

**Which human species lived during the Paleolithic period and was known for their art and burials?**

A. Homo habilis

B. Homo sapiens

C. Neanderthals

D. Homo erectus

**Answer**: C. Neanderthals

**What was the primary use of fire by early humans?**

A. Writing

B. Communication

C. Cooking and warmth

D. Warfare

**Answer**: C. Cooking and warmth

**Who discovered the fossil of Australopithecus afarensis, also known as "Lucy"?**

A. Louis Leakey

B. Donald Johanson

C. Richard Leakey

D. Mary Leakey

**Answer**: B. Donald Johanson

**What period marked the transition from hunter-gatherer societies to farming communities?**

A. Mesolithic

B. Neolithic

C. Paleolithic

D. Bronze Age

**Answer**: B. Neolithic

**Which early humans were known for their use of advanced stone tools and creation of early art?**

A. Neanderthals

B. Homo habilis

C. Cro-Magnon

D. Homo erectus

**Answer**: C. Cro-Magnon

**Which of the following is not true about the Paleolithic period?**

A. Nomadic lifestyle

B. Use of stone tools

C. Discovery of fire

D. Development of agriculture

**Answer**: D. Development of agriculture

**What is one of the main features of Mesolithic culture?**

A. Domestication of animals

B. Use of pottery

C. Transition to agriculture

D. Use of microlithic tools

**Answer**: D. Use of microlithic tools

**Which species is considered the first to use primitive tools?**

A. Homo sapiens

B. Australopithecus

C. Homo habilis

D. Neanderthals

**Answer**: C. Homo habilis

**The domestication of plants and animals began during which prehistoric period?**

A. Mesolithic

B. Paleolithic

C. Neolithic

D. Iron Age

**Answer**: C. Neolithic