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Pre-history and Ancient Civilizations: Unit 1 Questions: Chapters 1, 2, 3.1&2 and 7.1

1. What is the current population of the earth?	
2. What is the approximate age of the earth?	
3. What century is the 1400s?	
<i>Chapter 1</i>	
4. What is the Paleolithic Age?	
5. What is the difference between a nomadic and a sedentary peoples?	
6. What motivated the nomadic peoples?	
7. What is the difference between an archeologist and an anthropologist?	
8. What is an artifact?	
9. What is one of the most difficult tasks for both anthropologists and archeologists?	
10. List two methods used to date the ages of artifacts and fossils.	
11. Who were the first early people to bury their dead?	
12. What is the name of the period in time in which man first used simple tools?	
13. Other than bearing and raising children what type of role did women play during this era?	
14. Name one of the two places where cave paintings were found.	
15. What is pre-history?	
16. What is the Neolithic Revolution?	
17. What changes occurred as a result of the Neolithic Revolution?	
18. Explain the differences between subsistence and surplus in early civilizations.	
19. How did pastoral nomads contribute to the advancement of civilizations?	
20. Define technology.	
21. Name three technological advances of early man.	
22. What was the first metal to be used by man?	
23. List 5 characteristics of a civilization.	
24. Define matriarchal.	
25. Define patriarchal.	
26. How did the roles of men and women change from the Paleolithic Age and the Neolithic Age?	

27. What is the role of government in civilization?	
28. How does Hammurabi's Code help to unify the Babylonian Empire and contribute to its advancement?	
29. What is the name of the great epic story of the ancient civilizations of Mesopotamia?	
30. Name the 4 early river valley civilizations.	
<i>Chapter 2</i>	
31. Explain how two Sumerian inventions contributed to the Sumerians advancements.	
32. How might these Sumerian inventions affect our lives today?	
33. Name the three general geographic areas of Ancient Mesopotamia.	
34. What is the significance of Catal Huyuk and Jericho in the development of civilization?	
35. What served as the <b>physical</b> center of Sumerian cities politically, economically?	
36. What is a ziggurat?	
37. List the social groups of Sumer.	
38. Who usually became scribes?	
39. Which is closer to the Mediterranean Sea, upper or lower Egypt?	
40. Who united Egypt?	
41. What methods were used to unite Egypt?	
42. How do we divide Egyptian history?	
43. List two pharaohs and their accomplishments.	
44. Explain the Egyptian dynastic cycle.	
45. What is a theocracy?	
46. How does the role of the pharaoh change from the Old Kingdom to the New Kingdom?	
47. Define monotheism	
48. Define polytheism.	
49. What is the type of writing used by the Egyptians? Sumerians? Aryans?	
50. Why is writing important in the development of civilizations?	
51. Define Empire.	
52. What is a city-state	

53. Other than a strong centralized government, what was one of the main strengths of the Persian Empire (what helped hold the empire together)?	
54. Who were the Immortals?	
55. Who first united the Persian Empire?	
56. What is a governor of a Persian province called?	
57. Who was the famous Persian religious leader?	
58. What is the name of the religion of the Persians?	
<i>Chapter 3 Section 1</i>	
59. Which of the early river valley civilizations had an elaborate sewage system?	
60. What are the seasonal wind patterns on the Indian Subcontinent called?	
61. What products were exchanged between the early civilizations of Mesopotamia and the Indian Subcontinent?	
62. Name the two most significant cities in the Indus River Valley.	
63. Describe how new technology contributed to the advancement of the Aryans over the indigenous peoples in on the continent.	
64. Who were the Aryans?	
65. List the castes created by the Aryans.	
66. What is the difference between the sudras and the untouchables?	
67. What is the ritual of the suttee?	
68. What does it demonstrate about the role of women in early Aryan society?	
69. What were the Aryan rulers of the small kingdoms or city-states called?	
70. Define dharma.	
71. Define karma.	
72. Explain the Buddhist concept of the path to nirvana.	
73. What is the basic difference between Hinduism and Buddhism?	
<i>Chapter 3 Section 3</i>	
74. To which dynasty do most historians agree is the beginning of the Chinese civilization?	
75. What is one of the early items of trade that contributed to economic advancement of Chinese civilization?	
76. What is the Dao?	
77. What are the two elements that are central to the Confucian concept of Dao?	

78. List 2 of the 5 constant relationships of Confucianism.	
79. Explain filial piety.	
80. What was the unique position of the Chinese merchants?	
81. Which Chinese school of thought believed that man was basically evil by nature and needed stiff punishments?	
82. From which dynasty does China get its name?	
83. What is the Mandate of Heaven?	
84. Explain the concept or the “glue” that held the Chinese system of government together for over 2000 years.	
<i>Chapter 7 Section 1 (223-225)</i>	
85. Name a distinctive feature of the eastern region of Africa.	
86. What products were traded by the Nubians with the Egyptians?	
87. What helps to explain the very different lifestyles of the peoples of Africa?	
88. What is the name of the Empire that ruled Egypt from around 750 BCE?	
89. What is the name of the great trading city of this civilization?	
90. What is the name of the major trading city of this empire?	
91. What products did this empire later provide to the Romans?	
92. Which Axumite ruler conquered Kush?	
93. Other than ivory and trade goods, what was brought to the Axumite Kingdom by 330 A.D.?	
<b>List the 4 River Valley Civilizations and the rivers associated with them.</b>	
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98. What are the gifts of the Nile?	
99. What is culture diffusion?	
100. List five characteristics that identify a civilization.	
<b>Name and Identify five systems used to study civilizations.</b>	
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