

AP World History

Sample Multiple Choice Questions - Exercise Two

- ____ 1. The best explanation for the change in world population between 10,000 years ago and 7,000 years ago is the development of:
- A) better weapons to fight off predators
 - B) early forms of religious belief, such as animism
 - C) better means of food production
 - D) standing armies that could protect people
- ____ 2. Most historians agree with which theory explaining early human migration?
- A) humanity spread while all the continents were still connected
 - B) the human species developed independently in several different parts of the world
 - C) humanity began in East Africa and spread to the rest of the world
 - D) the first region to be populated by humans was the Middle East and the last region was the Americas

Use the passage below to answer questions 3 – 5

“Within four thousand years of its introduction, agriculture had dramatically transformed the face of the earth. Human beings multiplied prodigiously, congregated in densely populated quarters, placed the surrounding lands under cultivation, and domesticated several species of animals....Like the transition from foraging to agricultural societies, the development of cities and complex societies organized around urban centers was a gradual process rather than a well-defined event. Because of favorable location, some Neolithic villages and towns attracted more people and grew larger than others. Over time, some of those settlements evolved into cities.”

-- Jerry Bentley and Herbert Ziegler, *Traditions and Encounters: Global Perspectives on the Past*, 2003.

- ____ 3. Which of the following would be the most important factor determining a “favorable location” in the evolution of a village into a city?
- A) nearby mountains that could provide a barrier to foreign invasion
 - B) a plentiful supply of clay to produce pottery
 - C) surrounding areas filled with animals to be hunted
 - D) a predictable supply of drinking water
- ____ 4. A major difference between a village and a city in Neolithic times was:
- A) cities possessed greater specialization of labor
 - B) cities tended to be on higher ground for defensive reasons
 - C) villages were more democratic and cities were more autocratic
 - D) religion was more important in villages
- ____ 5. Which feature was most important in the complex societies of the Neolithic times?
- A) matriarchy
 - B) stone tools
 - C) monotheism
 - D) specialization of labor