

Name:
Ancient Egypt test

Date:
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Multiple Choice

Please circle the letter that best completes the statement. Each response is worth three points.

1. **This river flows through Egypt.**
 - A. Tigris
 - B. Euphrates
 - C. Nile
 - D. Jordan
 - E. Amazon
2. **The pyramids were initially built as...**
 - A. castles.
 - B. barriers.
 - C. watch towers.
 - D. temples.
 - E. tombs.
3. **The writing of the ancient Egyptians was called**
 - A. cuneiform.
 - B. hieroglyphics.
 - C. italics.
 - D. pinyin.
 - E. cyrillic
4. **Which statement about mummification in ancient Egypt is *false*?**
 - A. Mummification in ancient Egypt was expensive and time consuming.
 - B. The internal organs of the mummy were stored in jars.
 - C. When a pharaoh's mummy was complete, a priest would touch the mouth of the mummy with a stick so that the pharaoh could breathe and speak in the afterlife.
 - D. The mummy was wrapped in about twenty layers of linen.
 - E. The Egyptians were very careful about preserving the brain of a mummified person.
5. **British archaeologist Howard Carter uncovered this pharaoh's tomb in 1922.**
 - A. Tutankhamen
 - B. Menes
 - C. Thutmose II
 - D. Ptolemy I
 - E. Akhenaton
6. **Which statement about the Rosetta Stone is *false*?**
 - A. The Rosetta Stone was found by French soldiers in 1799.
 - B. The stone was found near the city of Rosetta, Egypt.
 - C. The Rosetta Stone was inscribed with a law made in 196BC, written in two forms of hieroglyphics and in ancient Greek.
 - D. The Rosetta Stone is over 450 feet high.
7. **This French scholar translated the Rosetta Stone into Greek.**
 - A. Jean Champollion
 - B. Howard Carter
 - C. Napoleon Bonaparte
 - D. Hosni Mubarak
 - E. Charles Darwin

Matching

Please select the correct responses from the box on the right. Each response is worth three points

8. _____ Bits of soil and plant life that created good farmland along the Nile River.
9. _____ A large waterfall.
10. _____ Elaborate stone coffins that housed mummies.
11. _____ Someone who rules in place of a monarch until the monarch is old enough to rule on their own.

regent
silt
cataract
scroll
sarcophagi

True or False

Please circle TRUE or FALSE for each statement. Each response is worth three points.

12. TRUE FALSE The ancient Egyptians mummified everyone when they died.
13. TRUE FALSE The ancient Egyptians believed that as long as the body existed, a person continued to live in the afterlife.
14. TRUE FALSE The ancient Egyptians were careful to say only good things about the dead.
15. TRUE FALSE We know a great deal more about Egyptian afterlife than we do about their culture.
16. TRUE FALSE Egyptian pharaohs wanted to produce children with common people.
17. TRUE FALSE The Egyptian government has never allowed the artifacts found by Howard Carter to leave their nation.
18. TRUE FALSE Hieroglyphics were originally pictographs, but later represented sounds.

Matching

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19. _____ This is the first pharaoh we know about. He united Upper and Lower Egypt into the "Old Kingdom" about 3100BC.
20. _____ A woman pharaoh who dressed in men's clothes.
21. _____ This monotheistic pharaoh worshipped a sun god. He did not allow the Egyptian people to worship any other gods.
22. _____ This boy king became pharaoh when he was nine years old.

Akhenaton
Hatshepsut
Menes
Thutmose II
Tutankhamen

Extended Response

You may write in cursive or manuscript but your work must be very neat. Twelve-point answer will be scored as follows: two points for including a topic sentence, four points for each valid supporting statement, and two points for including a valid conclusion.

23. Explain why the Greeks called ancient Egypt "the Gift of the Nile."

24. How was ancient Egypt protected from invaders by natural borders?

Synthesis

You may write in cursive or manuscript, but your work must be very neat. Each question is worth five points and requires you to think for yourself. Two points are awarded for a serious effort.

25. People in South Florida are fearful of hurricanes and flooding, but the people of ancient Egypt welcomed the flooding of the Nile. Why are we more fearful of flooding than the ancient Egyptians?

26. What would you take with you to the Egyptian afterlife? Explain why you would take these things.
