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Vocabulary – you need to know the definitions for these words. They will be used in the matching section of the test as well as the multiple choice part.

cultural diffusion polytheism dynasty papyrus delta	monsoon subcontinent loess feudalism oracle bones	technology artisan cuneiform Mandate of Heaven theocracy
caste reincarnation nirvana Torah monotheism	yin and yang Great Wall democracy autocracy phalanx	Alexander the Great Confucius Siddhartha Gautama Julius Caesar Hannibal
Athens Alexandria Mesopotamia Mediterranean Pompeii	Scribe Pharaoh Nile Delta Dynastic cycle in China Filial piety	

Concepts and Facts – there will be multiple choice questions based on these

1. Man first appeared on Earth in Africa.
2. An artifact is an object created by man.
3. Archeologists and anthropologists describe how early man lived.
4. Culture is made up of all the parts of society.
5. Animals that walk upright are called hominids.
6. Paleolithic is Old Stone Age, Neolithic is New Stone Age.
7. Tools, fire and language were developed in the Old Stone Age.
8. Man was nomadic before he settled into cities.
9. Neolithic Revolution brought farming.
10. Slash and burn is a way to clear fields for farming.
11. Domestication of animals began when man started to use animals for work.
12. Advanced cities, specialized workers, complex institutions, record keeping and advanced technology are all a part of the development of civilization.
13. A ziggurat was a temple used by the Sumerians.
14. The Fertile Crescent was an area of fertile farmland in the Middle East.
15. Man first organized into city-states before nations came along.
16. Cultural diffusion is when civilization spreads from one place to another.
17. Hammurabi's Code of Laws was the first set of laws – "an eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth."
18. Egyptians believed in an afterlife and therefore mummified their dead.
19. Rainfall in India is dependent upon the monsoons – seasonal winds
20. In Harappa (India) man built a city in a very organized grid system of streets.

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21. Civilization began in China along the Hwang He and Yangtze Rivers.
22. Oracle bones were used by the Chinese to obtain answers from the gods.
23. In Buddhism, the release from the cycle of selfishness and pain is called nirvana.
24. The Hebrews had a covenant (agreement) with God.
25. The Phoenicians traveled on the Mediterranean and gave us the alphabet (phonics).
26. Civilizations began along river valleys in Egypt, Middle East, India, and China.
27. Religions teach people a code of behavior.
28. The Mahabharata, the Ramayana, the Ganges River, and the caste system are all parts of Hinduism.
29. The caste system developed in India.
30. Ancient Athens gave the world direct democracy.
31. Alexander the Great spread Hellenistic culture.
32. Mountains and island separated the Greek people into different city-states.
33. Sparta placed a heavy emphasis on military service.
34. The Parthenon was a beautiful building built upon the Acropolis in Athens.
35. The Golden Age of Greece was a time of peace and prosperity under their leader, Pericles.
36. The Iliad and the Odyssey were written by Homer and describe the Trojan War and the journey home by Odysseus (Ulysses).
37. The Greeks gave theater to the world.
38. The Peloponnesian Wars were fought between Athens and Sparta.
39. Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle were Greek philosophers.
40. The Mediterranean was the center of Roman trade.
41. The Roman Empire extended over three continents - Europe, Africa, and Asia.
42. The Romans used “bread and circuses” to keep the Roman people happy so they would not revolt.
43. Pax Romana was a time of peace and prosperity.
44. The apostles Peter and Paul were responsible for the beginning of Christianity.

Essay Question – prepare ahead of time for this!

Civilization began in different parts of the world along river valleys.

In a well-organized essay,

1. Why did civilizations begin along river valleys?
2. In what four river valleys did they begin? Name the rivers!
3. Choose one of the valleys and explain the development of civilization in that specific region. Be sure to give examples of the people that lived there and developments in their technology.

You should have at least four paragraphs as part of your essay.

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