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1. What metals were known to the people of the Indus civilization?

- a. Copper, bronze, silver, gold
- b. Copper, bronze, iron, gold
- c. Copper, silver, gold, iron
- d. Copper, iron, bronze, silver

Ans: a. Copper, bronze, silver, gold

2. Indus civilization belonged to which age?

- a. Old Stone Age
- b. New Stone Age
- c. Bronze Age
- d. Medieval Age

Ans: c. Bronze age

3. Identify the metal that was used to make the dancing girl figurine of Harappan culture in the Indus Valley civilization from the list given below.

- a. Bronze
- b. Brass
- c. gold
- d. Iron

Ans: a. Bronze



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4. The site of Mehrgarh has been associated with _____ culture.

- a. Palaeolithic
- b. Neolithic
- c. Mesolithic
- d. Chalcolithic

Ans: b. Neolithic

5. The _____ inscriptions mention the trade contacts between Mesopotamia and the Harappan Civilization.

- a. Cuneiform
- b. Hieroglyphics
- c. Devanagari
- d. Kharosthi

Ans: a. Cuneiform

6. _____ was an important source of subsistence for the Harappans.

- a. Agriculture
- b. Pottery
- c. Craft production
- d. Fishing

Ans: a. Agriculture



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7. The Indus Civilization declined from about _____.

- a. 1800 BCE
- b. 1900 BCE
- c. 1950 BCE
- d. 1955 BCE

Ans: b. 1900 BCE

8. Which method is used to determine the age of an object during the Archaeology research of the Indus Valley civilization?

- a. C14 Method
- b. C16 Method
- c. C12 Method
- d. C20 Method

Ans: a. C14 Method

9. What was the first metal discovered by humans?

- a. Copper
- b. Bronze
- c. Lead
- d. Gold

Ans: a. Copper



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10. Who described the ruin of Harappa in his book first?

- a. Alexander Cunningham
- b. Charles Massan
- c. Peter Meter
- d. Jiro Taiguchi

Ans: b. Charles Massan

11. Which of the following was unknown to the people of Indus?

- a. Copper
- b. Bronze
- c. Iron
- d. Lead

Ans: c. Iron

12. Which of the following reasons Harappa culture started declining?

- a. Invasions
- b. Climatic changes
- c. Deforestation
- d. All of these

Ans: d. All of these



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13. Which colour of quartz stones is used to design ornaments by the Indus people?

- a. Red
- b. Yellow
- c. Blue
- d. Green

Ans: a. Red

14. Match the following:

Civilization Timeline

Mesopotamia - 3300 to 1900 BCE

China - 3100 to 1100 BCE

Egyptian - 3500 to 2000 BCE

Indus Valley - 1700 to 1122 BCE

- a. 3,4,2,1
- b. 4,3,2,1
- c. 2,1,3,4
- d. 3,2,4,1

Ans: a.3,4,2,1



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15.. Match the following:

- | | |
|---------------------|--------------|
| a. Lothal | 1. New Delhi |
| b. ASI Headquarters | 2. Haryana |
| c. Mehrgarh | 3. Gujarat |
| d. Granary | 4. Pakistan |

a. 3,1,4,2

b. 4,3,2,1

c. 2,1,3,4

d. 3,2,4,1

Ans: a. 3,1,4,2

16. Match the following:

- | | |
|----------|-----------------------------|
| a. West | 1. Afghanistan |
| b. North | 2. Balochistan Makran coast |
| c. South | 3. Ghaggar |
| d. East | 4. Maharashtra |

a. 2,1,4,3

b. 3,2,1,4

c. 4,3,2,1

d. 2,4,1,3

Ans: a. 2,1,4,3



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17. Which one of the following is correctly matched?

- a. Mohenjo-Daro - Larkana District
 - b. Harappa - River Sind
 - c. Lothal - River Ravi
 - d. Kalibangan - Gulf of Cambay
- a. Mohenjo-Daro - Larkana District
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Ans: a. Mohenjo-Daro - Larkana District

18. Match the following:

- A. Harappa 1. Haryana
 - B. Dholavira 2. Rajasthan
 - C. Banawali 3. Punjab
 - D. Rakhigiri 4. Gujarat
- a. 3,4,2,1
 - b. 4,3,2,1
 - c. 3,2,4,1
 - d. 4,2,3,1

Ans: a. 3,4,2,1



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19. Harappa was located on the banks of the river

- a. Ganga
- b. Sutlej
- c. Ravi
- d. Kosi

Ans: c. Ravi

20. Which is the biggest Harappan Civilization site

- a. Ropar
- b. Lothal
- c. Kalibangan
- d. Rakhigarhi

Ans: d. Rakhigarhi

21. In the Sindhi language, 'Mohenjo-Daro' means _____.

- a. The land of the living
- b. Mount of the Dead
- c. God's Land
- d. The people of Sindh

Ans: b. Mount of the Dead



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22. Which was the port town of the Indus Valley civilization?

- a. Lothal
- b. Ropar
- c. Banawali
- d. Dholavira

Ans: a. Lothal

23. Which of the following were found in Mohenjo-Daro?

- a. Bronze image of a dancing girl
- b. Steatite image of a bearded man
- c. Seal representing Mother Goddess with a plant growing from her womb and woman to be sacrificed by a man with a knife
- d. All of the above

Ans: d. All of the above

24. Which of the following Indus Valley sites is presently in Pakistan?

- a. Kalibangan
- b. Harappa
- c. Alamgirpur
- d. Lothal

Ans: b. Harappa



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25. There are similarities between the seals found at Mohenjo-Daro and _____

- a. Egypt
- b. China
- c. Sumerian
- d. Afghanistan

Ans: c. Sumerian

26. Which was the only city of the Indus without fortification?

- a. Kalibangan
- b. Mohenjo-Daro
- c. Harappa
- d. Chanhudaro

Ans: d. Chanhudaro

27. Who is the excavator of the Harappa site?

- a. Daya ram sahni
- b. Rakhal das Bannerji
- c. Mackey
- d. K. Thapar

Ans: a. Daya ram sahni



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28. The Great Bath was found at

- a. Harappa
- b. Lothal
- c. Chanhudaro
- d. Mohenjo-Daro

Ans: d. Mohenjo-Daro

30. In the Indus Valley Civilization, Dholavira is famous for which of the following?

- a. Rock cut architecture
- b. Seaport
- c. Water Conservation
- d. Pottery

Ans: c. Water Conservation

31. The meaning of the word ' Harappa ' in the Sindhi language is _____

- a. Town Planning
- b. City of DravidiAns
- c. Buried City
- d. Mount of the Dead

Ans: c. Buried City



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32. Who estimated the duration of the occupation of Mohenjodaro between 3250 and 2750 B.C.?

- a. Mortimer Wheeler
- b. R. D. Banerji
- c. Sir John Marshall
- d. Alexander Cunningham

Ans: c. Sir John Marshall

33. Who was the first to describe the ruins of Harappa?

- a. Sir John Marshall
- b. Mortimer Wheeler
- c. R. D. Banerji
- d. Charles Masson

Ans: d. Charles Masson

34. In which year did the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) start, with Alexander Cunningham as the Surveyor?

- a. 1857
- b. 1861
- c. 1875
- d. 1880

Ans: b. 1861



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35. Who was appointed as the first Surveyor of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI)?

- a. Mortimer Wheeler
- b. R. D. Banerji
- c. Alexander Cunningham
- d. John Marshall

Ans: c. Alexander Cunningham

36. Which term best describes remarkable construction work and building design?

- a. Pottery
- b. Sculpture
- c. Masonry
- d. Painting

Ans: c. Masonry

37. What was the purpose of the large pillared hall discovered at Mohenjo-Daro?

- a. Residential housing
- b. Granary storage
- c. Assembly Hall for public gatherings
- d. Religious temple

Ans: c. Assembly Hall for public gatherings



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38. Which of the following artifacts from the Indus Valley Civilization is a bronze sculpture?

- a. Priest-King
- b. Dancing Girl
- c. Stone sculptures from Harappa
- d. Terracotta figurines

Ans: b. Dancing Girl

39. What is the current scholarly consensus regarding the so-called "Great Granaries" found at Mohenjo-Daro and Harappa?

- a. They were used to store food grains.
- b. They served as large public buildings with uncertain specific functions.
- c. They were primarily residential complexes.
- d. They functioned as religious temples.

Ans: b. They served as large public buildings with uncertain specific functions.

40. On the banks of which river's tributary is the ancient site of Lothal located?

- a. Ganges
- b. Yamuna
- c. Sabarmati
- d. Narmada

Ans: c. Sabarmati



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41.What term did ancient Mesopotamian cuneiform inscriptions use to refer to the Indus Valley region?

- a. Dilmun
- b. Magan
- c. Meluhha
- d. Elam

Ans: c. Meluhha

42. Which of the following pottery styles is characterized by red pottery with black painted designs, commonly associated with the Indus Valley Civilization?

- a. Black-on-White Ware
- b. Painted Grey Ware
- c. Ochre-Coloured Pottery
- d. Black-and-Red Ware

Ans: d. Black-and-Red Ware

43. Which metal was the first to be discovered and used by humans?

- a. Gold
- b. Silver
- c. Copper
- d. Iron

Ans: c. Copper



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44. Which of the following statements is accurate regarding the Indus Valley Civilization?

- a. The Indus Valley Civilization was unaware of horses and iron.
- b. The Indus Valley Civilization utilized horses but did not use iron.
- c. The Indus Valley Civilization used iron but did not have horses.
- d. The Indus Valley Civilization was aware of both horses and iron.

Ans: a. The Indus Valley Civilization was unaware of horses and iron.

45. Which red quartz stone did the Indus Valley people use to design jewelry?

- a. Carnelian
- b. Jasper
- c. Agate
- d. Onyx

Ans: a. Carnelian

46. The people of indus valley civilization worshiped _____.

- a. Brahma
- b. Vishnu
- c. Pashupati
- d. Indra and varun

Ans: c. Pashupati