World History I
Ancient River Valley Civilizations Test Study Guide

1. On what continent is Mesopotamia located?
   Southwest Asia

2. Where did the first civilizations develop?
   River valleys

3. What group settled along the Eastern Mediterranean coast?
   Phoenicians, and Hebrews

4. Where were the “Cradles of Civilization” located?
   Mesopotamia, Nile River Valley, Indus River Valley, Huang He River Valley

5. How did rulers in the river valleys gain power?
   It was usually handed down to them from their family

6. What is a dynasty?
   A family of rulers that govern a civilization for multiple generations

7. (True)(False) Most river civilizations had a rigid class system.
   True

8. What form of labor was accepted in most river valley civilizations?
   Slavery

9. Where did the governments of early Mesopotamian civilizations claim their authority came from?
   Their gods

10. Name the two written law codes of the Fertile Crescent.
    The Code of Hammurabi and The Ten Commandments

11. What political system is characterized by a city and its surrounding lands?
    City-state

12. What were two metals used to make tools and weapons?
    Bonze and iron

13. Name 3 reasons river valley civilizations had an agricultural surplus.
    Fertile soil from deposits of silt, access to fresh water for irrigation, and technology
14. Where were the world’s first cities located?
   Mesopotamia
15. People who do work according to their skills are practicing what?
   Specialization of Labor
16. What type of religion did most people of the Fertile Crescent practice?
   Polytheism
17. What type of religion did the Hebrews follow?
   Monotheism
18. Judaism is the foundation of what other religions?
   Christianity and Islam
19. Which civilization was the first to follow one God?
   Hebrews
20. Who left Ur because he believed he was following God’s call and is considered the father of the Jewish faith?
   Abraham
21. Who received the Ten Commandments?
   Moses
22. What is the holy city of the Hebrews?
   Jerusalem
23. Who led the Jews out of Egypt?
   Moses
24. What states the proper moral and religious conduct for Hebrews?
   The Ten Commandments
25. What is the written records and beliefs of the Hebrews?
   The Torah
26. Religions that believe in one God are called
   Monotheistic
27. What is the religion of the Hebrews?
   Judaism
28. The Hebrews were captured and taken to Babylon. What is this called?
   The Exile
29. The Hebrews were forced to leave Palestine because they rebelled too often. What is this called?
   **Diaspora**

30. What civilization used hieroglyphics?
   **Egyptian (Nile River Valley)**

31. What were 2 important cultural innovations developed in early river valleys?
   **Religion, and written law**

32. What civilization developed the alphabet as we know it?
   **Phoenicians**

33. What civilization used cuneiform?
   **Sumer**

34. The earliest written symbols were called what?
   **Pictograms**