

1. During which period did the domestication of animals and growing of crops first occur?

- A) Iron Age
- B) Paleolithic Period
- C) Neolithic Revolution**
- D) Scientific Revolution

2. Where does the archaeological evidence gathered by Louis and Mary Leakey suggest the earliest humans developed?

- A) Great Rift Valley (Africa)**
- B) Amazon rain forest (South America)
- C) Himalaya Mountains (Asia)
- D) Philippine archipelago (Asia Pacific))

3. Which factor most influenced the construction of semipermanent settlements during the Neolithic period?

- A) production of surplus food**
- B) drawings on cave walls
- C) ability to harness fire
- D) introduction of fishing nets

4. The Neolithic Revolution is considered a turning point in global history because it led to

- A) increasing migrations of people in search of food
- B) increasing use of animal skins for clothing
- C) a belief in a spiritual world
- D) the development of civilization**

5. The Neolithic Revolution is most closely associated with

- A) using child labor in factories
- B) domesticating plants and animals**
- C) learning to control fire
- D) developing iron technology

6. Base your answer to question on the quotation below and on your knowledge of social studies.

Long before the rule of pharaohs, Egyptians grew wheat and barley and raised pigs, goats, sheep and cattle. Spotty evidence had suggested that agriculture was practiced there more than 7,000 years ago, two millenniums earlier than the first royal dynasties ....

– John Noble Wilford, *New York Times*,

February 12, 2008

Which period in history is referred to in this excerpt?

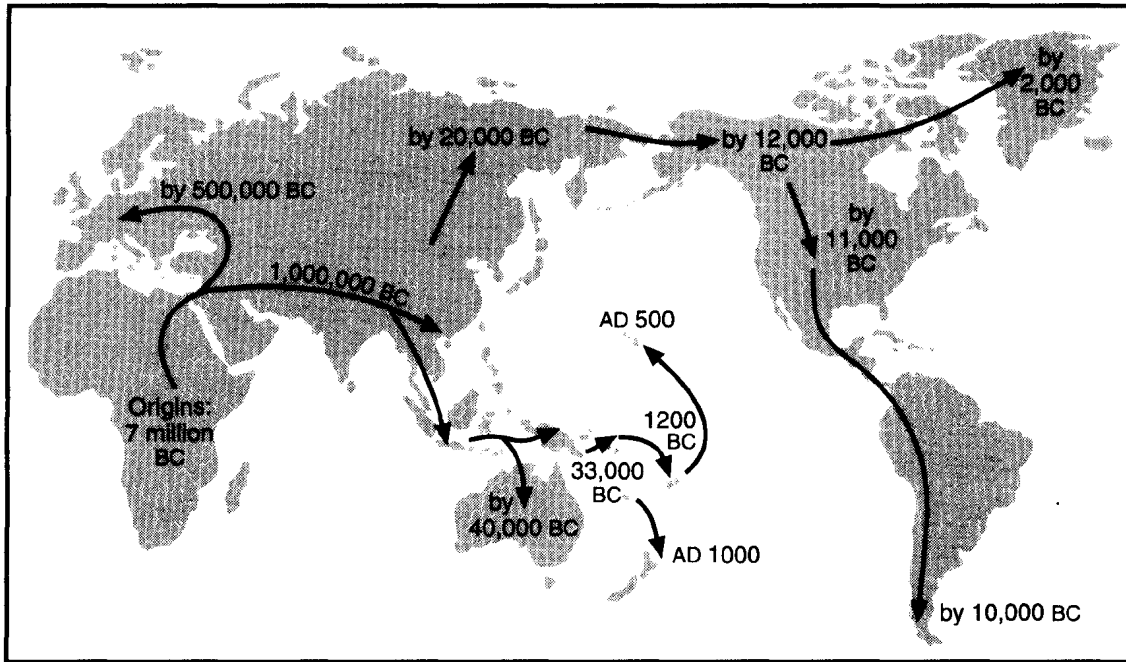
- A) Industrial Revolution
- B) Neolithic Revolution**
- C) Scientific Revolution
- D) Green Revolution

7. Which Neolithic Revolution development led to the other three?

- A) complex civilizations
- B) surplus of food
- C) division of labor
- D) domestication of plants and animal**

8. Base your answer to the following question on the map below and your knowledge of social studies.

### The Spread of Humans Around the World



Source: Jared Diamond, *Guns, Germs, and Steel: The Fates of Human Societies*, W. W. Norton & Company, 1999 (adapted)

On which continent did humans first appear?

- A) Asia      B) Europe      C) North America      **D) Africa**

9. Subsistence farming can best be defined as

- A) harvesting a surplus of crops to be sold for profit  
**B) producing just enough food for a family's survival**  
C) domesticating animals to transport goods  
D) irrigating crops to increase production

10. A direct result of the Neolithic Revolution is that people

- A) began living in permanent settlements**  
B) developed a nomadic way of life  
C) depended on hunting and gathering  
D) used crop rotation to increase agricultural output

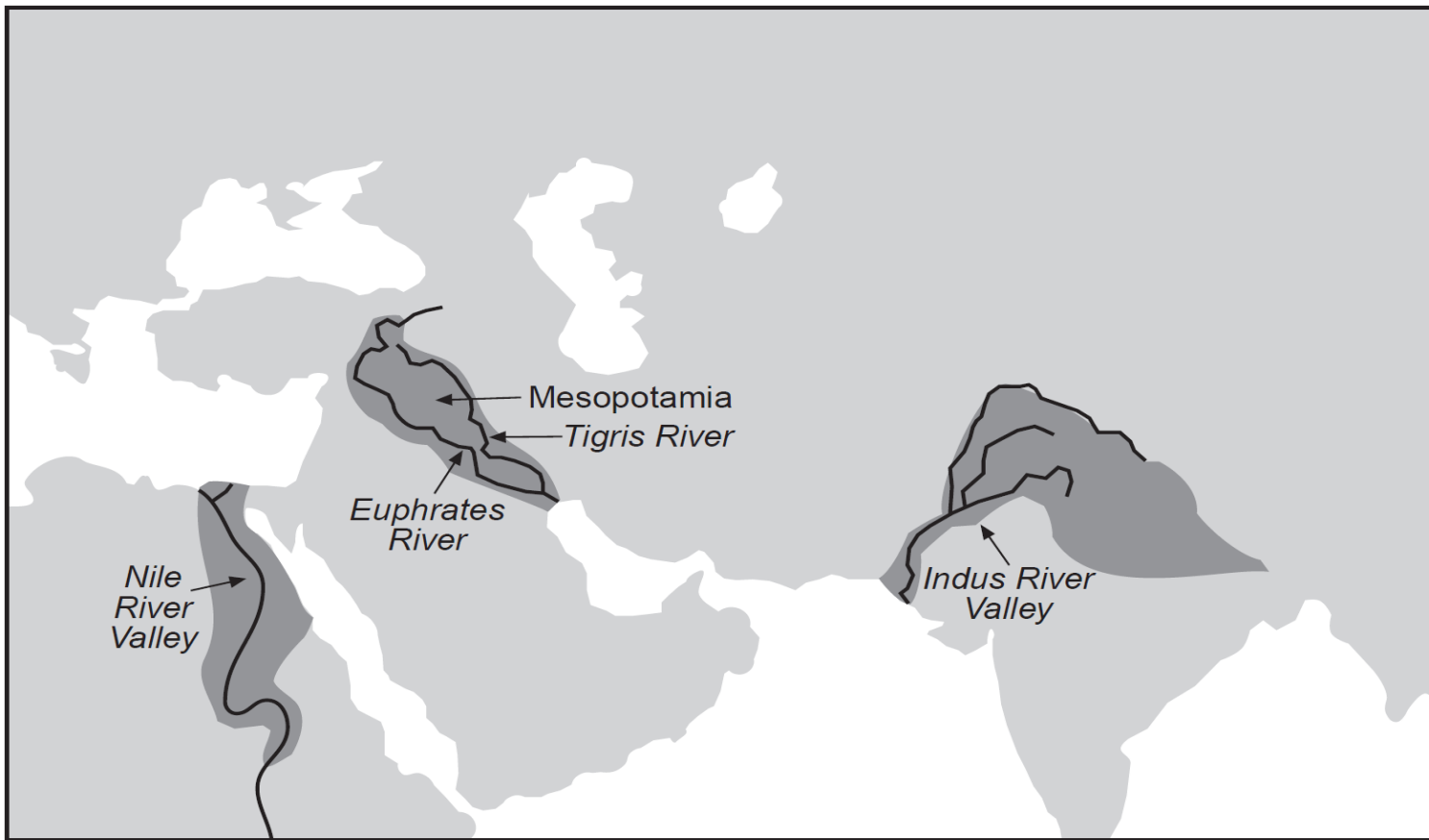
11. Where does the archaeological evidence gathered by Louis and Mary Leakey suggest the earliest humans developed?

- A) Great Rift Valley**  
B) Amazon rain forest  
C) Himalaya Mountains  
D) Philippine archipelago

12. The Neolithic Revolution is considered a turning point in history because it

- A) influenced climatic changes  
**B) included the domestication of plants and animals**  
C) encouraged a nomadic lifestyle  
D) caused a decline in population

13. Base your answer to the following question on the map below and on your knowledge of social studies.



Source: Paul Halsall, ed., *Internet Hist*

Which revolution led to the development of these civilizations?

- A) Industrial      **B) Neolithic**      C) Green      D) Commercial

14. • Planting wheat and barley  
• Domesticating animals  
• Establishing permanent homes and villages

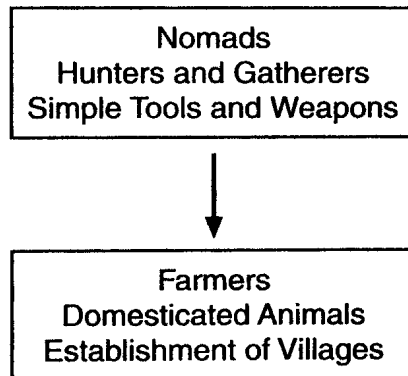
At the beginning of the Neolithic Revolution, the most direct impact of these developments was on

- A) religion and government  
B) transportation and trade  
**C) diet and shelter**  
D) climate and topograph

15. How did the introduction of agriculture affect early peoples?

- A) Societies became nomadic.  
B) Food production declined.  
**C) Civilizations developed.**  
D) Birthrates decreased rapidly.

16. Base your answer to the following question on the diagram below and on your knowledge of social studies.



What is the best title for this diagram?

- A) Elements of Belief Systems
  - B) Characteristics of Classical Civilizations
  - C) Benefits of the Counter Reformation
  - D) Changes during the Neolithic Revolution**
17. During which period did the domestication of animals and growing of crops first occur?
- A) Iron Age
  - B) Old Stone Age
  - C) Neolithic Revolution**
  - D) Scientific Revolution
18. What was an important result of the Neolithic Revolution?
- A) Food supplies became more reliable.**
  - B) New sources of energy became available.
  - C) People became more nomadic.
  - D) Populations declined.

19. "I am lucky enough to have been involved for half a century with work, mostly in East Africa, that very much belongs to everyone, since it concerns the human origins that are common to the whole human race."

— Mary Leakey, *Autobiography*

In this quotation, the author is implying that early humans

- A) migrated from Africa to Eurasia
  - B) first appeared in Africa**
  - C) invented tools and mastered the use of fire
  - D) appeared shortly after the Neolithic Age
20. "Just as a man, having cast off old garments, puts on others, even so does the embodied one, having cast off old bodies, take on other, new ones."

Which belief or practice is expressed in this quotation?

- A) rigid class structure
  - B) reincarnation**
  - C) monotheism
  - D) fasting and prayer
21. Early peoples who moved frequently as they searched for the food they needed for survival are called
- A) hunters and gatherers**
  - B) village dwellers
  - C) subsistence farmers
  - D) guild members

22. Which was true of food-gathering societies in prehistoric times?

- A) Society was highly industrialized.
- B) The population tended to be small.**
- C) The concept of private property was important.
- D) There was a system of mass production.

23. Before towns and cities can develop in a society, the society needs to establish

- A) an educational system
- B) an agricultural surplus**
- C) a writing system
- D) a democratic government

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24. Which aspect of a nation's culture is most directly influenced by the physical geography of that nation?

- A) form of government
- B) religious beliefs
- C) population distribution**
- D) social class system

25. One reason the cultures of North Africa developed differently from the cultures of the rest of Africa was that these areas of Africa were separated by the

- A) Congo River Basin
  - B) Great Rift Valley
  - C) Sahara Desert**
  - D) Arabian Sea
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**Answer Key**  
**Paleolithic and Neolithic**

1.   **C**
  2.   **A**
  3.   **A**
  4.   **D**
  5.   **B**
  6.   **B**
  7.   **D**
  8.   **D**
  9.   **B**
  10.   **A**
  11.   **A**
  12.   **B**
  13.   **B**
  14.   **C**
  15.   **C**
  16.   **D**
  17.   **C**
  18.   **A**
  19.   **B**
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  22.   **B**
  23.   **B**
  24.   **C**
  25.   **C**
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