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|---|---|---|---|
| Remember | 11 | | 11 |
| Understand | 9 | | 9 |
| Apply | | 3 | 3 |
| Analyze | | | |
| | 20 | 3 | 23 |

### Multiple Choice Questions

1. Archaeology is _____.

A. the study of ancient species like dinosaurs
B. concerned only with rulers of ancient societies
C. the study of modern societies
D. the study of ancient human societies using material remains to reconstruct human behavior

REMEMBER Answer: D (pg 3)

2. _____ is/are the archives of the past made up of surviving finds resulting from ancient human behavior.

A. Middens

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B. The archaeological record
C. Written records
D. Hieroglyphs

REMEMBER Answer: B (pg 3)

3. Historical records can be used to date archaeological sites as far back as _____.

A. 10,000 years ago
B. about 3,000 B.C.
C. the B.C./A.D. boundary
D. about 1,000 years ago

REMEMBER Answer: B (pg 7)

4. Which of the following materials CANNOT be used in radiocarbon dating?

A. charcoal
B. wood
C. volcanic rock
D. human remains

UNDERSTAND Answer: C (pg 7)

5. The only source of unbiased information is _____.

A. oral histories
B. written records
C. archaeological records
D. nonexistent in the archaeological context

UNDERSTAND Answer: D (pg 9)

6. A concept developed by anthropologists to describe the distinctive adaptive system used by human beings is _____.

A. culture
B. invention
C. diffusion
D. prehistory

REMEMBER Answer: A (pg 10)

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7. Cultural systems don't include _____.

A. tools
B. burial customs
C. religious beliefs
D. DNA replication

UNDERSTAND Answer: D (pg 10)

8. Cultural processes in the past and present include all of the following EXCEPT _____.

A. invention
B. mutation
C. diffusion
D. migration

REMEMBER Answer: B (pg 11)

9. An example of climate affecting an ancient society comes from the _____ that lived on the north coast of Peru.

A. Inca
B. Egyptians
C. Moche
D. Maya

UNDERSTAND Answer: C (pg 12)

10. Which of the following is NOT true about unilinear cultural evolution?

A. it was influenced by Darwin's theory of biological and natural selection
B. it is applied to the analysis of societies today
C. it suggested that human societies evolved from simple (barbarism) to more complex (civilization)
D. it had biases regarding the superiority of one society over another

UNDERSTAND Answer: B (pgs 12-13)

11. Which of the following is true about multilinear cultural evolution?

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A. it does not apply to societies today
B. cultural ecology is at the core of this theory
C. societies can't be divided into bands, tribes, chiefdoms, and state-organized
D. there is controversy over the classification in multilinear cultural evolution

UNDERSTAND Answer: B (pg 13)

12. An approach to studying hunter-gatherer societies that is based on the assumption that people will use the most efficient foraging strategies relative to considerations of energy and time expended is _____.

A. post-processualism
B. the contingency model
C. optimal foraging strategy
D. processualism

UNDERSTAND Answer: C (pg 15)

13. Some kind of innovation, material or otherwise, produced by a person or group at one place at a single moment in time is a(n) _____.

A. discovery
B. invention
C. midden
D. diffusion

REMEMBER Answer: B (pg 11)

14. _____ refers to the biological (male or female), whereas _____ is culturally constructed.

A. Gender; sex
B. Sex; orientation
C. Orientation; sex
D. Sex; gender

REMEMBER Answer: D (pg 17)

15. Important aspects of ancient trade include _____.

A. obtaining raw or finished materials that are unavailable locally

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B.  impersonal interactions
C. transmission of writing styles
D. the types of materials used in the construction of ancient ships

UNDERSTAND Answer: A (pg 18)

16. The ancient Maya elites exercised their power over the populace by _____.

A. creating economic monopolies
B. creating symbolic models of the Maya universe in the center of their cities
C. sacrificing dissenters
D. controlling the agricultural base

UNDERSTAND Answer: B (pg 19)

17. A simple form of human social organization that flourished for most of prehistory and consists of a family or series of families with 20 to 50 people is a _____.

A. band
B. tribe
C. state
D. chiefdom

REMEMBER Answer: A (pg 13)

18. A form of social organization that has evolved some form of leadership structure and some mechanisms for distributing goods and services throughout the society is a _____.

A. band
B. tribe
C. state
D. chiefdom

REMEMBER Answer: D (pg 13)

19. A group of bands unified by age-sets or secret societies and governed by a council of representatives from the bands is a _____.

A. mega-band
B. tribe
C. state
D. chiefdom

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REMEMBER Answer: B (pg 13)

20. A socially stratified society with a strongly centralized government, social complexity, and writing is a _____.

A. band
B. tribe
C. state
D. chiefdom

REMEMBER Answer: C (pgs 13-14)

## Essay Questions

21. Discuss the difference between the two types of archaeology – text-aided archaeology and prehistoric archaeology. APPLY (pg 5)

22. Discuss the characteristics of bands, tribes, chiefdoms, and states. APPLY (pg 13)

23. Discuss the importance of "engendering" the past. Use the example of the role of Aztec women in different aspects of Aztec life and society from the book. APPLY (pg 17)

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## Chapter 2 – Human Origins: 7 Million to 1.9 Million Years Ago

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|---|---|---|---|
| Remember | 18 | | 18 |
| Understand | 6 | | 6 |
| Apply | | 2 | 2 |
| Analyze | | 1 | 1 |
| | 24 | 3 | 27 |

### Multiple Choice Questions

1. _____ was the first to question the nature of the relationship between humans and their relatives, the chimpanzees and gorillas.

A. Stephen Jay Gould
B. Louis Leakey
C. Charles Darwin
D. Thomas Huxley

REMEMBER Answer: D (pg 25)

2. _____ are periods during the Pleistocene where the climate was as warm or warmer than that of today.

A. Heat waves

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B. Interglacials
C. Glaciers
D. Global Warmings

REMEMBER Answer: B (pg 25)

3. Fluctuations in the earth's climate during the Pleistocene are thought to be due to _____.

A. astronomical changes
B. methane gases
C. chlorofluorocarbons
D. volcanic eruptions

UNDERSTAND Answer: A (pg 26)

4. Which of the following primates are included in the anthropoid suborder?

A. tarsiers
B. humans, apes, and monkeys
C. lemurs
D. indris

REMEMBER Answer: B (pgs 26-27)

5. *Aegyptopithecus* dates to the _____ epoch.

A. Oligocene
B. Pleistocene
C. Holocene
D. Miocene

REMEMBER Answer: A (pg 27)

6. *Proconsul* and *Kenyapithecus* date to the _____ epoch.

A. Oligocene
B. Pleistocene
C. Holocene
D. Miocene

REMEMBER Answer: D (pg 28)

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7. It has been shown that chimpanzees share _____ percent of their genetic makeup with humans.

A. 25
B. 50
C. 75
D. 99

REMEMBER Answer: D (pg 30)

8. Adaptive problems faced by early hominids include all of the following EXCEPT _____.

A. competition from predators
B. being large mammals
C. being terrestrial primates
D. living in a savanna environment

UNDERSTAND Answer: A (pg 32)

9. The hominid found dating between 6 and 7 mya with a mix of ape-like and human-like characteristics is _____.

A. *Sahelanthropus tchadensis* (Toumaï)
B. *Australopithecus afarensis* (Lucy)
C. *Ardipithecus ramidus*
D. *Australopithecus anamensis*

REMEMBER Answer: A (pgs 34-35)

10. The important fossil nicknamed Lucy is a(n) _____ dating to 3.18 mya.

A. *Australopithecus anamensis*
B. *Homo erectus*
C. *Australopithecus afarensis*
D. *Homo habilis*

REMEMBER Answer: C (pg 37)

11. At the site of _____ in northern Tanzania, there is evidence of bipedalism preserved in volcanic ash dating to 3.75 – 3.9 mya.

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A. Olduvai
B. Koto Toro
C. Laetoli
D. Hadar

REMEMBER Answer: C (pg 38)

12. Around 3 million years ago, the *Australopithecus* line split into two distinct lineages. The _____ australopithecines had small, delicate features and were found only in South Africa.

A. female
B. gracile
C. robust
D. garhi

UNDERSTAND Answer: B (pg 38)

13. Around 3 million years ago, the *Australopithecus* line split into two distinct lineages. The _____ australopithecines were found in both East and South Africa and had a heavy build with specialized teeth.

A. gracile
B. male
C. robust
D. anamensis

UNDERSTAND Answer: C (pg 38)

14. The find associated with bones displaying cut marks suggests meat eating by the _____ may have occurred earlier than previously thought.

A. *Sahelanthropus tchadensis*
B. *Australopithecus afarensis*
C. *Homo erectus*
D. *Australopithecus garhi*

REMEMBER Answer: D (pg 39)

15. The first member of the *Homo* lineage was _____.

A. *Homo erectus*

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B. *Homo sapiens*
C. *Homo neanderthalensis*
D. *Homo habilis*

REMEMBER Answer: D (pg 40)

16. Which of the following is an explanation for concentrations of bones and stone tools dating to the time of *Homo habilis*?

A. central places where hominids would return to eat, sleep, make tools, and socialize
B. formation of elaborate hunting parties
C. all of the bones are found in animal dens or caves
D. reduction in brain size leading to less social intelligence

REMEMBER Answer: A (pg 50)

17. The stone tool industry associated with early *Homo* is _____.

A. Mousterian
B. Acheulian
C. Upper Paleolithic
D. Oldowan

REMEMBER Answer: D (pgs 52-53)

18. According to _____, the flakes were more important in Oldowan technology than the cores.

A. Leakey
B. Toth
C. Roche
D. Walker

REMEMBER Answer: B (pgs 52-53)

19. By examining living primates, Robin Dunbar was able to determine that _____ was related to brain size.

A. group size
B. climate
C. tool use
D. degree of sexual dimorphism

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REMEMBER Answer: A (pg 56)

20. Most archaeological evidence for *Homo habilis* indicates they lived near _____.

A. permanent water sources
B. mountains
C. ice sheets
D. rain forests

REMEMBER Answer: A (pg 56)

21. Advantages of large group size in *Homo habilis* include _____.

A. protection against carnivores and the ability to cover a larger area in searching for food
B. the ability to provide physical defense against carnivores while searching for food
C. more individuals to babysit while females hunted
D. better protection by some group members sitting watch in trees

UNDERSTAND Answer: A (pg 56)

22. In the 1960s, the Gardeners taught a chimpanzee named _____ how to communicate via American Sign Language (ASL).

A. Kanzi
B. Washoe
C. Nim Chimpski
D. Koko

REMEMBER Answer: B (pg 56)

23. One way to determine the position of the larynx in fossils is by the _____.

A. length of the neck
B. size of the hyoid bone
C. shape of the base of the skull
D. shape of the lower jaw

REMEMBER Answer: C (pg 57)

24. Due to a longer period of brain growth, infant dependency of *Homo habilis* would have been

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_____ that of chimpanzees.

A. the same as
B. greater than
C. shorter than
D. less than

UNDERSTAND Answer: B (pg 58)

## Essay Questions

25. Discuss the skeletal and archaeological lines of evidence that suggest that *Australopithecus afarensis* (Lucy) was bipedal. APPLY (pg 37)

26. List the four criteria used to assign a fossil into the genus *Homo*. Are any of these criteria controversial? Why? ANALYZE (pgs 40-42)

27. Discuss the differences in tool use between chimpanzees and *Homo habilis*. APPLY (pg 52)

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## Chapter 3 – Archaic Humans: *Homo ergaster, Homo erectus,* and *Homo heidelbergensis*: 1.9 Million to 150,000 Years Ago

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| Understand | 5 | | 5 |
| Apply | | 3 | 3 |
| Analyze | | | |
| | 24 | 3 | 27 |

### Multiple Choice Questions

1. The climatic changes of the _____ are believed to be partially responsible for the rapidity of human biological and cultural changes.

A. Eocene
B. Miocene
C. Holocene
D. Pleistocene

REMEMBER Answer: D (pg 61)

2. *Homo erectus* moved out of Africa into Europe and Asia during the _____.

A. Lower Pleistocene

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B. Middle Pleistocene
C. Upper Pleistocene
D. never; *Homo erectus* was confined to Africa

REMEMBER Answer: A (pgs 61-63)

3. The earliest East African *Homo ergaster* specimens come from the _____ region of northern Kenya.

A. Hadar
B. Lake Turkana
C. Lake Olduvai
D. Zhoukoudian

REMEMBER Answer: B (pg 64)

4. The skeleton found at Nariokotome is of an 11 year old _____.

A. *Australopithecus afarensis*
B. *Homo habilis*
C. *Homo ergaster*
D. *Homo sapiens*

REMEMBER Answer: C (pg 65)

5. The skeleton of the Nariokotome boy indicates that our postcranial anatomy likely evolved into its modern form _____ the crania.

A. after
B. at the same rate as
C. before
D. separately from

REMEMBER Answer: C (pg 65)

6. The Nariokotome boy was _____ modern 12 year olds.

A. shorter than
B. the same height as
C. taller than
D. much shorter than

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REMEMBER Answer: C (pg 65)

7. _____ is thought to have radiated out of Africa when other mammals left the continent.

A. *Australopithecus afarensis*
B. *Homo ergaster*
C. *Homo sapiens*
D. *Australopithecus africanus*

REMEMBER Answer: B (pg 91)

8. Fossil evidence from Indonesia dates *Homo erectus* remains to the same timeframe as those found in _____.

A. Europe
B. Asia
C. Africa
D. the Americas

REMEMBER Answer: C (pg 67)

9. To have populated as far as Southeast Asia in 100,000 years, *H. erectus* could have traveled as little as _____ miles per year.

A. 5 to 10
B. 20 to 30
C. 100 to 200
D. 1000 to 1500

UNDERSTAND Answer: B (pg 70)

10. A discovery of a *Homo erectus* cranium from Ethiopia that has both African and Asian features suggests that African and Asian *Homo erectus* _____.

A. were completely different species
B. were more similar than once thought
C. were never in contact with one another
D. would never interbreed

UNDERSTAND Answer: B (pg 71)

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11. _____ is believed by anthropologists to be the first to control fire.

A. *Homo sapiens*
B. *Homo neanderthalensis*
C. *Homo habilis*
D. *Homo ergaster*

REMEMBER Answer: D (pg 71)

12. _____ is a well-known Middle Pleistocene cave site dating from 460,000 to 230,000 years ago which contained the remains of 40 individuals.

A. Narmada
B. Longgupo
C. Zhoukoudian
D. Lant'ien

REMEMBER Answer: C (pg 71)

13. The toolkit associated with *Homo ergaster* and *Homo erectus* is the _____.

A. Oldowan
B. Mousterian
C. Acheulian
D. Upper Paleolithic

REMEMBER Answer: C (pg 76)

14. The oldest wooden implements dating to the time of *Homo erectus* are wooden spears from _____.

A. Schoningen, Germany
B. Zhoukoudian, China
C. Gran Dolina, Spain
D. Boxgrove, England

REMEMBER Answer: A (pg 81)

15. It is thought that materials like _____ were used as tools by early Asian *Homo erectus* populations.

A. stone

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B. wood, bamboo, and fiber
C. wool and cotton
D. metal

UNDERSTAND Answer: B (pg 71)

16. The most prevalent tool in the Acheulian toolkit was the _____.

A. scraper
B. knife
C. arrow
D. hand ax

REMEMBER Answer: D (pg 76)

17. The _____ technique greatly increased the amount of usable stone obtained from a stone sample.

A. knapping
B. prepared core
C. Oldowan
D. hammer stone

REMEMBER Answer: B (pg 77)

18. Evidence of butchery and big-game hunting is NOT at which of the following sites?

A. Torralba, Spain
B. Ambrona, Spain
C. Boxgrove, England
D. Dordogne, France

REMEMBER Answer: D (pg 80)

19. The elephant bones from Torralba and Ambrona are found within clays that indicate a(n) _____ was present in the past.

A. river
B. ocean
C. marsh
D. lake

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UNDERSTAND Answer: C (pg 80-81)

20. The most well-known archaic *Homo sapiens* are _____.

A. *Homo erectus*
B. Neanderthals
C. Cro-Magnon
D. humans

REMEMBER Answer: B (pgs 82-83)

21. In which of the following areas did Neanderthals live?

A. Europe and Eurasia
B. Africa
C. Eurasia
D. South America

REMEMBER Answer: A (pgs 82-83)

22. The lithic technology associated with the Neanderthals is the _____.

A. Oldowan
B. Acheulian
C. Lower Paleolithic
D. Mousterian

REMEMBER Answer: D (pg 86)

23. The Levallois and disk core techniques were used to produce _____ tools.

A. Oldowan
B. Acheulian
C. Mousterian
D. Lower Paleolithic

REMEMBER Answer: C (pg 86)

24. Bordes believed that the variation in Mousterian toolkits was due to _____.

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