1. What word means that the Sumerians believed in many gods?
   A. Monotheism
   B. Ziggurat
   C. Church
   D. Polytheism

2. Mesopotamia is located in the same geographic area as what modern country?
   A. Iraq
   B. Turkey
   C. Egypt
   D. Iran

3. What invention was used to move water from the mountains to the city?
   A. Levee
   B. Aqueduct
   C. Plow
   D. Wheels

4. What did Mesopotamian city-states build to protect themselves from attack?
   A. Irrigation ditches
   B. Levees
   C. Walls around the city
   D. Catapults

5. What invention made farming possible in dry areas?
   A. Sailboats
   B. Wheels
   C. Irrigation ditches
   D. Cuneiform

6. Mesopotamia is located on which continent?
   A. Africa
   B. Asia
   C. North America
   D. Europe
7. What feature made farming possible in southern Mesopotamia (Sumer)?
   A. Large forests were available.
   B. Desert climate provided lots of sun.
   C. Rich soil (silt) was deposited by river flooding.
   D. Mountains kept enemies out of region.

8. Which of these was NOT a Sumerian invention?
   A. Fireworks
   B. Wheeled vehicles
   C. Sailboats
   D. Levees

9. What is Hammurabi most remembered for?
   A. Inventing cuneiform
   B. Building ziggurats
   C. Creating the first empire in history
   D. Establishing a code of law

10. What word means a long period of dry weather?
    A. Drought
    B. Levee
    C. Erosion
    D. Flood

11. What word means a self-governing city and its surrounding villages?
    A. Silt
    B. Empire
    C. City-state
    D. Suburb

12. What is the purpose of a code of law?
    A. To send secret messages during times of war
    B. To establish laws and penalties
    C. To worship gods and goddesses
    D. To design ziggurats

13. Which of these most accurately describes Sargon?
    A. One of the 7 Wonders of the Ancient World
    B. King who created the first empire in history and ruled for 56 years
    C. Used hieroglyphics to send messages across his city-state
    D. The southern part of Mesopotamia
14. Why did Mesopotamians build ziggurats?
   A. Burial places for their kings
   B. To live in
   C. Temples and government offices
   D. A place to store surplus crops

15. What is an early Sumerian system of writing that used symbols to represent sounds, ideas, and objects?
   A. Cuneiform
   B. Polytheism
   C. Aqueduct
   D. Gilgamesh

16. How did Hammurabi build and control his empire?
   A. Wrote treaties and encouraged trade
   B. Due to a natural disaster, the other city-states cooperated.
   C. Built dams that controlled the flow of river water, causing floods or droughts downstream
   D. Allowed citizens to vote for leaders

17. Which of the following was NOT a crop grown in Mesopotamia?
   A. Pomegranates
   B. Lettuce
   C. Corn
   D. Barley

18. What did Mesopotamians build to control flooding?
   A. Sailboats
   B. Irrigation ditches
   C. Walls around the cities
   D. Levees and dams

19. Between which two rivers was Mesopotamia located?
   A. Indus and Ganges
   B. Tigris and Euphrates
   C. Missouri and Ohio
   D. Zagros and Taurus
20. What word means the rich, fertile soil left behind when a river floods?
   A. Sand
   B. Mulch
   C. Pumice
   D. Silt

21. How were the different classes in the society treated under the Code of Hammurabi?
   A. All classes were treated the same.
   B. The nobles were treated better than the commoners, and the slaves had no rights.
   C. The nobles were treated more harshly than the commoners.
   D. The children of slaves were considered to be free.

22. What was the effect on the land when the Sumerian farmers cut down the forests for wood?
   A. There was no effect
   B. Eventually the forests grew back.
   C. More wildlife moved into the area.
   D. Erosion occurred, leading to deserts.

23. Why were city-states often at war?
   A. Wanted to control all the farmland
   B. Wanted to control the waters of the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers
   C. Wanted to control ziggurats
   D. Fought over Sargon

24. What was Gilgamesh, a legendary hero, looking for?
   A. Gold
   B. Secret treasure
   C. A way for people to live forever
   D. New lands

25. What was Assyria known for?
   A. Strong armies that used new technologies such as towers on wheels
   B. Using dams to control the rivers
   C. New inventions such as wheeled vehicles, plows, and cars
   D. It was the first empire in history.

26. What is the word for an official writer or record keeper?
   A. Cuneiform
   B. Secretary
   C. Recorder
   D. Scribe
27. How did the invention of the wheel improve life for the Sumerians? (2 points)

_______________________________________________________________________________
_______________________________________________________________________________
_______________________________________________________________________________
_______________________________________________________________________________
_______________________________________________________________________________

28. How did the development of writing help preserve the Sumerian history and culture? (2 points)

_______________________________________________________________________________
_______________________________________________________________________________
_______________________________________________________________________________
_______________________________________________________________________________
_______________________________________________________________________________

29. What made Mesopotamia a good place for farming and for a civilization to develop? (4 points)

_______________________________________________________________________________
_______________________________________________________________________________
_______________________________________________________________________________
_______________________________________________________________________________
_______________________________________________________________________________
_______________________________________________________________________________
_______________________________________________________________________________
_______________________________________________________________________________
_______________________________________________________________________________
_______________________________________________________________________________