

FIRST TERMINAL EXAMINATION 2019

SOCIAL SCIENCE Std VIII

Answer Keys

1. They used small stone tools with sharp points. 2
2. The variations in pressure is due to the weight exerted by the overlying layers. 2
3. a) Animal fat was used as fuel for lighting in the cave
b) The bones of animals were used as weapons and needles for sewing 2
4. a) Pyramids – Egyptian Civilization
b) Ziggurat – Mesopotamian Civilization 2
5. Igneous rocks – Basalt
Sedimentary rocks – Sandstone, Limestone.(any one)
Metamorphic rocks – Marble, Slate.(any one) 2
6. a) The script was wedge-shaped.
b) They were written on the smooth surface of wet clay tablets.
c) A sharp stylus was used for writing. (any two) 2
7. a) Environmental changes b) Scarcity of food c) Population growth 3
8. a) Biological weathering
b) The plant roots penetrating into the fissures in rocks, burrowing of animals, 3
9. a) Ancient forms of urban settlement existed in this site.
b) The major remnants discovered here are the ruins of dwellings.
c) The huts were built using mud-bricks.
d) They used wheat and barley
e) Pictures were drawn on the walls of huts.
(any three) 3
10. Factors of Soil Formation
a) Plants and animals
b) Topography
c) Time d) Climate (any three) 3
11. a) Located beneath the crust b) Extends up to 2900km from crust
c) 2 parts, upper mantle and lower mantle 3
12. Egyptians :
They formulated a solar calendar. As per this calendar a year had 365 days. A year was divided into 12 months, of 30 days each.
Mesopotamian :
They formulated a calendar based on the movements of the moon. They divided a year into 12 months, a month into four weeks, and a day into 24 hours. 4
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A	B
Rangpur	Rice cultivation
Harappa	Granary
Kalibangan	Farming by ploughing
Mohenjodaro	The Great Bath

14. a) wooden handled stone axes and sickles were used - agricultural
 b) wooden wheels were used – Pottery making
 c) Ploughshare and spade were used – land ploughing
 d) Harpoons and hooks used – for fishing

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	Palaeolithic Age	Neolithic Age
Tools	Rough stones	Polished stones
Food gathering	Food gathering	food production
Animal Husbandry	no rearing animals	began to rear animals
Occupation	Hunting	Cultivation, animal rearing
Settled Life	No settled life	Started settled life

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16. a) All buildings were built of burnt bricks.
 b) The cities had two parts.
 The west was higher, used by administrators.
 The east was lower and was inhabited by the common people
 c) Houses were built along both sides of planned streets.
 d) Effective drainage systems existed there.
 e) They mainly cultivated wheat, barley, millet, sesame, pulses etc.
 Cotton and rice also cultivated in some places
 f) The agricultural fields in the villages were fertile.
 g) Farming was done by ploughing the land.
 h) Canals were constructed for irrigation.
 i) The surplus agricultural products were stored in the granary.

(any five)

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17. soil pollution.
 Overuse of chemical fertilizers
 Unscientific construction and quarrying.
 Use of agricultural land for non-agricultural purposes.
 Draining wastewater into soil on a large scale.
 Check deforestation, Crop rotation, Terrace farming along hill slopes
 Construction of check dams

(any five)

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