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## Ancient & Modern Middle East Exam STUDY GUIDE

### MESOPOTAMIA

1. A \_\_\_\_\_ is a government where leaders rule by divine authority.
2. The invention of \_\_\_\_\_ writing system is credited to the Sumerians.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ code contained more than 200 laws.
4. The largest category of laws in the code of \_\_\_\_\_ focused on marriage and family.
5. The Babylonian King who wrote a code or set of laws, from which many of the rules for subsequent civilizations were modeled, was \_\_\_\_\_.

### ANCIENT EGYPT

6. Egypt's ancient history has been divided into \_\_\_\_\_ major periods or kingdoms.
7. The building of pyramids occurred in the time of the \_\_\_\_\_.
8. The process of preserving the physical body after death (mummification) practiced by the \_\_\_\_\_ because of their belief in an after-life.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ is known as "The Gift of the Nile."
10. \_\_\_\_\_ means "priest-carvings" or "sacred writings."
11. Which of the following statements is the most correct in contrasting (showing the differences between) the Nile with the Tigris and Euphrates rivers? (3.2)
  - a. All three rivers are very similar in both length and velocity (speed at which the water moves).
  - b. The Nile is longer, gentler and more predictable bringing new topsoil without serious flooding.
  - c. The Nile and the Euphrates are longer and faster moving than the Tigris so the Gods worshiped by the people along those two rivers are more violent and jealous.
  - d. Ancient Egyptians built large building called ziggurats to protect them from devastation of the flooding while Mesopotamians enjoyed the annual flooding from the Tigris and Euphrates.

### ISLAM

12. According to the Quran, \_\_\_\_\_ is fair, defensive warfare.
13. The sacred book in Islam is the \_\_\_\_\_.
14. Followers of Islam are called \_\_\_\_\_.
15. The two major divisions within Islam are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
16. One of the pillars of Islam is to \_\_\_\_\_ five times each day.
17. It is legal to have \_\_\_\_\_ wives in Islam but most men have \_\_\_\_\_.
18. What is the significance of Dome of the Rock, in Jerusalem, for Islam? It is where: \_\_\_\_\_
19. Mohammad received revelations that later became the \_\_\_\_\_.

### MODERN MIDDLE EAST

20. At the time of September 11, 2001, al Qaeda and the Taliban were based in which Middle Eastern Country?  
\_\_\_\_\_
21. In some Muslim countries a woman cannot board a plane or check into a hotel by herself without \_\_\_\_\_.
22. This part is the arable (good for farming) area between the Persian Gulf and the Mediterranean Sea that differs from the harsh surrounding territory: \_\_\_\_\_.
23. This process diverts water from a natural body, such as a river, for agricultural (farming) purposes: \_\_\_\_\_
24. When did Israel become a nation? \_\_\_\_\_
25. The most bitter current territorial (land) dispute in the Middle East exists between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
26. Dispute over \_\_\_\_\_ are MOST likely in a desert region.
27. From which two Middle Eastern Countries does the United States import much of its petroleum?  
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
28. The Persian Gulf War (Desert Storm) began when what event happened? \_\_\_\_\_
29. The War in Iraq (2003-Present) began when Saddam Hussein refused to allow international inspectors to examine suspected weapon plants. Another reason that was used to justify the US invasion of Iraq was:

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30. Define: OPEC, Embargo, Bedouin

**RELIGION OVERVIEW REVIEW**

31. This is a belief in many gods: \_\_\_\_\_.

32. Which 3 world religions consider Jerusalem a holy city? \_\_\_\_\_

33. Define: Jerusalem, Mosque

**TIMELINE: Put the following events in chronological order**

- \_\_\_ Neolithic
- \_\_\_ Two jet liners crash into the World Trade Center
- \_\_\_ Jesus Christ teaches in Palestine
- \_\_\_ Hammurabi's Code
- \_\_\_ Constitution of the United States is drafted
- \_\_\_ Paleolithic
- \_\_\_ River Valley Civilizations emerge and history begins
- \_\_\_ Islam is founded
- \_\_\_ Sumerians develop cuneiform

**Locate the following countries and water features on map below:**

Black Sea	Sea	Indian Ocean	Iran	Afghanistan
Persian Gulf	Red Sea	Caspian Sea	Egypt	Iraq
Mediterranean	Arabian Sea	Turkey	Saudi Arabia	Israel

