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Instructions: Read each question carefully and choose the best answer.

1. Read this sentence from the book: *Before the Ubaid formed settlements, they and other Sumerian tribes were* ***nomadic*** *hunters and gatherers, moving from place to place.* Which words from this sentence help readers understand the meaning of the word **nomadic**?

Ⓐ *the Ubaid formed settlements*

Ⓑ *hunters and gatherers*

Ⓒ *moving from place to place*

Ⓓ *Sumerian tribes*

2. What can you conclude about the people of Uruk?

Ⓐ They had no existing system of communication.

Ⓑ They preferred to live in the countryside.

Ⓒ They refused to follow the laws.

Ⓓ They were religious people.

3. Which of the following jobs were open to Sumerian women?

Ⓐ priestess

Ⓑ business owner

Ⓒ physician

Ⓓ All of the above

4. Why was the Gutian rule of Sumer known as the Dark Age of Mesopotamia?

Ⓐ A large sandstorm blocked the Sun, and all the crops died.

Ⓑ Many people were enslaved and lost their homes and families.

Ⓒ The land and canals were not taken care of, and many people starved.

Ⓓ All the artwork was destroyed, and people were not allowed to be creative.

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5. Mesopotamia was located _____.

Ⓐ where the United States is now

Ⓑ where Greece, Italy, and Spain are now

Ⓒ where Egypt is now

Ⓓ where Turkey, Syria, Iraq, and Kuwait are now

6. Some settlements in the Fertile Crescent became **city-states**. Which of the following is true of a **city-state**?

Ⓐ It acts like its own country.

Ⓑ It has very few laws and restrictions.

Ⓒ It does not permit trade with outsiders.

Ⓓ It is ruled by a president.

7. After reading the section "Prosperity and Advancement," what can you conclude about Mesopotamia?

Ⓐ Times of peace allowed people in Mesopotamia to create new systems, such as a mail system.

Ⓑ Money made during wartimes helped create a numerical place system.

Ⓒ The people of Mesopotamia resettled in new places based on an increase in trade routes.

Ⓓ During times of peace, there was little money for the people, so leaders encouraged war.

8. The name *Mesopotamia* means _____.

Ⓐ the land between two rivers

Ⓑ the land between two mountain ranges

Ⓒ the land between two seas

Ⓓ the land between two deserts

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9. What was King Sargon's influence on the Sumerians?

Ⓐ He encouraged fighting because he preferred being in battle.

Ⓑ He enslaved anyone who participated in war.

Ⓒ He stopped the fighting and chose leaders whom he trusted to keep the peace.

Ⓓ He blocked all outside trade and therefore stopped all fighting.

10. Uruk was where Mesopotamian **pictographs** first appeared. **Pictographs** are used _____.

Ⓐ as places of worship

Ⓑ as tools to make weapons

Ⓒ to represent words and ideas

Ⓓ to bring water to crops

11. Extended Response: Why was the land where ancient Mesopotamia was located called the "Fertile Crescent"?

12. Extended Response: In what ways did trade affect warfare among the Sumerian people?

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Main Comprehension Skill: Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions

1. Ⓒ *Vocabulary*
2. Ⓓ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
3. Ⓓ *Main Idea and Details*
4. Ⓒ *Cause and Effect*
5. Ⓓ *Main Idea and Details*
6. Ⓐ *Vocabulary*
7. Ⓐ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
8. Ⓐ *Main Idea and Details*
9. Ⓒ *Cause and Effect*
10. Ⓒ *Vocabulary*
11. Answers will vary, but students should note that Mesopotamia was called the Fertile Crescent because the land provided well for the people who were able to farm and trade, which allowed their civilizations to flourish.
12. Answers should include the following: *Trade routes supplied materials needed to craft the tools of war, including metals, such as copper and tin. Blocking trade routes was a way to keep weapons out of the hands of an opposing army.*

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