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Timeline and Sources of History

A. Multiple Choice Questions.

- Which of the following studies the physical features of the Earth?
a. Anthropologist b. Archaeologist c. Geologist d. Palaeontologist
- What is the conventional starting point for the Gregorian calendar?
a. The birth of Buddha b. The birth of Jesus Christ
c. The start of a ruler's reign d. The year 1000 AD
- Which of the following is a period of 100 years?
a. Decade b. Millennium c. Century d. Era
- What is the main source of information for historians studying recent history?
a. Ancient inscriptions b. Newspapers c. Fossils d. Cave paintings
- What calendar is widely used across the world today?
a. Chinese calendar b. Jewish calendar c. Hindu calendar d. Gregorian calendar
- What were early humans mainly reliant on for survival?
a. Agriculture b. Trading c. Fishing d. Hunting and gathering
- Which of the following terms refers to a period of 1,000 years?
a. Decade b. Millennium c. Century d. Era
- Which of the following studies the remains of plants, animals, and humans from millions of years ago?
a. Anthropologist b. Archaeologist c. Geologist d. Palaeontologist
- What is the term used for the years before the Common Era?
a. AD b. CE c. BC d. BCE
- Which of the following is a source of history that can provide information about ancient climates?
a. Scientific studies b. Cave paintings c. Newspapers d. Ancient inscriptions

B. Fill in the Blanks.

Jesus Christ's birth	caves	panchang	timeline	society, culture
Early people	past	hamlets	Gregorian	jigsaw puzzle

- We can fully understand the present only in the light of the _____.
- Each _____ and _____ has its ways of measuring time.
- _____ calendar is commonly used worldwide.

4. The Western calendar typically begins with the year of _____.
5. A _____ is a convenient tool to mark such events.
6. Each object and structure has a story to tell, similar to a _____.
7. _____ formed bands or communities to support one another.
8. Early humans lived in temporary camps, rock shelters or _____.
9. A _____ is a book of tables which lists the days of astronomical data.
10. A small settlement or small village is called _____.

C. State true or false.

1. The Earth has a very long history.
2. Manuscripts, coins and old buildings are sources which help to know the past
3. The Gregorian calendar is commonly used worldwide.
4. Early humans were mainly farmers.
5. Historians only rely on written documents for their studies.
6. CE stands for Before Christ.
7. The term 'AD' is now called the Common Era.
8. Early humans lived in permanent structures and did not move around.
9. Early humans lived in permanent cities.
10. Early humans used fire to cook their food.

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D. Answer the following questions.

1. What is history often described as?

Ans. _____

2. How is time measured in history according to different cultures?

Ans. _____

3. What is the 'Ice Age' referred to in the chapter?

Ans. _____

4. What is an inscription?

Ans. _____

5. Name two sources of history.

Ans. _____

6. How did living conditions for humans improve after the Ice Age?

Ans. _____

7. What did humans start doing with more food available?

Ans. _____

E. Give reason.

1. Why did early human communities settle near rivers?

Ans. _____

2. Why do historians rely on multiple sources when studying the past?

Ans. _____

F. Match the following.

Column A	Column B	Ans.
1. National Museum, New Delhi	i. A period of 100 years.	1. ____
2. Auspicious	ii. Gautama Buddha born	2. ____
3. Ice Age end	iii. A distinct period of time	3. ____
4. Century	iv. Bringing luck	4. ____
5. 560 BCE	v. Preserving objects from the past	5. ____
6. Era	vi. Around 12,000 years ago	6. ____

G. Give One Word Answer.

1. A period when the Earth was covered in ice - _____
2. A method used to display of a list of events in chronological order. - _____
3. A scientific study that helps in reconstructing the past - _____
4. The conventional starting point for the Gregorian calendar. - _____
5. The study of ancient inscriptions. - _____
6. A person who studies and writes about the past. - _____
7. A life that begins after death. - _____

Answer

A.

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| 1. Geologist | 5. Gregorian calendar | 9. BCE |
| 2. The birth of Jesus Christ | 6. Hunting and gathering | 10. Cave paintings |
| 3. Century | 7. Millennium | |
| 4. Newspapers | 8. Palaeontologist | |

B.

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| 1. past | 5. timeline | 9. panchanga |
| 2. society, culture | 6. jigsaw puzzle | 10. hamlets |
| 3. Gregorian | 7. Early people | |
| 4. Jesus Christ's birth | 8. caves | |

C.

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| 1. True | 2. True | 3. True | 4. False | 5. False | 6. False |
| 7. True | 8. False | 9. False | 10. True | | |

D.

- History is often described as a record of the past.
- Time is measured in history according to different cultures using various calendars and systems.
- The 'Ice Age' is referred to in the chapter as a period when the Earth's climate was significantly colder than average, resulting in much of the Earth being covered in ice.
- An inscription is a written or engraved message on a stone or other hard surface.
- Two sources of history are newspapers and cave paintings.
- Living conditions for humans improved after the Ice Age due to the warming climate, which led to more water and fertile soil.
- With more food available, humans started settling down, cultivating cereals and grains, and domesticating animals.

E.

- Early human communities settled near rivers because of the availability of water and fertile soil, which made it easier to grow crops. Rivers also provided a reliable source of food and transportation.
- Historians rely on multiple sources when studying the past to ensure the accuracy and reliability of their findings. Different sources can provide different perspectives and information, helping to create a more complete picture of the past.

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G.

- Ice Age
- Timeline
- Archaeology
- 1 AD
- Epigraphy
- Historian
- Afterlife