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1. Who founded the philosophical school called the Lyceum, near the temple of Apollo Lyceus in Athens?

- ☐ Plato
- ☐ Epicurus
- ☐ Zeno of Citium
- ☐ Aristotle

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2. Who led the conspiracy against the Roman Republic in 63 BC?

- ☐ Lucius Sergius Catilina
- ☐ Gaius Julius Caesar
- ☐ Marcus Junius Brutus
- ☐ Marcus Tullius Cicero

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3. What was the name of the Greek fabulist credited with writing many fables?

- ☐ Hesiod
- ☐ Aesop
- ☐ Phaedrus
- ☐ Homer

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4. What is the name of the Greek god of commerce and messenger of the gods?

- ☐ Apollo
- ☐ Hephaestus
- ☐ Hermes
- ☐ Dionysus

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5. How many types of human temperament did Hippocrates identify?

Answer: _____

± You can be off by 1.

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6. Which order of Greek architecture is considered the oldest?

- ☐ Ionic
- ☐ Doric
- ☐ Composite
- ☐ Corinthian

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7. How many sons did the biblical Noah have?

Answer: _____

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8. In which ancient state was the city of Heliopolis?

- ☐ Egypt
- ☐ Persia
- ☐ Assyria
- ☐ Greece

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9. What are Deinos, Xanthos, Lampon and Podargos?

- ☐ anti-inflammatory drugs
- ☐ four labours of Heracles
- ☐ mythological horses
- ☐ types of glow plugs

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10. Which work is considered the oldest surviving epic in the world?

- ☐ The Epic of Gilgamesh
- ☐ The Iliad
- ☐ The Mahabharata
- ☐ Beowulf

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11. How many Wonders of the Ancient World were there?

Answer: _____

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12. Who wrote "The City of God" ("De civitate Dei")?

- ☐ Saint Augustine
- ☐ Saint Jerome
- ☐ Saint Thomas Aquinas
- ☐ Boethius

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13. What hung over the head of Damocles?

- ☐ A sword
- ☐ A stone
- ☐ An axe
- ☐ A spear

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14. What was the ancient land on the eastern Mediterranean coast covering today's Lebanon called?

- ☐ Anatolia
- ☐ Lydia
- ☐ Phoenicia
- ☐ Mesopotamia

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15. Who founded Epicureanism?

- ☐ Epicurus of Samos
- ☐ Zeno of Citium
- ☐ Diogenes of Sinope
- ☐ Pyrrho of Elis

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16. In the ruins of which ancient city was the stele with the Code of Hammurabi found in 1901?

- ☐ Nineveh
- ☐ Ur
- ☐ Susa
- ☐ Babylon

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17. How many Muses were there in Greek mythology?

Answer: _____

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18. Which Egyptian god was depicted with the head of a jackal?

- ☐ Osiris
- ☐ Ra
- ☐ Horus
- ☐ Anubis

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19. Which herald of the Greek army at Troy was famous for his powerful voice?

- ☐ Castor
- ☐ Mentor
- ☐ Nestor
- ☐ Stentor

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20. For how many years did Penelope wait for Odysseus to return?

Answer: _____

± You can be off by 5.

Answers

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1. Aristotle

The word "lyceum" comes from the name of this school.

2. Lucius Sergius Catilina

The plot was uncovered and foiled by the consul Cicero, who had earlier defeated Catiline in the consular elections. His speeches against Catiline became famous for the phrase "O tempora, o mores!".

3. Aesop

Aesop came from Phrygia in Asia Minor and probably lived in the 6th century BC. According to tradition, he was a slave on the island of Samos.

4. Hermes

He also protected travellers, merchants, shepherds and thieves. His attribute was the caduceus.

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6. Doric

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8. Egypt

The name means "city of the sun" in Greek. The Egyptians called it Iunu.

9. mythological horses

10. The Epic of Gilgamesh

It originated in ancient Mesopotamia.

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12. Saint Augustine

Augustine of Hippo wrote it after the sack of Rome by the Visigoths in 410, contrasting the earthly city with the City of God.

13. A sword

The tyrant Dionysius of Syracuse had a sword hung by a single horsehair over a courtier who envied his good fortune. He wanted to show how precarious a ruler's lot is.

14. Phoenicia

It also covered western Syria and northern Israel.

15. Epicurus of Samos

He founded his school in Athens around 306 BC. In the Middle Ages, Epicureanism was condemned as immoral.

16. Susa

The stele had been carried there as plunder about 600 years after it was made. Today it is in the Louvre.

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18. Anubis

Anubis was the god of mummification and patron of embalmers. Jackals were associated with cemeteries because they dug up graves.

19. Stentor

His name means "the roarer" in Greek. Homer mentions him in the "Iliad".

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The Trojan War lasted ten years, and Odysseus's wanderings another ten. Penelope deceived her suitors by unraveling at night the shroud she wove by day.

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