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# Hammurabi's Code - Answer Key

*Read each question and circle the correct answer.*

1. One reason Hammurabi's Code is famous is that \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. it was the first set of laws to be recorded in writing
- ☒ B. it was written in a sophisticated code that took years for scholars to translate
- ☒ C. it was beautifully written on a single, giant stone of polished black basalt
- D. it was the first set of laws to rhyme, probably to help people remember them

2. How was Hammurabi's Code displayed?

- A. Scholars aren't sure, but many believe the laws were kept secret and not enforced.
- ☒ B. The laws were placed in public so that all people could see them.
- C. The laws were carved into hundreds of different stones and placed along the road to the city.
- D. Nobody knows because the original Code was completely destroyed by invaders.

3. Which of the following lines come from Hammurabi's Code?

- A. "A dreadfully deformed child shall be killed."
- B. "No person shall hold meetings in the City at night."
- C. "If a husband desires to divorce his wife, and dissolve his marriage, he must give a reason for doing so."
- ☒ D. "If a man knock out the teeth of his equal, his teeth shall be knocked out."

4. According to Hammurabi's Code, what happens if a man puts out a slave's eye?

- A. The man must lose his own eye.
- B. The man must trade the slave for one of his own slaves.
- C. The man must be clubbed to death.
- ☒ D. The man must pay one-half of the slave's value.

5. Which of the following is a **true** statement?

- ☒ A. Hammurabi's Code contained 282 brief and strict laws.
- B. Hammurabi's Code contained merciful laws that went against the idea of retribution.
- C. Hammurabi's Code listed all the rights that a person had.
- D. Hammurabi's Code formed the basis of the constitution of the Roman Republic.

6. Rome's Twelve Tables were written down because \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. the upper class wanted a legal way to punish their slaves
- ☒ B. the plebeians convinced the Republic's leaders that everyone should know the laws
- C. the Roman Republic was crumbling and the council wanted to restore order
- D. the constitution of the Roman Republic needed to be amended

7. Scholars believe that the Twelve Tables \_\_\_\_\_.

- ☒ A. rhymed to help people remember them
- B. listed all the rights a person had
- C. were destroyed by plebeians in an uprising
- D. were written on a single eight-foot stone

8. Which of the following lines come from Rome's Twelve Tables?

- A. "If a man put out the eye of another man, his eye shall be put out."
- ☒ C. "A dreadfully deformed child shall be killed."
- B. "If a woman leaves her husband and ruins her house, this woman shall be cast into the water."
- D. "If a man knock out the teeth of his equal, his teeth shall be knocked out."

9. According to the Twelve Tables, a woman \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. becomes a Roman citizen when she reaches adulthood
- C. is considered more intelligent than a man
- B. is freed from male guardianship when she reaches adulthood
- ☒ D. remains in the guardianship of a man even as an adult

10. Which of the following is a **false** statement?

- A. The Twelve Tables were destroyed during an invasion of Rome.
- B. The Twelve Tables contained strict laws and harsh penalties.
- ☒ C. The Twelve Tables featured an image of the king of Babylon.
- D. The Twelve Tables formed the basis of the constitution of the Roman Republic.