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# Mesopotamia & the Fertile Crescent - Answer Key

*Read each question and circle the correct answer.*

1. The fertile crescent got its name because {}.

- A. it's in an arid valley in the Middle East
- ☒ B. it's a land of rich soil that's ideal for agriculture
- C. it's home to a wide range of animals
- D. it was one of the earliest civilizations

2. The Tigris and Euphrates are {}.

- A. ancient civilizations from Mesopotamia
- B. ancient structures used as temples
- ☒ C. rivers that were important to ancient civilizations in Mesopotamia
- D. two economic levels in the Sumerian class-based society

3. Advances in {} made division of labor possible.

- ☒ A. agriculture
- B. religion
- C. mathematics
- D. building

4. True or False: Division of labor is less efficient than hunting and gathering.

- A. True
- ☒ B. False

5. Sumerians invented {}, one of the first written languages ever.

- A. Roman numerals
- B. Latin
- ☒ C. cuneiform
- D. Aramaic

6. What were massive Sumerian temples called?

- A. Pyramids
- B. Cathedrals
- C. Mosques
- ☒ D. Ziggurats

7. True or False: Mesopotamian society was peaceful and harmonious for most of its history.

- A. True
- ☒ B. False

8. What is the Code of Hammurabi?

- A. A long poem
- ☒ B. A set of laws
- C. A religious text
- D. A mathematical proof

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10. Which empire conquered the Babylonians to take over Mesopotamia?

- A. The Ottoman Empire
- B. The British Empire
- C. The Roman Empire
- ☒ D. The Persian Empire