

# Brain POP<sup>®</sup> SUMERIANS

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**1** What does a society need to have before the division of labor occurs?

- A** A writing system
- B** A common religious faith
- C** A food surplus
- D** An irrigation system

**2** In which modern region was Sumer located?

- A** The Middle East
- B** North Africa
- C** Southeast Asia
- D** Western Europe

**3** How did the Sumerians irrigate their crops?

- A** With water from the Persian Gulf
- B** With rainwater
- C** With seawater
- D** With river water

**4**  Which Sumerians worked atop ziggurats?

- A** Politicians
- B** Priests
- C** Military leaders
- D** Scribes

**5** In what way did Sumer differ from societies that came before it?

- A** Older societies cultivated corn; the Sumerians cultivated wheat
- B** Older societies had many gods; the Sumerians only worshipped one god
- C** Older societies were based on hunting and gathering; Sumerian society was based on agriculture
- D** Older societies warred with one another; Sumerian society was always at peace

**6** Which of the following is an opinion about the Sumerians?

- A** Much of their writing has been translated into modern languages
- B** Their society was far more advanced than Ancient Egyptian society
- C** They were among the earliest civilizations on Earth
- D** Sumerian ruins still exist in the nation of Iraq

**7** How was the Sumerian numeral system different from ours?

- A** The Sumerian system was based on 60; ours is based on 10
- B** The Sumerian system contained negative numbers; ours doesn't
- C** The Sumerian system could not be written down; ours can
- D** The Sumerian system could not be used to add and subtract; ours can

**8** What is the best definition for the word "civilization?"

- A** An area with a literate population and an industrial economy
- B** A country whose people all speak the same language
- C** A society based on hunting and gathering
- D** A society with unique social, cultural, and political systems

**9** What was the main reason the Sumerians developed writing?

- A** To write history
- B** To write laws
- C** To keep track of trade
- D** To describe agricultural techniques

**10**  Sumer was a decentralized collection of city-states. What does this mean?

- A** Each city-state had its own god
- B** There was a single capital city
- C** There was no single ruler of the whole region
- D** Each city-state had its own language