

Ancient History and Mythology

No.	Question	Answer
1	What early system of writing did the Sumerians develop?	Cuneiform
2	What ancient land lay between the Tigris and Euphrates rivers?	Mesopotamia
3	Of the original Seven Wonders of the World what is the only one remaining today?	The Great Pyramid of Giza (aka Pyramid of Khufu)
4	Who is the ancient Egyptian sun god?	Ra
5	What ancient Egyptian temple complex was relocated in 1968 to prevent it being submerged by the creation of Lake Nasser?	Abu Simbel
6	The Minoan people inhabited what Mediterranean island?	Crete
7	Who was born in Athens in the 5 th century BC and wrote the Republic?	Plato
8	What race of people established the Carthagian Empire around 800BC?	The Phoenicians
9	The Greeks defeated the Persians at what battle in 490BC?	Marathon
10	Who did Helen of Troy marry?	King Menelaus of Sparta
11	Who did Echo fall in love with?	Narcissus
12	What Spartan king, with 300 fellow Spartans, defended the pass at Thermopylae against the Persian army in 480BC?	Leonidas
13	Currently on display in the British Museum the Parthenon Sculptures are better known as?	The Elgin Marbles
14	Who killed the Gorgon, Medusa?	Perseus
15	What twin brothers are credited as being the founders of Rome?	Romulus and Remus
16	In Roman mythology who was the brother of Jupiter and Pluto?	Neptune
17	In Norse mythology who were the female servants of Odin who brought those who died in battle to Odin's hall in Valhalla?	The Valkyries
18	He lived in India in the 5 th century BC Prince Siddhartha Gautama is better known as?	Buddha
19	The Terracotta Army is a collection of terracotta sculptures depicting the armies of Qin Shi Huang, the first Emperor of China, and was discovered in 1974 outside what Chinese city?	Xi'an
20	Located in southern Jordan what city became a major trading hub for spices in the 2 nd century BC and was the capital of the Nabataean kingdom?	Petra
21	Assisted by Ariadne who killed the Minotaur?	Theseus
22	Who succeeded King David as the king of Israel?	Solomon (David's son)
23	In Greek mythology who was the ferryman who carried the souls of the recently departed across the river Styx to the Underworld?	Charon
24	What Carthaginian general marched an army with African elephants over the Alps and into Italy in 218BC?	Hannibal
25	Who was the son of Jochebed who was put in a wicker basket in the river Nile where the pharaoh's daughter found him?	Moses