

First Term Onam examination 2025

Answer Key

STD 7

Social Science

---

1. Athens and Sparta

a) Concept Map Features

- Athens: Democracy
- Sparta: Aristocracy (Oligarchy/Military rule)
- Both: Major city states in Ancient Greece with unique forms of government and society.

b) Correct Statement

- A) Olympics started here.  
(The Olympics originated in Ancient Greece.)
- 

2. Early Human Evolution

a) Correct Matching

- 1. Hominids: c. Walked on four legs
- 2. Hominoids: d. Walked on two legs
- 3. Homo erectus: a. Tool makers
- 4. Homo habilis: b. Upright humans

Answer: A) 1-c, 2-d, 3-a, 4-b

b) Mesolithic to Neolithic Developments

- Transition from nomadic life to settled communities.
- Development of agriculture and domestication of animals.
- Use of improved tools, pottery, and forming permanent dwellings.

---

### 3(A). Bronze Age Civilizations

#### a) Not Correct Statement

- B) The writing system of the Mesopotamians is known as 'sacred writing'. (Mesopotamian script is Cuneiform; 'sacred writing' refers to Hieroglyphics.)

#### b) Table Arrangement

Egyptian Civilization	Mesopotamian Civilization
The city of Cairo	The city of Lagash
Pyramids	The region between rivers
The Gift of Nile	The Lunar Calendar

---

### 3(B). Writing Systems

#### a) Civilizations Associated

- i) Cuneiform Script — Mesopotamian Civilization
- ii) Hieroglyphic Script — Egyptian Civilization

#### b) Note Comparing the Scripts

- Cuneiform: Made with wedge-shaped marks on clay tablets; mainly for records and literature.
  - Hieroglyphics: Pictorial symbols, used for religious texts and inscriptions; more decorative.
- 

### 4. Latitudes and Longitudes

#### a) Feature Not of Equator

- D) Connects the poles.  
(The Equator does not connect the poles, it divides the Earth into hemispheres.)

#### b) Model Drawing

- Draw a globe and mark:
  - Equator ( $0^\circ$ )
  - Tropic of Cancer ( $23\frac{1}{2}^\circ$  North)
  - Tropic of Capricorn ( $23\frac{1}{2}^\circ$  South)

- Arctic Circle ( $66\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  North)
- Antarctic Circle ( $66\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  South)

---

## 5. The State

### a) Correct Statement

- The state protects the rights of the people.
- For the existence of a state, a permanent and well-defined territory is essential.

### b) Debate Points

- The government ensures welfare through healthcare, education, safety, infrastructure, and law and order.

---

## 6(A). Buddhism and Jainism

### a) Jainism Tri-Ratna

- C. Right Belief, Right Knowledge, Right Action

### b) Ideals Table

Jainism	Buddhism
All things have life	Do not harm others
Non-violence (Ahimsa)	Compassion and non-violence

---

## 6(B). Magadha

### a) Factors for Growth

- Fertile land by the Ganges
- Good leadership and strong administration
- Strategic location for trade

### b) Not Correct about Magadha

- B) Pataliputra served as the earlier capital of Magadha.  
(Initially, Rajgir was the capital; later, Pataliputra became the capital.)