Directions: Answering Questions  Select a term below to answer each question that follows. Write the term in the blank.

- bazaar
- cuneiform
- monotheism
- mosque
- polytheism
- saints
- irrigation
- calligraphy
- terrorism
- hajj
- city-state
- prophet
- caliphs
- theocracy
- dietary laws
- covenant
- epic
- hieroglyphics

1. People along the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers built waterways and ditches to bring water to their fields. What is this method of watering crops? ____________

2. Sumerians worshiped many gods, and each Sumerian city had a temple dedicated to the city’s chief god. What word means “the worship of many gods and goddesses”? ____________

3. Each Sumerian city and the land around it formed its own government. What is a territory called that is made up of a city and its surrounding area? ____________

4. At first, Sumerian cities were ruled by priests. What word means “a government controlled by religious leaders”? ____________

5. Sumerians invented one of the world’s first calendars, as well as the wheel, the plow, and an early form of writing. What is this early form of writing called? ____________

6. Egyptians also developed a system of writing. What is the term for the Egyptian form of writing, in which pictures were used for words or sounds? ____________

7. Ancient Egyptians believed that their rulers were gods. What were Egyptian rulers called? ____________

8. According to Jewish belief, God made an agreement with Abraham—he and his descendants would be blessed if he moved to Canaan. What is another word for this agreement? ____________

9. Jews believe that God revealed important laws, called the Ten Commandments, to a messenger named Moses. What term means “a messenger of God”? ____________
10. Jews and Muslims have rules that forbid them to eat pork. What rules state which foods people can and cannot eat and how food should be prepared?

11. Judaism, Christianity, and Islam are all examples of religions based on the belief in one God. What term means “the belief in one God”?

12. Many Christians set aside special days to honor holy people. What are Christian holy people called?

13. Many of the great works of literature from this region recount the deeds of heroes. What is a tale or poem about heroes and heroines?

14. After Muhammad died, Muslim leaders created a vast empire. What were these Muslim leaders called?

15. Muslims use beautiful writing as decoration. What is the art of beautiful writing?

16. Passages from the Quran adorn the walls of many Islamic houses of worship. What word means “Islamic house of worship”?

17. Muslims are expected to journey to Makkah at least once in their lives. What is this holy journey called?

18. The Muslim group al-Qaeda uses violence in an effort to remove American and European influences from the Muslim world. What term means “the use of violence against civilians to reach a political goal”?

19. Traditional marketplaces in North Africa and Southwest Asia can be a street of stalls in smaller cities or an entire district in larger cities. What is the term for a traditional marketplace in this region?