A. Terms, People, and Places

Fill in the blank in each sentence with the letter of a word, name, or place from Column II. Not all the words in Column II will be used. Each answer can be used only once.

Column I

1. Some rulers of early civilizations conquered many cities and villages and created ______.
2. Only special workers, called ______, could read and write.
3. Early writing systems often used ______, or simple drawings, to represent objects.
4. Skilled craftspeople, or ______, made pottery and woven goods.
5. Most ancient peoples were ______, or believed in many gods.

Column II

a. surplus
b. polytheistic
c. artisans
d. pictographs
e. scribes
f. cultural diffusion
g. empires

B. Main Ideas

Write the letter of the correct answer in the blank provided.

_____ 6. The earliest civilizations to develop were
   a. simple, with traditional economies.
   b. established on the Mediterranean Sea.
   c. located near major rivers.
   d. large and powerful.

_____ 7. What are three basic features of most early civilizations?
   a. complex religions, social classes, and writing
   b. job specialization, nomadic lifestyles, and public works
   c. animism, organized governments, and cities
   d. job specialization, writing, and simple government

_____ 8. In the cities, who usually occupied the top level of society?
   a. elders or chiefs
c. wealthy merchants
   b. artisans
d. priests and nobles

_____ 9. The spread of ideas, customs, and technology is known as
   a. empire-building
c. the city-state effect.
   b. cultural diffusion.
d. job specialization.

_____ 10. What led to the rise of the city-state?
   a. Rulers gained power and conquered areas outside their cities.
   b. Natural disasters forced people to move near cities for work and food.
   c. Armies brought new skills to conquered territories.
   d. Nomadic peoples built cities with temples and palaces.