

ARCHAEOLOGY 214

THE HUMAN STORY II

The New Stone Age or Neolithic Period (10th to 4th millennium BC)

Final Examination

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Time: TWO hours

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I

IDENTIFY THE 10 IMAGES

45 % (50 minutes)

Human actors, several artifacts and art work, and architecture are presented to you in the illustrations. Together they highlight main aspects of the world and life of early Neolithic or late Stone Age humans, their environment, and basic concerns and occupations.

Briefly identify these one by one and in the order indicated: 1—10

1. Who or what is illustrated?
2. Where did it originate?
3. What story does the image tell?
4. Does the illustrated subject or object survive into the present?

II

ESSAY QUESTION

55 % (70 minutes)

Moving towards food production in the late Stone Age or early Neolithic period, gradually resulted in some irreversible changes in our perceptions and way of life.

Describe some of the developments of 'neolithisation,' also called the first 'colonisation.'

When and how can ethnoarchaeological investigation help understand past societies ?

Here are some key ideas to guide you in your story:

- Mureibet and Jericho, first settlements
- Attitudes towards the world in which we lived: Nature, plants and animals
- Changes in diet
- New tools and equipment
- Trade in raw materials
- House types and their significance (round to rectangular, domestic and public)
- Evidence for cult, ritual and ceremony
- Symbols or images of the divine
- Lessons learnt from surviving traditional communities

