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Mythology Quiz
Chapter 4: The Rise of Zeus and Creation of Mortals

- _____ 1. Which of the following is NOT true of the sacrifice at Mekone? (a) Prometheus laid out the sacrificial meat in two piles, one of meat covered by gristle, the other of gristle covered by meat (b) At this time, gods and humans still banqueted together (c) Zeus was deceived by the trick when he chose his pile of sacrificial offerings (d) Hesiod is our main source for this tale
- _____ 2. Which of the Five Ages that Hesiod tells about is characterized by endless savage, self-destructive fighting? (a) the silver age (b) the bronze age (c) the age of heroes (d) the iron age
- _____ 3. The character who asserts that he gave humans numbers, writing, carpentry, and astronomy: (a) Cronus (b) Prometheus (c) Typhoeus (d) Zeus
- _____ 4. *Prometheus Bound* is (a) a play (b) an epic (c) a section of Hesiod's *Theogony* (d) a dialog attributed to Homer
- _____ 5. Which of the following is NOT true of Pandora: (a) she was fashioned by Hephaestus (b) she was created to reward men for their piety (c) her name means "all gifts" (d) she became the wife of Prometheus' brother
- _____ 6. The author who writes: "I discovered for [men] numbers... and letters and their combinations ... I first harnessed animals ...no one before me discovered seamen's vessels ..." : (a) Aeschylus (b) Hesiod (c) Homer (d) Ovid
- _____ 7. Which of the following is NOT a threat to Zeus's reign? (a) Lycaon (b) Otys and Euryalus (c) the Titans (d) Typhoeus
- _____ 8. Which of the following did NOT fight alongside Zeus against the Titans and/or Giants? (a) the Cyclopes (b) Gaia (c) his brother Hades (d) the Hecatoncheires
- _____ 9. Which fate did NOT befall an enemy or opponent of Zeus? (a) being tied to a rock while an eagle ate his liver every day (b) holding up the sky (c) being thrown into Tartarus (d) being chained at the bottom of the sea
- _____ 10. Which of the following is NOT true of Zeus: (a) he is the youngest of the children of Cronus and Rhea (b) he was the favorite of Gaia and was imbued with her chthonic power (c) he gained mastery of the sky through casting lots with his two brothers to enforce his will (d) he uses thunderbolts forged by the Cyclopes

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_____ 11. Which of the following is NOT true of Io: (a) she was guarded from harm by a kindly Hera (b) she was turned into a cow (c) she eventually became the mother of Zeus's son in Egypt (d) She commiserates with Prometheus while he is bound on the rock

_____ 12. Which of the following is NOT true of the Iron Age (from Hesiod's five ages): (a) Zeus will walk among men, dispensing justice (b) Men will grow old quickly (c) There will be conflict between family members and friends (d) People will praise the unjust while good deeds are discounted

_____ 13. Which of the following is NOT true of Typhoeus (aka Typhon): (a) Zeus disabled him with his thunderbolt and hurled him into Tartarus (b) He was sent by Uranus in an attempt to regain his power (c) He is the source of the harmful winds that cause shipwrecks (d) He had a hundred snake heads

_____ 14. The correct way to spell the name of the king of the gods is: (a) Zeus (b) Zues (c) Zoos (d) Zoosooos ☺

_____ 15. Which author does NOT appear as a source in this discussion of the early days of the universe: (a) Aeschylus (b) Hesiod (c) Ovid (d) Virgil

_____ 16. Which is NOT true of Lycaon: (a) He tried to serve Zeus human flesh for dinner (b) He tricked Zeus at the command of Hera (c) He turned into a wolf (d) He was the ultimate cause of the flood

_____ 17. Why do Deucalion and Pyrrha go to the temple of Themis? (a) To show that they are really loyal to the gods and do not deserve to die (b) To ask for sustenance because they are starving (c) To ask for understanding of how to appease the anger of the gods (d) To ask how they can re-make the human race

_____ 18. The most complete telling of the Greek Flood story is given by (a) Hesiod (b) Homer (c) Ovid (d) depictions in art

19. Hesiod's works were written around (date): _____

20. Aeschylus' works were written around (date): _____

21. Ovid's works were written around (date): _____

22. List three iconographic attributes of Zeus: (1) _____

(2) _____ (3) _____