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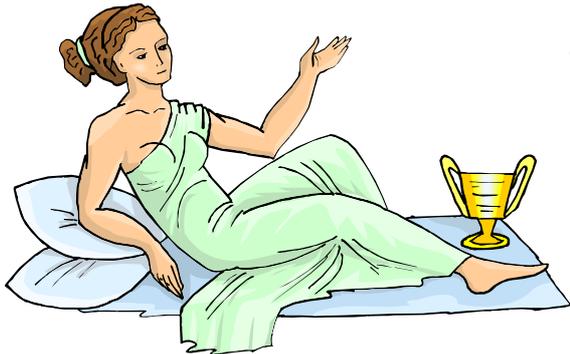


Social Sciences – Year 7

Welcome to your Conquesta Olympiad. As you read and answer the questions, we hope that you enjoy and learn from the information. Once you have read the information and the questions carefully, you have to make a choice. When you have decided which of the answers is correct, completely fill in the matching square on your answer sheet using a 2B or a B pencil. For example, if the answer to question 4 is c, then neatly fill in the square containing c next to the number 4. See example below. Fill in only one square per question and make sure you completely rub out any mistakes so that the answer is clear.

Example:-

4.	a	b	c	d
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Ancient Rome

Read the information on the right and decide if the statements in questions 1-7 are:-

- (a) True,
- (b) False, or
- (c) There is not enough evidence.

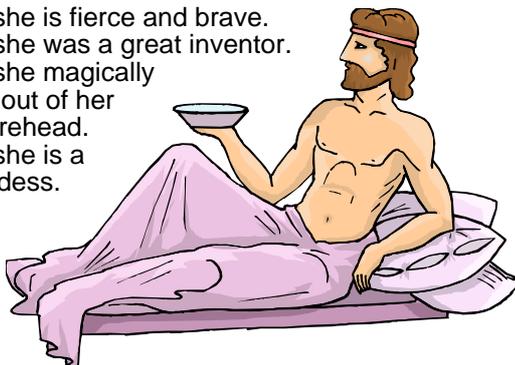
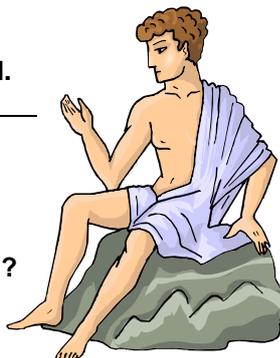
The information in the extract implies that

1. the Romans did not believe in the Greek gods.
2. the Romans have five gods.
3. Juno sought revenge as Jupiter was unfaithful.
4. Athena was a very intelligent goddess.
5. Neptune had disputes with 25 other gods.
6. the king of the dead is not the same god as the god of death.
7. Athena was smiling when she emerged from Zeus's forehead.

8. An oath is the same as
 - (a) an affair.
 - (b) lying.
 - (c) displeasing.
 - (d) a promise.

9. What do we refer to as 'Hades'?
 - (a) heaven.
 - (b) hell.
 - (c) underground.
 - (d) death.

10. How do we know that Athena has no mother?
 - (a) Because she is fierce and brave.
 - (b) Because she was a great inventor.
 - (c) Because she magically appeared out of her father's forehead.
 - (d) Because she is a virgin goddess.



Roman gods

The Romans adopted the Greek gods for their own gods – the only difference was the names they gave them and the way they worshipped them, depending on what the god stood for. Some of those gods are:-

1. **Zeus** (Roman: Jupiter) – Zeus is lord of the sky, the rain god. His weapon is a thunderbolt which he hurls at those who displeased him. He does not like liars nor anyone who breaks an oath. Zeus is married to Hera, and is well known for having many affairs.
2. **Poseidon** (Roman: Neptune) – Poseidon, Zeus' brother, is lord of the sea. He is widely worshipped by seamen. His weapon is a trident, which can shake the earth, and shatter any object. He is second only to Zeus in power amongst the gods. He has a difficult quarrelsome personality and is greedy. He had a series of disputes with other gods when he tried to take over their cities.
3. **Hades** (Roman: Pluto) – Hades, another brother of Zeus, is the lord of the underworld and rules over the dead. He is greedy and is only interested in increasing his subjects, never allowing them to leave. He is also the god of wealth, because of precious metals mined from the earth, and has a helmet that makes him become invisible. His wife is Persephone. He has no feelings and is a terrible god. Although he is the king of the dead, death itself is another god, namely, Thanatos.
4. **Hera** (Roman: Juno) – Hera is the protector of marriage. She is also Zeus's wife and sister. Most stories concerning Hera have to do with her jealous revenge for Zeus's infidelities. Her sacred animals are the cow and the peacock. Her favourite city is Argos
5. **Athena** (Roman: Minerva) – Athena is the goddess of the city, handicrafts and agriculture, as well as a virgin goddess. She is Zeus' daughter and magically jumped from his forehead, fully grown and wearing armour. She has no mother. She is fierce and brave and protects the state and her home from enemies. She was a great inventor, namely, the bridle, the trumpet, the flute, the pot, the rake, the plough, the yoke, the ship, and the chariot. She is the embodiment of wisdom, reason, and purity. Zeus favoured her above his other children and allowed her to use his weapons, including his thunderbolt. Her favourite city is Athens. Her tree is the olive. The owl is her bird.