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Quiz

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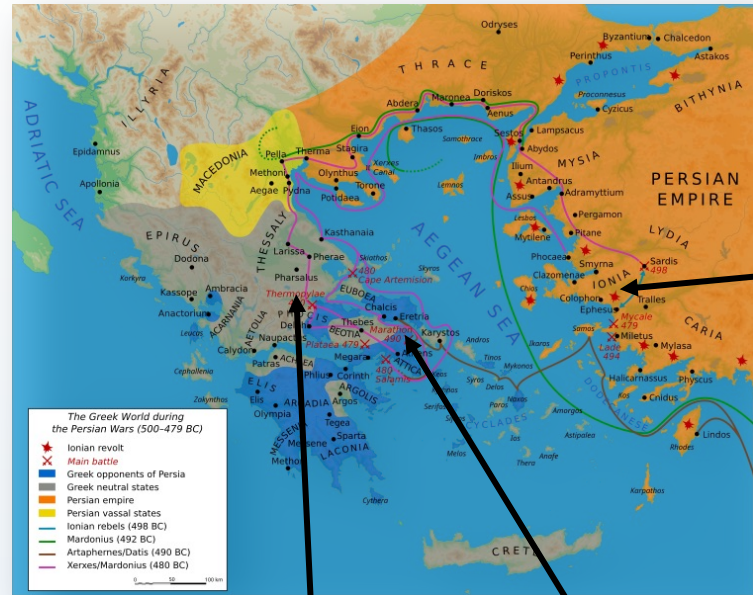
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Q1. Under whose rule of the Achaemenid Empire that stretched from India to Turkey, was the battle of Marathon fought with the Greeks in 490 BCE?



Source: Bristol Greeks

The Battle of Marathon



Ionia

Source: Wikipedia

Thermopylae

Marathon

- a. Darius III
- b. Xerxes I
- c. **Darius I**

Q2. Under whose rule of the Achaemenid Empire was the battle of Thermopylae fought with the Greeks in 480 BCE?

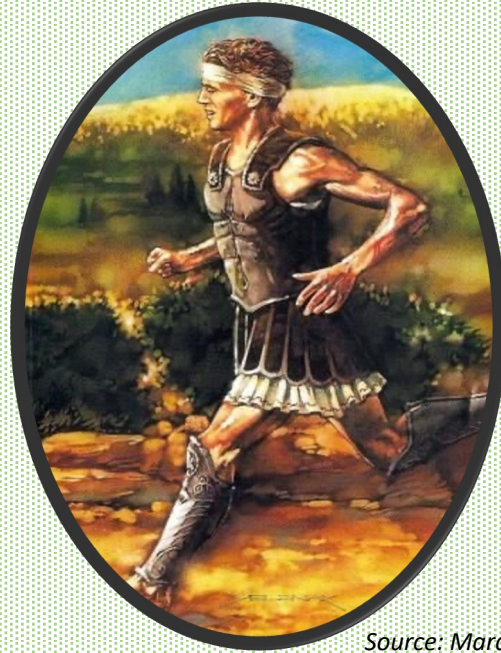


Source: Wikipedia

Battle of Thermopylae—19th Century Illustration

- a. **Cyrus the Great**
- b. **Xerxes I**
- c. **Artaxerxes**

Q3. Which event in athletics is made famous by a scout who ran many miles to warn the Greeks of the invading Persian army?



Source: Marathoners

- a. 100 meters dash
- b. 800 meters run
- c. **Marathon**

Q4. Under the Achaemenian rule the Persian Empire was divided into provinces who managed their own internal affairs and were permitted to practice their own religion -- a model for good governance. What were those provinces called?



Source: Thought Co; Szczepanski, Kallie.

Satrap: Rulers of Persian Provinces

- a. Talukas
- b. States
- c. **Satrapies**

Q5. The compilation of our present-day Avesta is attributed to:



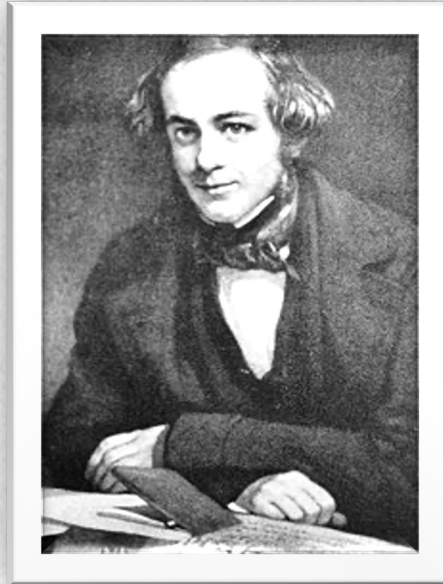
- a. Tansar in 3rd century CE
- b. Dastur Meherji Rana in 15th century CE
- c. Dastur Dhaval in 8th century CE
- d. **Dastur Adarbad Mahrespand in 4th century CE**

Q6. The Behistun inscription by Darius I, on a cliff face written in 3 languages, (Old Persian, Elamite and Babylonian) was made famous by a British soldier, Rawlinson. What is Rawlinson known for?



Source: Wikipedia
Jona Lendering

**Behistun Papyrus with Aramaic
Translation of Inscription**



Source: Wikipedia

Henry Rawlinson



Source: Wikipedia

Behistun Inscription

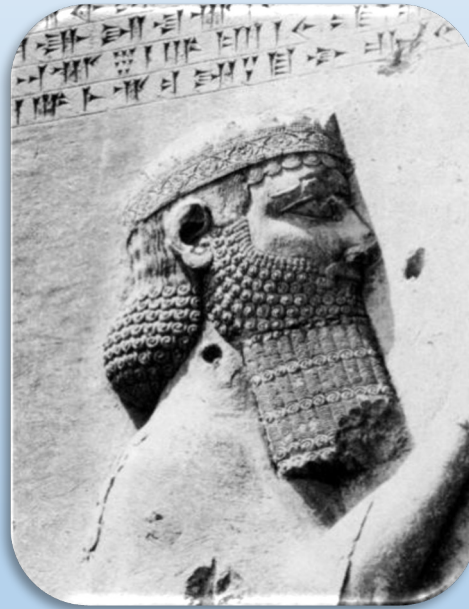
- a. Sketching the inscription, hanging from a rope
- b. Deciphering the Elamite and Babylonian languages
- c. **Deciphering the cuneiform characters**

Q7. Which Achaemenid Emperor is known for the world's first postal service with the slogan; "Neither snow, nor rain, nor heat, nor gloom of night stays these couriers from swift completion of their appointed rounds" which is inscribed on the facade of the US Post Office in New York.



Source: Wikipedia

a. **Cyrus II**
(Cyrus the Great)



Source: Encyclopaedia Iranica

b. **Darius I**
(Darius the Great)



Source: Britannica

c. **Xerxes I**
(Xerxes the Great)

Q8. The Shenshai Calendar begins from the start of the rule of the last Persian Monarch Yazdegerd III. What year was that?

Fravardin (S) Ardibehesht (K) 1392 Y.Z. ફરવર્દીન (શે.) અર્દીબહેસ્ત (ક.) ૧૩૯૨ ય.ઝ.			August - September 2022 ઓગસ્ટ-સપ્ટેમ્બર ૨૦૨૨		
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- 632 CE
- 1000 CE
- 1300 CE

Q9. Who was the most distinguished of the Sassanian Emperors?



Source: Joshua J. Mark; World History Encyclopedia

Statue of Khosrow I in Tehran courthouse

a. Yazdegerd III

b. Khosrow I [aka Naushirwan-e-Adil or Anauherwan the Just]

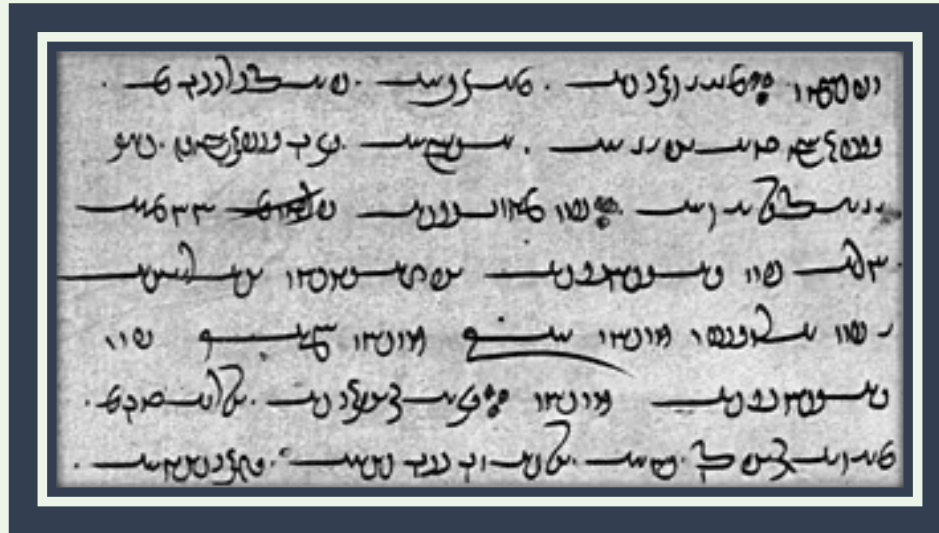
c. Shapur II

Q10. Who was the Zoroastrian priest who was at Shahen Shah Akbar's Religious Council?



- a. Meherji Rana
- b. Dastoor Dhaval
- c. Dastoor Adarbad Mahrespand.

Q11. The Yasna constituting the collection of Avestan texts has how many chapters?

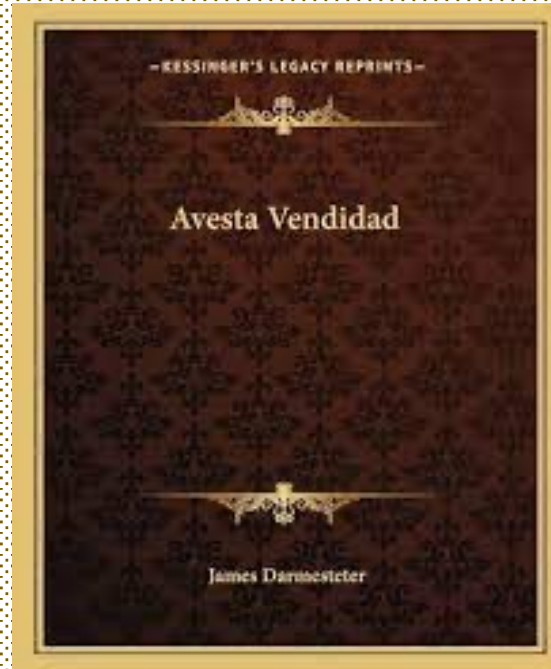


Ahunavaiti Gatha Ys 28.1

Source: Wikipedia

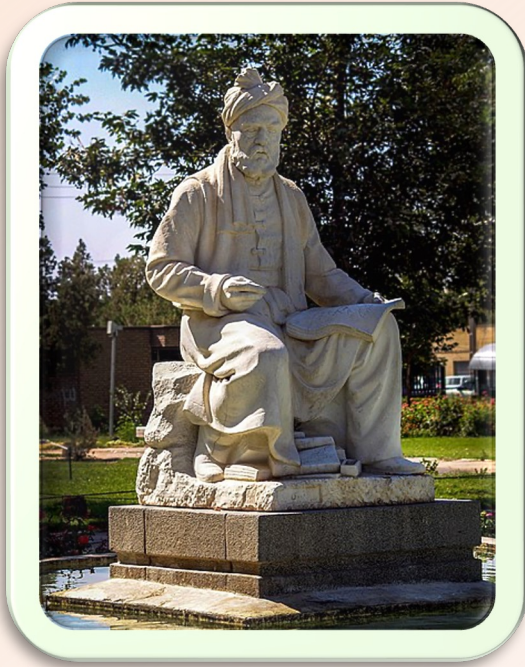
- a. 21 chapters
- b. **72 chapters**
- c. 101 chapters

Q12. From among the major scriptures handed down to us, name the scriptures that represent the governing rules in early times.



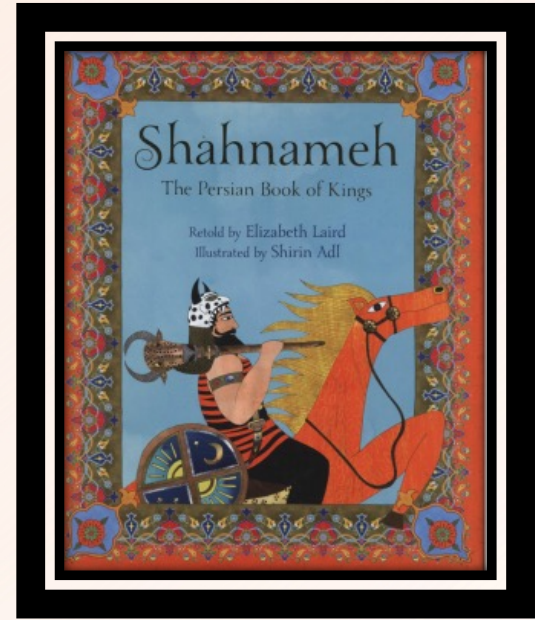
- a. Yasna
- b. **Vendidad or *Videv-Dat***
- c. Visperad

Q13 Shahnameh was written by Ferdowsi Tusi. What is Tusi?



Source: Wikipedia; Reza Sobhani

Statue of Ferdowsi in Tus by Abolhassan Sadighi

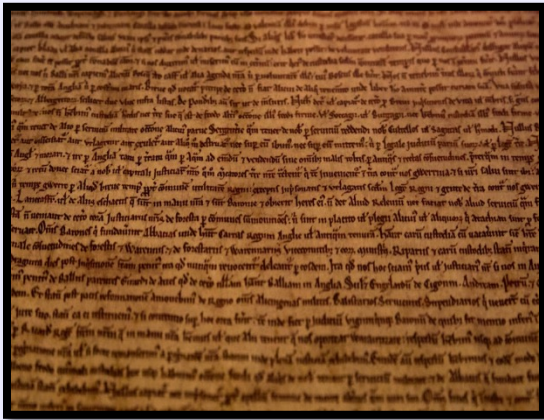


“But all this world is like a tale we hear -Men's evil, and their glory, disappear.”

Quote from the Shahnameh

- Ferdowsi's last name
- Ferdowsi's father's name
- Town where Ferdowsi lived**

Q14. What is generally recognized as the first bill of human rights?



Magna Carta

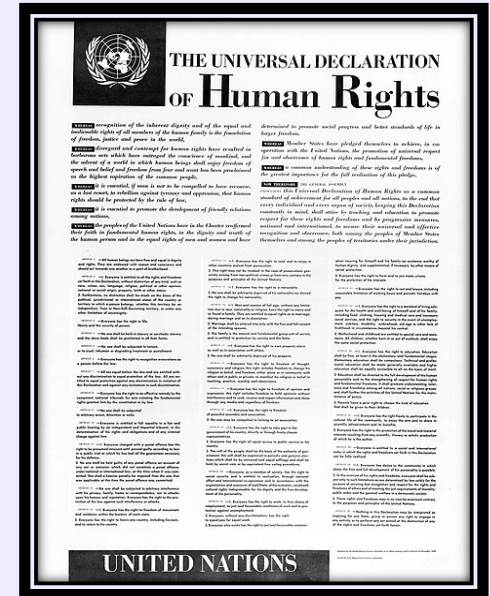
Source: *Washington Post*



Cyrus Cylinder

Source: *Wikipedia*

Photo by *Mike Peel*



U. N. Declaration of Human Rights

Source: *Wikipedia*

a. The Magna Carta

b. UN Declaration of Human Rights

c. **Cyrus Cylinder discovered in present day Iraq in 1879**

Q15. When was Din-Dabireh (the religious script/alphabet) consisting of 53 letters developed, to render the Avestan language correctly?

𐬀	𐬁	𐬂	𐬃	𐬄	𐬅	𐬆	𐬇	𐬈	𐬉	𐬊	𐬋	𐬌	𐬍	𐬎	𐬏	
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[m]	[n]	[ɲ]	[n]	[ŋ ^v]	[ŋ]	[ŋ]	[β]	[b]	[f;ϕ]	[p]	[dʒ]	[tʃ]				
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[j]	[ʃ]	[ʃ̄]	[ʒ]	[ʃ]	[z]	[s]	[l]	[r]	[v]	[j]	[ŋ]					

Din-Dabireh

Source: California Zoroastrian Center

- In the Parthian dynasty
- In the Achaemenid dynasty
- In the Sasanian dynasty just before the Arab invasion