**UNIT 1 Technological and Environmental Transformations – STUDY GUIDE**

**(Pre History – 600 BCE)**

**General Study Questions**

What were the primary changes from Pre-History through the advent of civilization? (SPRITE)

What are the most significant continuities in this time period?

What are the primary functions of government in this time period?

What factors caused empires to collapse by the end of this time period?

What types of interaction exist in this time period? What are the primary impacts of those interactions?

What were the major features of Paleolithic Life? Neolithic Life?

**Mesopotamia and Indo-European Migrations**

Why was Mesopotamia an ideal location for the birth of civilization?

What are the most significant achievement of the Mesopotamian Empires?

What role did geography play in the historical development of Mesopotamia?

What is the significance of Hammurabi’s Code?

What factors caused the demise of the Mesopotamian Empires?

What role did migrants play in the development of Mesopotamia?

**Egypt and Nubia**

How did Egypt’s geography shape its historical development?

What were the major achievements of the Egyptians?

What role did religion play in the political and social structures of the Egyptians?

What is significant about the relationship between Egypt and Nubia?

What impact did foreign invaders have on Egypt?

**India Study Questions**

How did the geography of India impact the region?

How did the Aryan migrations impact the historical developments of India?

What role did religion play in India in this time period?

What are the major changes and continuities in India?

Why is India more challenging to study than other regions in this time period?

**China Study Questions**

How did the geography of China impact the region?

How is China unique from other regions studied in this time period?

What factors had the most influence on Chinese political structures?

What philosophical beliefs were most significant in China?

**Nomadic Interactions Study Questions**

What factors influence migration?What are the major features of nomadic life?

What impact did the nomads have on China? India? Mesopotamia? China

**Comparisons**

Egypt and Mesopotamia

Paleolithic/Neolithic

India/China

Nomadic Civilization/Sedentary Civilization