**Chapter 4 South Asia Reading Questions**

1. Why is so little known about the Harappan society? What is it that we do know about the nature of that society?

1. How were the Indo-European migrants different from the cultures that already existed in India?
2. Trace the origins of the caste system, making sure to include a discussion of varna and jati
3. Discuss the nature of patriarchy in early Indian societies. What is the Lawbook of Manu and how does it relate to gender roles?
4. What are the Vedas and what do they teach us about early Indian societies?
5. What are the fundamental religious teachings of the Upanishads?
6. In what ways did the religion of the Upanishads include an ethical system?
7. How did the Dravidian and Aryan cultures blend during this period?

**Chapter 5 East Asia Reading Questions**

1. How did the physical features of the land and waters in east Asia influence the development of the culture?
2. What does the term mandate of heaven mean? How did it influence *political developments* in early east Asia?
3. What were the causes of the decline and eventual fall of the Zhou dynasty?
4. Describe the different social orders that developed during the first three dynasties.
5. What was the purpose of oracle bones during the Shang? What do they tell us about life at that time?
6. Describe the relationship between the Chinese society under the dynasties and the people of the steppe lands. How did these cultures differ? How did they influence each other?
7. What was the relationship between the culture of the Yellow River and that of the Yangzi Valley?