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Human Evolution Quiz

Name _____ Date _____

Fill in the circle beside the best answer.

1. On which continent did the human story begin?

- (A) Asia
- (B) Africa
- (C) Europe
- (D) Australia

2. What did the skeleton nicknamed Lucy show scientists?

- (A) Our ancestors walked upright before their brains grew large
- (B) Our ancestors made stone tools before they walked upright
- (C) Our ancestors had large brains before they left the trees
- (D) Our ancestors farmed crops before they made any tools

3. What were the first Oldowan stone tools mainly used for?

- (A) Carving pictures on the walls of caves
- (B) Digging soil to plant seeds of wheat
- (C) Cutting meat and cracking open bones
- (D) Building shelters out of tree branches

4. Which human ancestor was the first known to spread far beyond Africa?

- (A) Homo habilis
- (B) Australopithecus
- (C) Sahelanthropus
- (D) Homo erectus

5. Which of these was NOT a benefit of controlling fire?

- (A) Warmth and light at night
- (B) Protection from animals
- (C) Food that is easier to chew
- (D) Crops that grew faster

6. What do many people alive today carry from Neanderthals?

- (A) A little of their DNA
- (B) Their style of stone tools
- (C) Their written language
- (D) Their way of farming

7. Where were the oldest known fossils of Homo sapiens found?

- (A) Laetoli in Tanzania
- (B) Lascaux in France
- (C) Jebel Irhoud in Morocco
- (D) Hadar in Ethiopia

8. What change began in the Fertile Crescent about 12,000 years ago?

- (A) People started to make stone tools
- (B) People started to plant crops and herd animals
- (C) People started to control fire
- (D) People started to walk on two legs

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Human Evolution Quiz: Answer Key

1. **B** Africa

2. **A** Our ancestors walked upright before their brains grew large

3. **C** Cutting meat and cracking open bones

4. **D** Homo erectus

5. **D** Crops that grew faster

6. **A** A little of their DNA

7. **C** Jebel Irhoud in Morocco

8. **B** People started to plant crops and herd animals



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