Pyramids: Parts I, II, and III

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30 questions with answers

Section 1. Vocabulary

Match the words with their synonyms

_____ always  (a) for ever
_____ shorter  (b) smaller
_____ tall  (c) but
_____ However  (d) high

Section 2. Fill in the blanks. Part I

Complete the text using the following words.

has, call, was, is, like, is, is

1. We ___ making tall buildings. Giza ___ a place in Egypt. It ___ famous because it ___ some very old, tall buildings. One of the oldest buildings there ___ the pyramid of Khufu. It is about 4,500 years old. Khufu ___ a pharaoh in ancient Egypt, so he was the ruler of his country. People ___ Khufu’s pyramid the Great Pyramid because it is so tall.

Section 3. Fill in the blanks. Part II

Complete the text using the following words.

its, people, top, these, this, gold, pyramid

2. The ancient Egyptians used stone to build Khufu’s ______. A pyramid is square at the bottom. It has four sides, and ___ rise up to a point. The Great Pyramid is over 135 metres high, but this is shorter than its true height, which is about 146 metres. This is because the Great Pyramid does not have ___ pyramidion now. A pyramidion is a stone that sits at the very ___ of a pyramid. Some ___ think that the Great Pyramid’s pyramidion was covered in electrum, a mixture of ___ and silver. However, no one is sure if ___ is true or not.

Section 4. Fill in the blanks. Part III

Complete the text using the following words.

for, but, by, because, also, in

3. The ancient Egyptians put their pharaohs inside pyramids ______ they wanted to protect the pharaoh’s dead body for ever. People ___ other countries ___ built pyramids. ___ example, El Castillio is a huge pyramid in Mexico. Its first name was the Pyramid of Kukulcan, ___ the Spanish changed it. It was built over 1,000 years ago ___ the Mayans and is 24 metres high.
Section 5. Multiple choice questions

Choose the best answer

4. Who was Khufu?
   (a) An ancient Egyptian.
   (b) A pyramid.
   (c) A pyramidion.

5. What did the ancient Egyptians build?
   (a) El Castillio.
   (b) Khufu’s pyramid.
   (c) The Pyramid of Kukulcan.

6. What was on the pyramidion?
   (a) Khufu’s body.
   (b) Gold and silver.
   (c) A stone.

Section 6. Short Answer

Write no more than three words and/or a number

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8. Which is higher: El Castillio or the Great Pyramid?

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