

13. The Power of Knowledge

Worksheet 1

(A) Say whether the following are true or false.

1. Gutenberg developed the printing press in the USA. _____
2. Hieroglyphics is the script developed by the Egyptians. _____
3. The decimal system was developed by the Arabs. _____
4. Devanagari is an Indian language. _____
5. Books in Braille are available in all parts of the world. _____

(B) Fill in the appropriate words.

1. Papyrus is a _____ found in the Nile delta in Egypt.
2. The _____ of Mesopotamia were probably the first to develop a script.
3. The English alphabet has _____ letters.
4. Indian scholars gave the _____ of zero to the world.
5. Writing books by hand was a slow _____ and the books were very _____.

(C) Give brief answers to the following questions.

1. What are the moulds of letters in the first printing press called?

2. Why did the early humans write on clay tablets?

3. What are used nowadays for typesetting and colour printing?

4. What do you understand by typesetting?

5. Why was it difficult for early man to communicate with others?

Answers to Worksheet 1

- A. 1. False 2. True 3. False 4. False 5. True
- B. 1. reed 2. Sumerians 3. 26 4. concept 5. process; expensive.
- C. 1. The moulds of letters were called types.
2. Early humans wrote on clay tablets to keep records.
3. Nowadays, computers are used for typesetting.
4. Typesetting is the process of arranging text for printing.
5. It was difficult to communicate as feelings and ideas were not recorded in written form.

Worksheet 2

(A) Name the man shown below and write two lines about his invention.



(B) What do the following pictures represent? Which civilisation do they belong to?


