

1. How do MPM scientists define a mummy?

- A) A preserved body with soft tissue of a human or another animal.
- B) Being wrapped in toilet paper, ready to go trick-or-treating on Halloween.
- C) A and B

2. The first step of mummification is washing the body.

Which body of water was the most important to the ancient Egyptians?

- A) The Amazon River
- B) The Yangtze River
- C) The Nile River

3. The second step of mummification is removing the brain.

What did the ancient Egyptians do with the brain once it was removed?

- A) Stored it in a jar
- B) Discarded it
- C) Placed it back inside the head

4. The third step of mummification is removing the internal organs.

Which of the four organs below were preserved in canopic jars?

- A) Stomach, Liver, Lungs, Intestines
- B) Brain, Heart, Kidneys, Pancreas
- C) Heart, Stomach, Lungs, Liver

5. Which organ was the most important for the ancient Egyptians?

- A) Brain
- B) Heart
- C) Stomach

6. The fourth step of mummification is drying the body and organs.

What did the ancient Egyptians use to do this?

- A) The Sun
- B) Sand
- C) Natron Salt

7. The final step of mummification is wrapping and adorning the body.

Approximately how many layers of wrapping could a Pharaoh receive?

- A) 70-90 layers
- B) 35-40 layers
- C) 15-20 layers

8. After mummification was complete, the mummified body was placed into a coffin.

What material was the coffin made out of?

- A) Wood
- B) Stone
- C) Clay

9. Before placing the coffin in the tomb, priests would perform the “Opening of the Mouth” ceremony on the mummy. Why did the priests do this?

- A) To restore the senses back to the person who was mummified.
- B) To make sure the person’s dental hygiene was proper before entombment.
- C) It is still a complete mystery to this day.

10. Finally, the coffin was placed into a sarcophagus in the tomb and the tomb was sealed forever. According to the ancient Egyptian belief system, what is next for the mummy?

- A) This is all; the ritual is complete.
- B) The mummy would undergo a perilous 12-hour journey through the underworld, leading to the “Weighing of the Heart” ceremony.
- C) It is still a complete mystery to this day.

Take this  quiz to test your knowledge about the ancient Egyptian belief system and mummification.

