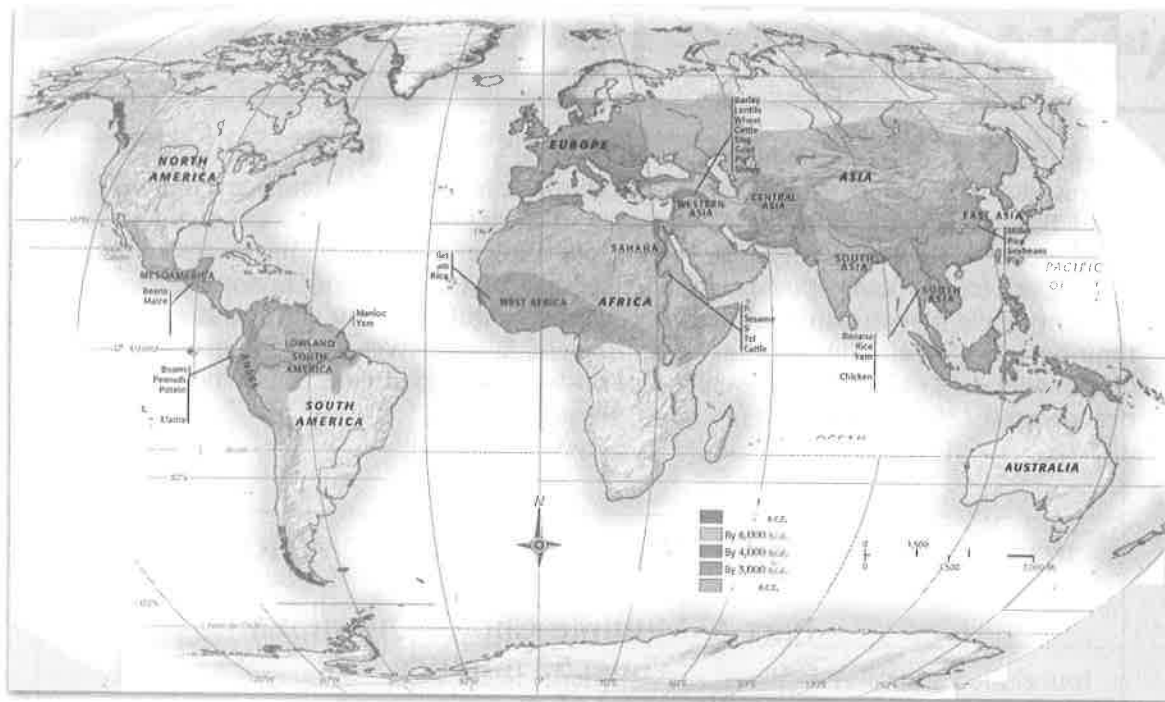


Questions 1–3 refer to the map below.



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- Based on the map above, which of the following statements is accurate regarding the development of agriculture?
 - Knowledge of agriculture, including domestication of animals, spread rapidly through Eurasia.
 - While agriculture widely diffused across the Americas, areas that practice agriculture in Eurasia were relatively isolated.
 - The diffusion of agriculture was a gradual process over a period of thousands of years.
 - By 500 B.C.E., most human groups had developed sustainable agricultural practices.
- The development of permanent agricultural villages in many of the areas that developed agriculture illustrated on the map can best be explained by which of the following?
 - Climate changes and the suitability of the environment
 - The presence of domesticated animals
 - The gradual decline of the hunter-forager lifestyle
 - The beginning of the last Ice Age
- Which of the following accurately describes a comparison between the development of agriculture in Mesoamerica and the development of agriculture in the Middle East?
 - Both regions were able to domesticate animals that could be used as beasts of burden to assist in food production.
 - Neither region developed beyond several small, scattered agricultural villages and remained isolated.
 - In Mesoamerica, wheat became the primary crop for most farming communities, while the Middle East focused on barley cultivation.
 - Agriculture in the Middle East included the domestication of multiple species of animals, which was not the case in Mesoamerica.