

Questions

1. Bison have not always lived in North America, they are relative newcomers. They belong to the Bovidae family, like domestic cattle and the wild buffalo of Africa and Asia. The oldest known bison fossils have been found in China and Himalayan foothills, where an animal with all the essential features of the genus lived a million years ago. They evolved rapidly and spread over most of the northern hemisphere in Europe and Siberia. During one of the Ice Ages, the faunas of Asia and North America began to intermingle. Very early, the steppe bison moved eastward to the North American continent. Much later, men followed the same route.

Question 1: Which of the following would be the most appropriate title for the passage?

- A. The classification of Asian and North American fauna
 - B. An introduction to the North American bison
 - C. An analysis of the bison genus in the Bovidae family
 - D. A hypothesis of the evolution of the bison
2. Bison have not always lived in North America, they are relative newcomers. They belong to the Bovidae family, like domestic cattle and the wild buffalo of Africa and Asia. The oldest known bison fossils have been found in China and Himalayan foothills, where an animal with all the essential features of the genus lived a million years ago. They evolved rapidly and spread over most of the northern hemisphere in Europe and Siberia. During one of the Ice Ages, the faunas of Asia and North America began to intermingle. Very early, the steppe bison moved eastward to the North American continent. Much later, men followed the same route.

Question 2: According to the passage, what is true about the evolution of the bison?

- A. Their ancestors were domestic cattle and wild buffalo.
- B. They originated in China and in the Himalayas.
- C. Their beginning was in Africa and Asia.

- D. They evolved from the steppe bison.
3. Bison have not always lived in North America, they are relative newcomers. They belong to the Bovidae family, like domestic cattle and the wild buffalo of Africa and Asia. The oldest known bison fossils have been found in China and Himalayan foothills, where an animal with all the essential features of the genus lived a million years ago. They evolved rapidly and spread over most of the northern hemisphere in Europe and Siberia. During one of the Ice Ages, the faunas of Asia and North America began to intermingle. Very early, the steppe bison moved eastward to the North American continent. Much later, men followed the same route.

Question 3: According to the passage, when did the bison move to North America?

- A. Over a million years ago
- B. Relative recently in North American history
- C. During one of the Ice Ages
- D. Early in man's habitation of North America
4. Bison have not always lived in North America, they are relative newcomers. They belong to the Bovidae family, like domestic cattle and the wild buffalo of Africa and Asia. The oldest known bison fossils have been found in China and Himalayan foothills, where an animal with all the essential features of the genus lived a million years ago. They evolved rapidly and spread over most of the northern hemisphere in Europe and Siberia. During one of the Ice Ages, the faunas of Asia and North America began to intermingle. Very early, the steppe bison moved eastward to the North American continent. Much later, men followed the same route.

Question 4: According to the passage, the bison moved from Asia to North America by

- A. crossing the sea
- B. walking over the land
- C. traveling through the foothills

D. climbing over a bridge

5. Bison have not always lived in North America, they are relative newcomers. They belong to the Bovidae family, like domestic cattle and the wild buffalo of Africa and Asia. The oldest known bison fossils have been found in China and Himalayan foothills, where an animal with all the essential features of the genus lived a million years ago. They evolved rapidly and spread over most of the northern hemisphere in Europe and Siberia. During one of the Ice Ages, the faunas of Asia and North America began to intermingle. Very early, the steppe bison moved eastward to the North American continent. Much later, men followed the same route.

Question 5: The passage would most likely be assigned reading for courses in which of the following subjects?

- A. American history
- B. Anthropology
- C. Zoology
- D. Modern science