Stones, Jades and Bronzes - Materials, Usage, Meanings

1. When was the jade dragon made?
   (a) Stone Age
   (b) Iron Age
   (c) Warring States Period
   (d) 20th Century

2. The axes and adzes in the showcase are examples of stone tools used by early man for
   (a) Agriculture
   (b) Manufacturing
   (c) Entertainment

3. During certain periods in the past, only royalty and nobles could use items made of bronze. Identify some bronze artefacts displayed in the exhibition.

   Bells       Tops       Wine vessels
   Cans        Arrowheads  Shoes
   Buttons     Mirrors     Steamer for cooking
4. Name three objects on the branches of the money tree

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**Early Writing**

5. Oracles bones were used by the Shang and Zhou Dynasties to tell the future. Questions were inscribed on the bones and a hot poker was applied to produce cracking. The cracks would tell readers the future.

The pictograms on oracle bones are some of the earliest forms of Chinese writing. In the space below, draw one of the pictograms.
**Exploring the Timeline Through Ceramics**

The timeline below shows dates Before Common Era (BCE) and in the Common Era (CE). Object (i) was made between 475 – 221 BCE. The arrow points to this period on the timeline.

6. Draw arrows to show the position on the timeline for objects (ii), (iii) and (iv).

7. Arrange the objects from the oldest to the newest

   Oldest:  
   Object ______
   Object ______
   Object ______
   Object ______

   Newest:  
   Object ______
**Burial Wares and Their Meanings**

Burial wares are items buried with the dead to provide comfort in the after-life.

8. This soldier on horseback was a burial item.

   Why do you think this was buried with the deceased?

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   Give a possible reason why the horse is without legs

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9. Guiyi Vase

   These vases were a type of burial ware; holding rice for the soul in the after life. Observe the carvings on the vase.

   Draw arrows in the diagram below to indicate the positions at which the following figures can be located.

   ![Diagram of Guiyi Vase with carvings]

   - Dragon
   - Bird
   - Turtle
   - Chicken
   - Snake
   - Men
   - Flower
**Types of Ceramics**

10. Draw arrows to match the wares with the descriptions

- Black ware
- Green ware
- Blue and White ware
- White ware
- Polychrome (Wucai) ware

11. Of the ceramics in the gallery, sketch the one that you think is the best.

Why do you feel that it is the best?

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We hope that you have enjoyed yourself. Thank you for visiting our Museum!

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