

Answers

1. Why did Egyptians use mummification? (1 mark)

to reach the afterlife and live forever

2. Number the statements 1-5 to show the correct order of mummification. (2 marks)

The organs were removed.

2

The body was put in a coffin.

5

The body was washed in water.

1

The body was wrapped in linen.

4

The body was covered in salt.

3

3. Name three items that the Egyptians might have in their tomb. (2 marks)

clothing, jewellery, pets

4. Match the words from the text to their closest synonym. (3 marks)

possessions	strange
peculiar	dead body
rank	belongings
corpse	position

5. Complete the table to show which god protected which organ.

Organ	Name of god
lungs	Hapi
liver	Imsety
stomach	Duamutef
intestines	Qebehseuef



6. Why do you think the body was washed and the organs removed? (2 marks)

to cleanse the body from evil

to clean the body

so that it wouldn't rot

so that it could be preserved/last longer

7. Find two pieces of evidence that show the rich and the poor would be mummified differently. (2 marks)

Any two of the following:

If the Egyptian was rich, they would be placed in to a stone coffin. If they were not rich, a wooden coffin was used.

Someone important would get the best method of mummification.

The process of mummification would depend on the person's rank, status or wealth.

8. How long was the body left covered in salt for and why? (2 marks)

40 days until it had dried out

9. Name two things that were done to make the corpse look more life-like. (2 marks)

False eyes and a wig were added.

10. The text says: "Beware: grizzly, yucky details included!" Find and copy three phrases or sentences to show this is true. (3 marks)

Any three phrases which show something 'yucky'. For example:

The brain was then removed and thrown away

a hook was put up the person's nose

the brain was pulled out through the nostrils!

the body was slit open down the side

the organs were removed

the cavities, such as the nose and mouth, were filled

to stop the flesh from rotting

11. Explain the meaning of these words from the text. (3 marks)

canopic jar a special jar to store the organs

cavities gaps or holes

myrrh a spice

