**Pre-colonial Australia Reading Questions**

Read the following web page and answer the questions that follow:

<https://www.historyskills.com/classroom/year-9/pre-colonial-australia/>

1. How many Indigenous and Torres Strait Islander groups were there in Australia?
2. What were some of the systems these communities thrived through?
3. What does their art, stories, and ceremonies offer a glimpse into?
4. How did the diverse landscape of Australia shape the lives of its Indigenous inhabitants?
5. What were the coastal areas crucial for?
6. How did Indigenous Australians adapt to environmental changes such as the end of the last Ice Age?
7. What was central to the identity, spirituality, and survival of Indigenous and Torres Strait Islander communities?
8. How did kinship rules influence Indigenous societies?
9. What was the concept of reciprocity in Indigenous communities?
10. What were some primary sources of food for Indigenous peoples?
11. What was the purpose of firestick farming?
12. What role did trade routes play in Indigenous Australian societies?
13. What is the Dreamtime in Indigenous Australian spirituality?
14. How were Dreamtime stories passed down through generations?
15. What was the significance of land in Indigenous Australian spirituality?
16. What is totemism in Indigenous Australian cultures?
17. What were ceremonies and rituals used for in Indigenous communities?
18. How was body art used in Indigenous Australian cultures?

**Paragraph Writing**

Based upon what you have learnt in your reading, answer the question below in paragraph format (Topic Sentence, Explanation, Evidence, Concluding Sentence):

*What impact did environmental changes have on Indigenous Australian societies?*