

# NCERT SOLUTIONS

CLASS - 6TH



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Chapter Name : In The Earliest Cities

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Q1 How do archaeologists know that cloth was used in the Harappan civilisation?

Answer. Archaeologists have found spindles from the excavation sites. Presence of spindles shows that people knew how to make cloths. This shows that people in the Harappan Civilization used cloth.

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Q2 Match the columns

Copper	Gujarat
Gold	Afghanistan
Tin	Rajasthan
Precious stones	Karnataka

Answer.

- Copper : Rajasthan
- Gold : Karnataka
- Tin : Afghanistan
- Precious stones : Gujarat

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Q3 Why were metals, writing, the wheel, and the plough important for the Harappans?

Answer. Metals, writing, the wheel and the plough were important for the Harappans in Many ways.

- Metals were used for making various tools, utensils, jewelry and seals.
- Writing was useful for maintaining the records; related to trade and for various other purposes.

- The wheel was used in carts to ferry people and goods. Wheel was also used as potter's wheel.
- Plough was used for tilling the land so that farming could be done.

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Q4 Make a list of all the terracotta toys shown in the lesson. Which do you think children would have enjoyed playing with the most?

Answer. Animal figures, model cart and plough are some of the terracotta toys mentioned in this lesson. I think, children would have liked playing with the model cart the most. Even today; most of the children enjoy playing with toy cars.

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Q5 Make a list of what the Harappans ate, and put a tick mark against the things you eat today.

Answer. The people of Harappa ate various kinds of grains (rice, wheat, barley, pulses, mustard, etc.), fruits (ber), fish, meat and milk. Most of these things we eat even today. At present; we eat rice, wheat, pulses, fish, meat and milk. Barley is used barely by us.

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Q6 Do you think that the life of farmers and herders who supplied food to the Harappan cities was different from that of the farmers and herders you read about in Chapter 3? Give reasons for your answer.

Answer. In chapter 3; discussion is mainly on rural people. But in this chapter, the discussion is mainly on urban people. In both the cases; farmers and herders did the same type of work. But their group was much bigger in case of the Harappan cities. Their work could have been more organized; compared to what it was in earlier societies. Farmers and herders (in previous chapter) mainly produced for their own use. But in case of the Harappan cities; the farmers and herders sold their surplus production.

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Q7 Describe three important buildings in your city or village. Are they located in a special part of the settlement (e.g. the centre)? What are the activities that take place in these buildings?

Answer. DIY

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Q8 Are there any old buildings in your locality? Find out how old they are and who looks after them.

Answer. DIY

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