

NCERT SOLUTIONS

CLASS - 6TH



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Subject : History

Chapter : 1

Chapter Name : WHAT, WHERE, HOW AND WHEN?

Q1 Match the following:

Narmada Valley	The first big kingdom
Magadha	Hunting and gathering
Garo hills	Cities about 2500 years ago
Indus and its tributaries	Early agriculture
Ganga Valley	The first cities

Answer. Narmada Valley: Hunting and gathering

Magadha: The first biggest kingdom

Garo Hills: Early agriculture

Indus and its tributaries: The first cities

Ganga Valley: Cities about 2500 years ago

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Q2 List one major difference between manuscripts and inscriptions.

Answer. Manuscripts were written on palm leaves and on bark of birch tree, while inscriptions were made on stone slabs and pillars.

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Q3 Return to Rasheeda's question. Can you think of some answers to it?

Answer. Rasheeda's question is, "How could anyone know what had happened so many years ago?" We know that historians use various sources to know about history. Some

important sources are: manuscripts, coins, inscriptions, archaeological sites, etc.

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Q4 Make a list of all the objects that archaeologists may find. Which of these could be made of stone?

Answer. Archaeologists may find potteries, skeletons, ornaments, tools, statues, toys, clothes, etc. Statues, potteries and toys could be made of stone.

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Q5 Why do you think ordinary men and women did not generally keep records of what they did?

Answer. The life of ordinary men and women must have been full of difficulties. Even today, the life of ordinary men and women is too mundane to write anything about it. These are the two possible reasons, why ordinary men and women generally did not keep records of what they did.

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Q6 Describe at least two ways in which you think the lives of kings would have been different from those of farmers.

Answer. A farmer has to work in the field while a ruler does not need to do so. A king's main responsibility was to protect its subjects, while a farmer's main responsibility was to produce food grains. A farmer's life must have been full of hardships. A king's life may have been more comfortable.

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Q7 Find the word crafts persons on page 1. List at least five different crafts that you know about today. Are the crafts persons — (a) men (b) women (c) both men and women?

Answer. Today's crafts person:

1. Musicians
2. Architects
3. Industrialists
4. Artists
5. Scientists

6. Actors
7. Writers
8. Sports Person

These crafts person are both men and women.

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Q8 What were the subjects on which books were written in the past? Which of these would you like to read?

Answer. Ancient books covered subjects like:

- (i) Religious beliefs and practices
- (ii) Lives of kings
- (iii) Medicine
- (iv) Science
- (v) Poetry
- (vi) Drama
- (vii) Epics

It would be really interesting to read the epics of the past. The Ramayana, The Mahabharata and the Upanishads are some of the religious epics of the past.

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