

Time- 1. Unit-1: Bricks, Beads and Bones M.M-36

Multiple-Choice Questions

1. Which of the following cities of the Harappan Civilisation was exclusively devoted to craft production of shell objects?

- (a) Kot Diji (b) Kalibangan (c) Manda. (d) Chanhudaro

2. Consider the following statements:

- I. The Harappan Civilisation saw the development of urban centres.  
II. The most distinctive feature of Harappan cities was the carefully planned drainage system.  
III. Harappan roads and streets were laid out along an approximate "grid" pattern.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct about Harappan Civilisation?

- (a) Only I. (b) Only II. (c) I and II. (d) I, II and III

3. Which one of the following mature Harappan sites is located in present-day Gujarat?

- (a) Rakhi Garhi. (b) Dholavira. (c) Kot Diji. (d) Amri

4. Which one of the following books was written by Ernest Mackay?

- (a) The Indus. (b) Ancient India  
(c) Early Indians (d) Early Indus Civilisation

5. Match the following correctly:

List-I (Archaeologists)

- (a) Rakhal Das Banerjee  
(b) S.N. Roy  
(c) Daya Ram Sahni  
(d) Alexander Cunningham

List-II (Work)

- (i) First Director-General of ASI (Archaeological Survey of India)  
(ii) Discovered seals at Harappa  
(iii) Discovered seals at Mohenjodaro similar to Harappa  
(iv) Authored "The Story of Indian Archaeology"

Options:

- (A) (a-iii), (b-iv), (c-ii), (d-i). (B) (a-ii), (b-i), (c-iii), (d-iv)  
(C) (a-i), (b-ii), (c-iv), (d-iii). (D) (a-iv), (b-iii), (c-i), (d-ii)

6. Fill in the blank:

Archaeologists have been able to reconstruct dietary practices from finds of charred grains and seeds. These are studied by \_\_\_\_\_.

Choose the correct option from the following:

- (a) Archaeo-astronomers. (b) Archaeo-geologists  
(c) Archaeo-botanists. (d) Archaeo-zoologists

7. Consider the following statements regarding the Priest King of Harappa:

According to archaeologists:

- (1) Priest King held political power.  
(2) He was related with Mesopotamian history.  
(3) He was related with Harappan religion.  
(4) His authoritarian rule could be one of the causes of the decline of Harappa.

Which one of the following statements is correct?

- (a) (1), (3) and (4). (b) (2), (3) and (4)  
(c) (1), (2) and (3) (d) (1), (2) and (4)

8. Why is Harappan script called enigmatic? Identify the appropriate reason from the following options:

- (a) It was pictographic and uniform.  
(b) It was written from left to right.  
(c) Scholars are not able to read the script.  
(d) It shows common feature of writing.

9. Name the town of the Harappan Civilisation that literally means 'Mound of Dead'.

- (a) Kalibangan (b) Chanhudaro. (c) Lothal. (d) Mohenjodaro

10. Which of the following metals was NOT known to the Harappans?

- (a) Bronze (b) Iron (c) Copper (d) Silver

11. The strategy used by Harappans for procuring raw materials may have been to send expeditions to areas such as the \_\_\_\_\_ region of Rajasthan (for copper) and south India (for gold).

Select the appropriate option:

- (a) Khetri (b) Alwar (c) Vagad (d) Marwar

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Assertion–Reason Type Questions

The questions given below consist of an assertion and a reason. Use the following key to choose the appropriate answer:

- (a) Both (A) and (R) are true and (R) is the correct explanation of (A).  
(b) Both (A) and (R) are true but (R) is not the correct explanation of (A).  
(c) (A) is true but (R) is false.  
(d) (A) is false but (R) is true.

13. Assertion (A): The citadel was situated in the lower town.

Reason (R): Structures meant for special occasions were built on the citadel.

14 Assertion (A): Harappan artefacts have been excavated in Oman.

Reason (R): There was no commercial exchange between the Harappans and inhabitants of West Asia.

15. Assertion (A): Balakot and Nageshwar were chief centres of shell production.

Reason (R): The Harappans were not skilled craftsmen.

16. "Harappan script is considered as an enigmatic ..." justify the statement with suitable arguments. 3

17. Describe the contribution of John Marshall to Indian archaeology. 3

18. Describe the drainage system of the Harappan cities. 3

19. What evidence have been put forward to explain the collapse of the Harappan civilization? 3

20. The most unique feature of Mohenjo Daro was the planned urban centre sport the statement with example. 5

21. Read the following source carefully and answer the questions that follow.4

The Most Ancient System Yet Discovered

About the drains, Mackay noted: "It is certainly the most complete ancient system as yet discovered." Every house was connected to the street drains. The main channels were made of bricks set in mortar and were covered with loose bricks that could be removed for cleaning. In some cases, limestone was used for the covers. House drains first emptied into a sump or cesspit into which solid matter settled while waste water flowed out into the street drains. Very long drainage channels were provided at intervals with sumps for cleaning. It is a wonder of archaeology that "little heaps of material, ..."

...mostly sand, have frequently been found lying alongside drainage channels, which shows ..... that the debris was not always carted away when the drain was cleared."

FROM ERNEST MACKAY, Indus Valley Civilisation, Early Indus Civilisation, 1948.

Drainage systems were not unique to the larger cities, but were found in smaller settlements as well. At Lothal for example, while houses were built of mud bricks, drains were made of burnt bricks.

- (a) What was the chief drawback in the sanitation system?  
(b) What was the most interesting aspect of these houses? Give two reasons to support your answer.  
(c) Except the drains, enumerate any four characteristics of these houses