

KRISHNAGAR ACADEMY.

CLASS - VI, SUBJECT - HISTORY.

CHAPTER - THE INDUS VALLEY

20.06.2020 CIVILIZATION.

TOPIC - EXERCISE QUESTION ANSWER.

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QUESTION ANSWERS.

Q1. Why did the early civilizations flourish in the river valleys?

Ans: The early civilizations flourished in the river valleys because they grew near river banks where it was <sup>conducive</sup> for agriculture. Rivers served as a constant source of water for agriculture and the soil on their banks was highly fertile due to recurrent floods. Besides, the rivers were an easy mode of travel by boats and rafts.

2. Write a note on the highly developed town planning of the Harappans.

Ans: The well-planned cities were laid out in a grid-like formation. They had broad roads and streets. The roads ran parallel to each other and cut at right angles. They were rounded at the corners for easy turning of carts. Different types of houses lined both sides of the streets.

3. How do we know that the Harappans enjoyed dance and music?

Ans: For entertainment, the Harappans seemed to have turned to dance and music. A number of gold, terracotta and stone figurines of dancing girls reveal their love for dancing. A harp-like instrument depicted on an Indus seal and two shell objects found at Lothal indicate the use of stringed musical instruments.

4. Write a note on the religion of the Harappans.

Ans: No temples have been excavated from the Harappan sites. However, the discovered clay seals and figurines suggest that the Harappans worshipped a Mother Goddess as a symbol of fertility. The seal of a male god seated in a yogic posture surrounded by animals is believed to be that of Lord Pashupati (the Lord of cattle).

5. Which are the possible reasons for the decline of the Indus Valley civilization?

Ans: Some possible reasons for the decline of the Indus Valley civilization are as follows:

(i) The Indus river might have changed its course

(ii) Frequent floods might have destroyed the Harappan cities.

(iii) Epidemics might have taken a toll on the lives of the people.

(iv) Invasion by an enemy could not be thwarted.

In the next class on 27.06.2020 (Saturday) we shall start a new chapter - 4,

The Mesopotamian Civilization.

Till then stay safe and healthy at home.