

Sub - History On The Trail Of The Earliest People

Q (1) Complete the sentences:

(a) Hunter-gatherers chose to live in caves and rock shelter because _____

Ans They gave shelter from rain, heat and wind.

(b) Grassland developed around _____ years ago.

Ans 12000 years

(c) Early people painted on the _____ of the caves.

Ans Walls

(d) In Hunsgi tools were made of _____

Ans Limestone.

Q (2) Look at the present-day Political map of the subcontinent on page 136 of the textbook. Find out the states where Bhimbetka, Hunsgi and Kurnool are located. Would Tushar's train have passed near any of these cities?

Ans
Bhimbetka — Madhya Pradesh
Hunsgi — Karnataka
Kurnool — Andhra Pradesh

Tushar's train would have passed near Bhimbetka, Hunsgi and Kurnool since they all lie on the possible train route from Delhi to Chennai.

Q (3) Why did the hunter-gatherers travel from place to place. In what ways are these similar to different from the reasons for which we travel today?

Ans →

The hunter-gatherers travelled from place to place to hunt animals and collect fruits. Animals move from place to place. Humans followed them. Plants and trees bear fruit in different seasons, so when season changed people moved to another place. They also travelled in search of water.

Today we travel for different reasons like going on business trips, excursions, visit to religious places, for better education and health facilities.

Q (4)

What tools would use today for cutting fruits? What would they be made of?

Ans → We use the tools like knife, shiliter and dagger for cutting fruits today. These are made of steel, copper or iron.

Q (5)

List three ways in which hunter-gatherers used fire. Would you use fire for any of these purposes today?

Ans: → Hunter-gatherers used the fire in the following ways: -

- (i) To cook the meat.
- (ii) To scare away wild animals.
- (iii) As a source of light in their caves.

Yes, we use fire for cooking food today. We also use fire to keep warm our body.

Additional Questions

Q. (1) How do we come to know about these early people?

Ans → We come to know about early people by manuscripts, inscriptions and archaeology.

Q. (2) Where did the hunter-gatherers chosen to live?

Ans → Hunter-gatherers chosen to live in those places where water and good quality stone were easy available.

Q. (3) Why was it difficult to hunt animals and collect plant produce?

Ans → Those days several animals ran faster than men. Some were very stronger than man, so people had to be alert, quick and having good presence of mind. To collect plant produce one had to find out which plants were edible as plants could be poisonous.

Q. (4) What does the term 'palaeolithic' mean? How do we use this term?

Ans → The term palaeolithic comes from two Greek words 'palaeo' meaning old and 'lithos' meaning stone. So we can say it old stone age. The palaeolithic period extends from 2 millions years ago to 12000 years ago.