

Class-6

Sub - History

Ch - 4

IN THE EARLIEST CITIES

Q ① How do archaeologists know that cloth was used in the Harappan civilisation?

Ans → Archaeologists have found spindle whorls that was used to spin thread. They have also found actual pieces of cloth attached to the lid of a silver vase which make it sure that the clothes were used by Harappans.

Q ② Match the columns:

Ans →

Copper	→	Rajasthan
Gold	→	Karnataka
Tin	→	Afghanistan
Precious stones	→	Gujarat

Q ③ Why were metals, writings, the wheel, and the plough important for the Harappans?

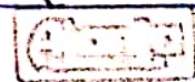
Ans → Metals - These were used to make tools, vessels and ornaments. Some of the main metals found included gold, silver, bronze, tin, copper and lead.

Writings - It helped the Harappans to prepare scribes, which in turn helped in keeping records and preparing the seals.

Wheels - Wheels were used for making the pots and casts.

Plough

It was used for digging the earth, turning the soil and planting the seeds.



Q (4) Make a list of all the terracotta toys shown in the lesson. Which do you think children would have enjoyed playing with the most?

Ans → Toy cart, seals, Dolls, Marbles, puppets, models of various animals. Children would have played with dolls, puppets or carts.

Q (5) Make a list of what the Harappans ate, and put a tick mark against the things you eat today.

Ans → The Harappans ate the following food items:

- (i) Barley ✓
- (ii) Wheat ✓
- (iii) Rice ✓
- (iv) pulses ✓
- (v) Peas ✓
- (vi) Sesame ✓
- (vii) Linseed ✓
- (viii) Mustard ✓
- (ix) fruits ✓

Q (6) Do you think that the life of farmers and herdsmen who supplied food to the Harappan cities was different from that of the farmers and herdsmen you read about in chapter 3? Give reasons for your answer.

Ans Yes, I think that the life of the Harappan farmers and herdsmen was different from the farmers and herdsmen we read in chapter (3).

- Reason
- (i) The Harappan farmers lived on the outer areas of the city.
 - (ii) They domesticated many animals.
 - (iii) They developed the method of irrigation.
 - (iv) Farmer of Harappan cities stored their food in granaries.