

CLASS:--12TH, HISTORY NOTES, CHAPTER:- 01

Question 27.

What causes were responsible for the decline of the Harappan civilisation ?

Answer:

- Change of climate.
- Cutting of forests or deforestation.
- Excessive floods.
- The shifting of the path or drying up of rivers.
- Over-use of the landscape.

Question 28.

Who was John Marshall?

Answer:

John Marshall was the Director-General of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI). He was the first professional archaeologist who brought his experience of working in Crete and Greece. In 1924, he announced the discovery of new civilisation in Indus Valley.

Question 29.

What were the problems of piecing together to know about Harappan life ?

Answer:

- The harappan script is undeciphered till today due to which we are still unable to attain information about ancient civilisation.
- Materials like cloth, leather, wood and reeds decomposed due to the passage of time.

Question 30.

Which evidences give us information about Harappan civilisation ?

Answer:

Only materials and physical evidences give us information about Harappan civilisation and these are:

1. Remains of cities and towns.

2. Beads, querns, stone blades and pots.
3. Burials and bones of animals.
4. Seals and weights.

Question 31.

What are Shamans ?

Answer:

Shamans are those men and women who claim that they have magical and healing power and have an ability to communicate with the other world.

Question 32

Mention the two sections of the Harappan settlements and give one main feature of each.

Answer:

1. Harappan settlements were divided into two sections. The first section of this city was small and was built on higher place. The second section was the lower town.
2. The archaeologists designated the first section as the citadel and the second section as the lower town.

Question 33

Give two features of the | Harappan settlements.

Answer:

Two features of Harappan settlements are:

- There were generally large settlements with large and small buildings.
- A well-planned network of roads and drainage systems was the key feature of their settlement.

Question 34.

Mention any four items found in the graves of the Harappans.

Answer:

Jewellery of both men and women, an ornament consisting of three shell rings, a Jasper (types of semi-precious stone), bead and hundreds of microbeads, copper mirrors, etc., were found in the graves.