

Class 12 , HISTORY CHAPTER:- 1

Important Extra Questions Bricks, Beads and Bones: The Harappan Civilisation

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.

Question 35.

Mention two strategies adopted to identify the social differences among the Harappans.

Answer:

- Study of the structure-of burials and things found from these burials.
- Artefacts are generally classified into useful and luxurious things.

Question 36.

How did the Harappans' obtain the red colour of carnelian?

Answer:

Harappans obtained red colour of carnelian by firing the yellowish raw material and beads at various stages of production.

Question 37.

Who was Cunningham? Mention any one account used by him to locate the early settlements of Harappa civilisation.

Or

Who was Cunningham? Mention any one source he collected to understand the Harappa culture.

Answer:

Alexander Cunningham was the first Director-General of Archaeological Survey of India. He used accounts of Chinese pilgrims who visited India between the 4th and 7th centuries C.E. to locate early settlements.

Question 38.

Mention any two difficulties faced by historians in deciphering the f. Indus script.

Answer:

- The harappan script is undeciphered till today due to which we are unable to get information about this civilisation.

Materials like cloth, leather, wood and reeds decomposed due to the passage of time