

CLASS:--12TH , HISTORY NOTES, CHAPTER:- 1

MOHENJODARO: A planned urban city

Two Sections of settlement:-

The Citadel

- These were constructed on mud brick platforms and were walled, which meant that it was physically separated from the Lower Town
- These include the warehouse – a massive structure of which the lower brick portions remain.
- The upper portions, probably of wood, was – the Great Bath. It was a large rectangular tank in courtyard surrounded by a corridor on all four sides.

The Lower Town

- It had carefully planned drainage system. The roads and streets were laid out along an approximate “grid” pattern.
- It provides examples of residential buildings. Many were centred on a courtyard, with rooms on all sides.
- Every house had its own bathroom paved with bricks, with drains connected through the wall to the street drains.
- The uniqueness of the structure, as well as the context in which it was found (the Citadel, with several distinctive buildings), has led scholars to suggest that it was meant for some kind of a special ritual bath.