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Class 6th

Subject History

Ch:What Books and Burials Tell Us

Extra Questions Short Answer Type

Question 1.

Name one of the oldest books in the world. Write a few sentences about this book.

Answer:

The Rigveda is one of the oldest books in the world.

It was composed about 3500 years ago.

The Rigveda includes more than a thousand hymns, called sukta or well said songs of praise.

These are in praise of various gods and goddesses.

These hymns were composed by sages (rishis).

Most of the hymns were composed, taught and learnt by men. Only a few were composed by women.

The Rigveda is in old or Vedic Sanskrit, which is different from the Sanskrit that students learn in school these days.

Question 2.

For which three things were battles fought by the Rigvedic age people?

Answer:

Battles were fought to capture cattle.

Battles were also fought for land, which was important for pasture, and for growing hardy crops that ripened quickly, such as barley.

Some battles were fought for water, and to capture people.

Question 3.

What was the fate of booty or looted wealth during the battle or war days?

Answer:

Some of the looted wealth (or booty) obtained was kept by the leaders.

Some portion of looted wealth was given to priests (brahmins).

The rest of the looted wealth was distributed amongst the people.

Some wealth (looted in the war or battles) was used for the performance of yajanas or sacrifices in which offerings were made into the fire. These were meant for gods and goddesses. Offerings could include ghee, grain and in some cases animals.

Question 4.

Write any three main common features of war of the Rigvedic age.

Answer:

Most men took part in wars during the Rigvedic age.

As there was no regular army, but there were assemblies where people met and discussed matters of war and peace.

The Assemblies also chose leaders, brave and skilful warriors.

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