

Short Answer Questions

Q.1. How was Harappa discovered?

Ans.

- i. In 1856, when British were building the Lahore to Multan railways, they stumbled upon a mound of finely baked bricks near the site of Harappa in the present day Pakistan.
- ii. However, it was not until 1924 that John Marshall, the then Director General of Archaeological Survey of India, announced the existence of a great civilization called the Indus Valley Civilization.
- iii. Since Harappa was the first city to be discovered it was also called Harappan Civilization.

Q.2. Why seals seem to be puzzling items in Indus Valley?

Ans.

- i. Of the various articles discovered in the Indus Valley, about 200 seals are the most puzzling.
- ii. They were little pieces of soft stones, ivory and clay.
- iii. They were generally rectangular in shape.
- iv. On these are engraved figures of animals and birds.
- v. Seals were perhaps used by different guilds or merchants or traders.

Q.3. What kind of jewellery was worn by Harappan men and women?

Ans.

- i. Both men and women seem to be fond of ornaments.
- ii. Necklaces, armlets, finger rings and bangles were worn both by men and women.
- iii. Ornaments were of great variety and design.
- iv. The ornaments were made of different metals such as gold, silver, copper and bronze.

Q.4. What do you know about agriculture and food habits of Harappa?

Ans.

- i. The Harappan culture used common food articles.
- ii. They took simple food.
- iii. They ate variety of food grains like wheat, barley, lentil, chickpea and sesame.
- iv. Besides, vegetables, fruits and cloves, milk were also included in their food.