

Hots (Higher Order Thinking Skills)

Q.1. Why did the earliest people lead a nomadic life?

Ans. The earliest people lead a nomadic life because

- i. If they stayed at one place for a long time, resources like plant and animal would finish.
- ii. Even animals used to move from place to place in search of food.
- iii. Plants bear different fruits in different seasons. So, men too had to move in search of these as per seasons.
- iv. River water is both perennial and seasonal. Wherever it was seasonal, people had to move to areas having water.

Q.2. How were stone tools made?

Ans. Stone tools were made using two techniques. These included:

- i. **Stone on Stone:** In this, the pebble from which the tool was to be made was held in first hand. In the other hand, another stone called hammer was held. The second stone was used to strike off flakes from the first, till the required shape was obtained.
- ii. **Pressure Flaking:** In this, the core was placed on a hard surface. The hammer stone was used on a piece of bone or stone placed on the core to remove flakes that could be shaped into tools.