

## **Long Answer Questions**

### **Q.1. Who were Dasas/Dasyus?**

**Ans.**

- i. While Aryans composed the Vedas, there was another group of people who opposed them. They were called Dasas or Dasyus.
- ii. They spoke a different language and followed different customs.
- iii. Most of the dasas were perhaps enslaved and so the term 'dasa' also came to mean "a slave".
- iv. They had to do what their masters wanted to do. The slaves were men and women who were captured during war.

### **Q.2. How did special burial take place at Inamgaon?**

**Ans.**

- i. Inamgaon is located on river Ghod, a tributary of the Bhima.
- ii. It seems to have been captured around 3,600 to 2,700 years ago.
- iii. Adults buried in the ground were laid out straight with the head towards the north.
- iv. Many burials took place within the houses.
- v. Vessels containing food and water were kept with the dead.

### **Q.3. How were Vedas a big source of knowledge?**

**Ans.**

- i. The word 'Veda' means knowledge.
- ii. There are four Vedas: Rigveda, Samaveda, Yajurveda and Atharvaveda.
- iii. The hymns have been composed by sages.
- iv. These hymns were recited and passed from one generation to another until they were written down.
- v. These hymns are in praise of different gods such as Indra, the God of rain; Agni, the fire god; Varun, the sky god and many others.
- vi. The hymns were composed in Vedic Sanskrit.