

Short Answer Questions

Q.1. How did men become food producers or farmers?

Ans.

- i. As climate of the world changed, men observed several things—areas where edible plants were found, how seeds broke off stalks, fell on the ground and how new plants sprouted from them.
- ii. Men started cultivating crops.
- iii. The first crops to be grown were cereal and barley.
- iv. Sickles have been found at Neolithic sites.
- v. People even began to protect their crops from birds and animals. This is how they became *food producers* or *farmers*.

Q.2. How was the invention of pottery important?

Ans. Man learnt to make clay pottery, which was shaped by hand and then baked in fire. The potter's wheel helped them to make pots of different shapes and sizes. Later they learnt to glaze and decorate the pots.

Q.3. What does Mehrgarh tell us about traces of early man?

Ans.

- i. Burnt grains and bones of animals have been found in Mehrgarh.
- ii. In this, wheat and barley were grown and farmers reared cattle, such as sheep and goat.
- iii. Burial sites were small in number with objects like stone axe, lapis and lazuli, limestone and sandstone.