

Short Answer Questions

Q.1. Describe the occupations of the people in the Vedic Age.

Ans.

- i. Agriculture, cattle rearing, chariot-making, pottery, jewellery-making and metal work were the main occupations.
- ii. Many people also worked as priests who performed rituals and acted as teachers and doctors.
- iii. They passed on the knowledge of Vedas to their children.

Q.2. How did social differences exist in burials in India?

Ans.

- i. Archaeologists assume that objects discovered with a skeleton, probably belonged to the dead person.
- ii. Sometimes, objects were found in one grave, some in another.
- iii. In Brahmagiri, a skeleton was buried with 33 gold beads, 2 stone beads, 4 copper bangles and one conch shell whereas the other skeleton only had a pot.
- iv. This showed the difference in status amongst the people who were buried.
- v. Some were rich, while others were poor.

Q.3. Were some burial spots meant only for families?

Ans.

- i. Sometimes, megaliths had more than one skeleton.
- ii. It indicated that people belonging to the same family were buried at the same place though at different times.
- iii. The bodies of dead were brought into the grave, through the portholes.
- iv. Boulders were placed on the surface to serve as signposts to find the burial site, when people of the same family had to be buried there.