CLASS XII
History
ASSIGNMENT 2   **TOPIC: <u>Kings, Farms and Towns</u>**

1.   What were the 3 main trends in the development of towns, changes in agriculture and developments of early states in subcontinent in the 6th BC?

2.   What are the main sources of study for the period of 15oo years after the Harappan civilization?

3.   Name the major cities located along the river valleys.

4.   What was the significance of the city of Rajgir?

5.   Name the famous book that tells us about the long distance trade.

6.   Why do you think rulers would have made arrangements for irrigation?

7.   What was one of the major causes of inequality amongst the rural society of ancient India?

8.   What is a Mahajanapada? Name some of the important Mahajanapadas of the 6th BC.

9.   What is the difference between a Janpada and a Gana and Sangha?

10. What powers did the Rajas hold?

11. Mention the main kingdoms, which emerged in the South.

12. Who was James Prinsep? Why is his name famous in Indian history as a source person?

13. Why were kings called Piyadassis?

14. Explain 3 main characteristics of Ganas and Sanghas.

15. In which areas of India, major cities were located? Name a few of them of N.W., Central and Eastern part of India.

16. What is transplantation?

17. What is Dhamna? Who were the Dhamna Mahamatyas?

18. Explain the meaning of Rajukas, Bherigosha, Shramanas, Dhamnagosha, Tirthas, Pana, Samahanta, Sannidhata, Tammilakam, Vellalars, Arasar, Enadi, Kadaisar, Pariyans, Virakal, Uttrapatha, Yavanpriya, Shataka, Primogeniture, Guilds, Visht, Vishyas, Bhakti, Avatara.

19. Who was Kautilya? Who was ruling Magadha when Chandragupta Maurya became king?

20. How did the battle of Kalinga transform Ashoka?

21. What factors brought the end of Indus civilization?

22. Write s short note on the efforts made by the prominent archaeologists in finding Indus civilization? What techniques were used in finding them?

23. What were the difficulties faced by archaeologists in interpreting the religious beliefs of the Harappan people?