

Hots (Higher Order Thinking Skills)

Q.1. What do Megaliths tell us about North-west and Deccan?

Ans.

- i. Megaliths were big stone boulders arranged carefully by people, to mark burial sites in North-west and Deccan.
- ii. Megaliths were seen both on the surface and quite often underground.
- iii. All these burials had similar attributes which included digging pits in the Earth, transporting stones, breaking boulders, placing stones in position, finding suitable stones, shaping the stones and burying the dead.
- iv. Generally, the dead were buried with distinctive pots, known as Black and Red Ware.

Q.2. How battles were fought according to the Rigveda?

Ans.

- i. Battles were fought for land which was important for pastures and for growing hardy crops that ripened quickly, such as barley.
- ii. Some of the wealth that was obtained was kept by the leaders, some was given to the priests and the rest was distributed amongst the people.
- iii. Some wealth was used for the performance of Yajnas or sacrifices in which offerings were made to the fire.
- iv. There was no regular army, but there were assemblies where people met and discussed matters of war and peace.