

CHAPTER-6 | Materials Around Us

QUIZ
PART-01

1. What is a "material"?

- A. Any finished object
- B. Any substance used to create an object
- C. Only natural substances
- D. Only metals and plastics (B)

Explanation: A material is defined as any substance that can be used to make an object.

2. Which of the following is not used as a material to make objects?

- A. Paper
- B. Wood
- C. Iron
- D. Air (D)

Explanation: Common materials listed include paper, wood, cloth, glass, metal, and plastic; air is not used to make objects.

3. Which statement is correct about materials and objects?

- A. One material can be used to make only one object
- B. One object can be made only from one material
- C. One material can make many objects, and one object can be made from different materials
- D. Objects are not related to materials (C)

Explanation: The notes state both that one material can form many objects and one object can be made of different materials.

4. Earliest pottery in the Indian subcontinent dates back to about:

- A. 500–800 years
- B. 1,500–2,000 years
- C. 7,000–8,000 years
- D. 12,000–15,000 years (C)

Explanation: The timeline given places the earliest pottery around 7,000–8,000 years ago.

5. Early pottery finds are reported from which locations?

- A. Taxila and Pataliputra
- B. Nalanda and Sarnath
- C. Lahuradewa (Ganga Plains) and Mehrgarh (Baluchistan)
- D. Ujjain and Kanchipuram (C)

Explanation: These two sites are named as key early locations.

6. Around 4000 BCE, which culture began using the potter's wheel?

- A. Mesopotamian
- B. Sindhu–Sarasvatī
- C. Roman
- D. Gupta (B)

Explanation: The Sindhu–Sarasvatī culture introduced wheel-turned pottery and related techniques.

7. Which feature characterizes Harappan pottery (2600–1900 BCE)?

- A. White surface with blue glaze
- B. Bright red surface with black painted designs
- C. Plain grey surface without decoration
- D. Green surface with yellow patterns (B)

Explanation: Harappan pieces are described as bright red with black motifs.

8. Harappan pottery motifs commonly included:

- A. Only floral designs
- B. Only human figures
- C. Geometric patterns and aquatic/terrestrial animals
- D. Stars and constellations (C)

Explanation: The listed motifs include geometric patterns and animals from water and land.

9. What is terracotta?

- A. Unfired clay jewelry
- B. Baked clay pottery
- C. Metal pottery with red paint
- D. Stoneware polished with slips (B)

Explanation: Terracotta is pottery made by shaping clay and baking it in kilns.

10. Large storage jars and pottery artifacts are showcased at the:

- A. Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya, Mumbai
- B. National Museum, New Delhi
- C. Indian Museum, Kolkata
- D. Salar Jung Museum, Hyderabad (B)

Explanation: The collection is specifically mentioned as displayed at the National Museum, New Delhi.