

Chapter – 6 | The Beginnings of Indian Civilisation

QUIZ
PART-02

1. What material was commonly used to make Harappan seals?

- A. Gold B. Ivory
C. Steatite D. Copper (C)

Explanation: Harappan seals were made from steatite, a soft stone that was hardened by heating.

2. What was a key feature of Harappan cities?

- A. No Drainage System
B. Efficient Water Management
C. Wooden Houses
D. Lack of Agriculture (B)

Explanation: Harappan cities had a well-planned drainage system and advanced water management techniques.

3. Which of the following objects have been found in the sites of the Indus-Sarasvatī Civilisation?

- A. A Bronze Mirror
B. A Seal Showing Swastika
C. A Bronze Figurine (Dancing Girl)
D. All of the Above (D)

Explanation: All these objects have been found at various Harappan sites, reflecting their daily life and symbolic culture.

4. What was the purpose of Harappan seals?

- A. Currency
B. Decoration
C. Identifying goods in trade
D. Religious prayer (C)

Explanation: Harappan seals were primarily used to mark and identify goods during trade.

5. Which site is believed to have had a dockyard for maritime trade?

- A. Mohenjo-daro
B. Lothal
C. Kalibangan
D. Banawali (B)

Explanation: Lothal, located in Gujarat, had a large basin believed to be a dockyard used for maritime trade.

6. Which crop were Harappans the first to grow in Eurasia?

- A. Wheat B. Rice
C. Cotton D. Barley (C)

Explanation: Harappans were the first in Eurasia to cultivate cotton, which they used to weave clothes.

7. What type of animal was commonly depicted on Harappan seals?

- A. Lion B. Cow
C. Unicorn D. Elephant (C)

Explanation: One of the most common figures on Harappan seals is the unicorn, along with bulls and other animals.

8. What was one of the major causes for the decline of the Harappan civilisation?

- A. Frequent wars
B. Invasion by nomads
C. Climatic changes and river drying
D. Earthquake (C)

Explanation: The decline was mainly due to climatic changes and the drying up of the Sarasvatī River, which affected agriculture.

9. What kind of trade did the Harappans engage in?

- A. Internal only
B. Local village bartering
C. Both internal and external trade
D. None, they were self-sufficient (C)

Explanation: Harappans traded within their own civilisation and also with distant regions, including Mesopotamia and coastal areas.

10. What was a typical cooking ingredient found in Harappan clay pots?

- A. Cardamom B. Banana
C. Clove D. Saffron (B)

Explanation: Items like turmeric, banana, and ginger were found in clay cooking pots, indicating their dietary habits.