

CHAPTER-4 | New Beginnings : Cities and States

QUIZ
PART-01

1. India's Second Urbanisation began during the:
- 1st millennium BCE
 - 1st century CE
 - 2nd millennium CE
 - Harappan Age (A)

Explanation : India's Second Urbanisation started in the 1st millennium BCE.

2. India's First Urbanisation is associated with the:
- Vedic Civilisation
 - Mauryan Empire
 - Indus/Harappan Civilisation (C)
 - Gupta Empire

Explanation : The Harappan Civilisation is known as India's First Urbanisation.

3. After the decline of the Harappan cities, urban life remained largely absent for about:
- 100 years
 - 500 years
 - 1000 years (C)
 - 2000 years

Explanation : Urban life was largely absent for nearly a millennium.

4. Which region greatly helped the growth of new cities during the Second Urbanisation?
- Thar Desert
 - Gangetic Plains (B)
 - Deccan Plateau
 - Western Ghats

Explanation : Fertile Gangetic Plains supported agriculture and urban growth.

5. Which factor contributed most to the rise of new towns?
- Better agriculture (A)
 - Space travel
 - Printing press
 - Electricity

Explanation : Agricultural surplus supported the growth of towns and cities.

6. Which of the following was a feature of Harappan cities?

- Airports
- Sanitation system (B)
- Railways
- Factories

Explanation : Harappan cities had advanced sanitation systems.

7. People such as potters, weavers, and metalsmiths are examples of:

- Kings
- Priests (C)
- Craftspeople
- Soldiers

Explanation : These were skilled craftspeople with specialised occupations.

8. The Second Urbanisation is different because it:

- Ended quickly
- Never produced cities
- Continues till today (C)
- Happened only in South India

Explanation : Unlike the first, this urban growth process continues today.

9. A major result of agricultural surplus was:

- Fewer settlements
- Growth of towns (B)
- End of trade
- Desert formation

Explanation : Extra food production allowed towns and cities to develop.

10. Which statement is correct?

- Harappan cities appeared after the Second Urbanisation
- Urban life disappeared forever after Harappan times (C)
- India's Second Urbanisation began in the 1st millennium BCE
- The Gangetic Plains were unsuitable for farming

Explanation : The Second Urbanisation started in the 1st millennium BCE and led to renewed city growth.