

Holiday Assignment HISTORY, Class XII

Read Source carefully and answer the questions.

- 1 Source 1 - How artefacts are identified (NCERT Textbook one page 4)
 1. What are the two types of querns? 2
 2. What materials were these querns made of? 2
 3. Explain any two ways in which the archaeologists classify finds and one way they determine the function. 3
- 2 Source 3 – Evidence of an 'Invasion' (NCERT Textbook one page 18)
 1. Why is the lane called Deadman Lane? 2
 2. What did some scholars and archaeologists conclude from the information? 2
 3. Who was John Marshall and how did he tend to excavate? 3
- 3 Source 2 – The most ancient system yet discovered (NCERT Textbook one page 7)
 1. Explain the drainage system of the Harappans. 3
 2. Explain the domestic architecture of the houses of Mohenjodaro. 2
 3. What are the advantages of covered drains? 2
4. Source 4 – In praise of Samudragupta... (NCERT Textbook one page 37)
 1. What is a Prashasti? Who wrote the above Prashasti? 2
 2. Give any four qualities of the rulers as mentioned in the Prashasti. 2
 3. Why did rulers identify themselves with a variety of deities? 2
 4. Name two other sources for studying about the Guptas. 1
- 5 Mention any two strategies that were used to increase agriculture production from 6th century BCE onwards. 2
- 6 Why were many Zamindaris auctioned after the Permanent Settlement in Bengal? Give two reasons. 2
- 7 What evidences have been put forward to explain the collapse of the Harappan Civilization 4
- 8 Explain the socio-economic difference in Harappan Society that archaeological finds seem to suggest 4
- 9 Describes the lifestyle of the Pahariyas in the late 19th century. 4

10 Locate and Label the following on outline political map of India (Book -1)

1. P-2 Mature Harappan sites: Harappa, Banawali, Kalibangan, Balakot, Rakhigarhi, Dholavira, Nageshwar, Lothal, Mohenjodaro, Chanhudaro, Kot Diji.
2. P-30 Mahajanapada and cities :
Vajji, Magadha, Kosala, Kuru, Panchala, Gandhara, Avanti, Rajgir, Ujjain, Taxila, Varanasi.
3. P-33 Distribution of Ashokan inscriptions:
 - (i) Kushanas, Shakas, Satavahanas, Vakatakas, Guptas
 - (ii) Cities/towns: Mathura, Kannauj, Puhar, Braghukachchha
 - (iii) Pillar inscriptions - Sanchi, Topra, Meerut Pillar and Kaushambi.
 - (iv) Kingdom of Cholas, Cheras and Pandyas.