

CBSE Class VI Social Science
NCERT Solutions
History Chapter 1
WHAT, WHERE, HOW AND WHEN ?

Question 1. Match the following:

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(c) Garo hills	(3) Cities about 2500 years ago.
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Question 2. List one major difference between a manuscript and inscription.

Answer. (i) Manuscript: The old book written by hands are called manuscript. They are usually written on palm leaf or on specially prepared bark of a tree known as birch which grows in the Himalayas. The palm leaves were cut into pages and tied together to make books.

(ii) Inscription: Inscription are written on hard surfaces such as stone, rocks, pillars, clay, metal and copper tablets. Inscriptions are reliable sources of history as they come to us in their original form.

Question 3. Return to Rasheed's question. Can you think of some answers to it?

Answer. Rasheed's question was how could anyone know what had happened so many years ago. There are various ways by which the people can know about the past.

- (1) The remains left by the early man in the form of tools. weapons, pottery, jewellery etc.
 - (2) After man had learnt the art of writing. He wrote on leaves, bark of the trees and even on hard material. We have been able to read the script of these people (in many case).
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Question 4. Make a list of all the objects that archaeologists may find. Which of these could be made of stone?

Answer. The archaeologists study the remains of buildings made of stone and brick, painting and sculpture. They also dig in under the surface of the earth to find tools. weapons, pots, pans and ornaments and coin.

Tool and weapons could have been made of stone. Buildings were also made of stone.

Question 5. Why do you think ordinary men and women did not generally keep records of what they did?

Answer. The ordinary people like hunters ,gatherers herders ,farmers did not keep a record of what they did because they did not know how to read and write. There was a specialized class of a people called 'scribes' who recorded all the events.

Question 6. Describe at least two ways, in which you think the lives of the kings would have been different from those of farmers.

Answer.(i) King: The king led a luxurious life. He mad all the decisions for the society and looked after their welfare. They led the armies in war and kept records of their battles and victories.

(ii) Farmers: They worked very hard to grow crops for the people. They led an ordinary life. where he could barely fulfill his needs. Archaeology help us to find out about their lives.