

CBSE Class –VI Social Science
NCERT Solutions
HISTORY Chapter 12
BUILDINGS, PAINTINGS AND BOOKS

Question 1: Match the following

Column I	Column II
Stupa	Place where the image of the deity is installed
Shikhara	Mound
Mandapa	Circular path around the stupa
Garbhagriha	Place in temples where people could assemble
Pradakshina patha	Tower

Answer:

- Stupa: Mound
- Shikhara: Tower
- Mandapa: Place in temples where people could assemble
- Garbhagriha: Place where the image of the deity is installed
- Pradakshina patha: Circular path around the stupa

Question 2: Fill in the blanks:

- a. _____ was a great astronomer.
- b. Stories about gods and goddesses are found in the _____
- c. _____ is recognised as the author of the Sanskrit Ramayana.
- d. _____ and _____ are two Tamil epics.

Answer: (a) Aryabhata (b) Purana (c) Valmiki (d) Silappadikaram, Manimekalai

Question 3: Make a list of the chapters in which you find mention of metal working.

What are the metals objects mentioned or shown in those chapters?

Answer: Chapters 4, 8 and 9 mention metal working. Various metal tools have been mentioned; like ploughshare, sickle, axe and sword. Ploughshare and sickle were used in farming and was useful for increasing agricultural production. Axe was used for chopping wood and for clearing forests. Sword was used in battle.

Question 4: Read the story on page 130 (NCERT Book). In what ways is the monkey king similar to or different from the kings you read about in Chapters 6 and 11?

Answer: The monkey king shows some similarities and some differences with human kings. While many kings assumed grand titles and led a luxurious life, the monkey king did not have such title. Most of the kings took good care of their subjects. The monkey king shows the same mindset. He was even ready to sacrifice his life for his subjects.