

**Welland Gouldsmith School**

**History**

**Class 6**

**TOPIC: THE INDUS VALLEY CIVILIZATION**

**Answers**

1) Give one-word answers:

- a) Harappan Civilization
- b) Lothal
- c) The Great Bath
- d) Agriculture
- e) Gold
- f) Pictographic
- g) 2000
- h) Citadel

2) Match the following:

**A**

- a) Great Granary
- b) Pashupati
- c) Bhirrana
- d) Indus script
- e) Indus Valley civilization

**B**

- Harappa
- Lord of Beasts
- oldest Indus site
- not yet deciphered
- 8000 years old

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**EXERCISE A**

Tick (✓) the correct statements. Put a (X) against the wrong ones.

- 1) (X)
- 2) (✓)
- 3) (X)
- 4) (✓)
- 5) (✓)
- 6) (X)

### **EXERCISE B**

1. Bhiranna
2. Streets
3. Terracotta
4. No
5. Mesopotamia
6. Pictographic

### **EXERCISE C**

Hidden in the word search are the names of the eight Indus sites. Find them.

Rupar, Amri, Lothal, Dholavira, Banawali, Kalibangan, Rakhigarchi, Rojdi

### **EXERCISE D**

Give reasons for the following:

1. The Indus scripts has not yet been deciphered which is why we have to depend on archaeological sources as the main source for studying the Indus Valley civilization.
2. The granaries were built close to the rivers so that grains could be transported easily to the boats.

### **EXERCISE F**

1. The Indus Valley civilization is also called the Harappan civilization as Harappa was the first site to be excavated.
2.
  - The main roads ran parallel to each other
  - Houses were built on both sides of the street
  - There were street lamps on the road
3. Among the most impressive buildings found in Harappa, are the two rows of six granaries. It was popularly known as the Great Granary and used to store surplus grains. Archaeologists have found circular brick platforms and numerous two room quarters nearby.
4. They had an excellent and well planned drainage system. The bathrooms had sloping floors and drains which were connected to the street drains. The kitchens also had drains connected to the main street drains. The main drains which ran along the side of the street were covered with bricks.
5. Food – The Indus Valley people grew wheat and barley --- their main crops. Oil was extracted from mustard. They cultivated rice and ate meat, fish, eggs, milk, fruits and vegetables. Amusements – They enjoyed singing and dancing. People played a game similar to modern chess. Toys like small clay carts, rattles, animals with movable heads etc have been found.

6. No temples have been found in any of the Indus sites. The Great Bath may have been a religious structure used for ritual bathing. People worshipped clay figures of a female deity who was the Mother Goddess and a figure resembling Shiva representing Pashupati (Lord of Beasts). The Indus valley people also believed in evil spirits and life after death.
7. Agriculture – It was the main occupation of the people. Farmers produced sufficient food to meet the needs of all.  
Trade – The Indus Valley people exported the surplus goods. They imported gold from south India and metals like copper, tin and silver were brought from Mesopotamia, Persia, Oman and Afghanistan. The trade was probably conducted from the dockyard at Lothal. All trade may have taken place through barter.
8. The seals inform us about the artistic skills, trade contacts, dress, ornaments, religious beliefs and the script of the Indus people.
9. These are the few causes suggested by historians
  - Natural disasters such as earthquakes, floods, diseases.
  - A change in the course of River Indus.
  - A change in cropping patterns suggested by new findings from Bhiranna.
10. Write short notes –
  - Buildings in the lower town – Residential buildings have been found in the lower town. The houses were one or two storeys high and had flat roofs. They were built of baked bricks and had thick, strong walls, which were plastered. Most houses had a courtyard with rooms around it.
  - Indus script – The Indus script has been engraved on numerous seals found from various sites. The script is pictographic. It consists of signs that are like pictures, representing words, objects and ideas. However this script has not yet been deciphered.