

# HISTORY WORKSHEET

## Class Vi

### TOPIC - THE EGYPTIAN CIVILIZATION

#### SYNOPSIS

- The Egyptian civilization originated in approximately 3100 BC, with the reign of Egypt's first king, named Narmer.
- This Civilization arose in Egypt in the valley of the river Nile and it is also called the 'Gift of the Nile'.
- Archaeological excavations inscriptions and official documents tell us about Egyptian civilization.
  
- Egypt was divided into two kingdoms - Upper Egypt and Lower Egypt.
- The history of ancient Egypt can be divided into three periods -
  - 1) The Old Kingdom
  - 2) The Middle Kingdom
  - 3) The New Kingdom
- The society consisted of many classes. The ruler was call the Pharaoh and was treated as God who took all major decisions. Next came the priest, then the nobles, officials and scribes followed by the merchants, artisans and farmers. At the lowest rung were the slaves.
  
- Life of the people - The father was the head of the family.
- Birth of daughters were welcomed.
- The rich lived in big decorated houses.
- The poor worked as servants in rich households.
- The Egyptian's worshipped many Gods and Goddesses each god was associated with a particular aspect of life and each had a specific form.
- Most people were engaged in agriculture, pottery making, spinning, weaving, glass-making, carpentry, metal-working, poultry farming and fishing.
- Trade was an important activity goods were exchange through the barter system.
  
- Major Achievements of the Egyptians are:-
  - The Great Pyramid at Giza
  - The Sphnix
  - The Temple of Abu Simbel
  - The Egyptian had made great progress in mathematics.
  - They knew a lot about human anatomy.
  - They were the first to device a Solar Calendar.
  - The Egyptian system of writing is called hieroglyphics.

1. Give one word for the following :-

- i) It is called the Gift of the Nile.
- ii) Written or carved on something.
- iii) Invaders from Western Asia.
- iv) A picture painted on a wall or ceiling.
- v) A tall water plant with thick stems.

2. Explain the following :-

- i) hieroglyphics
- ii) Amun Re
- iii) Sphinx
- iv) mummifying
- v) The Great Pyramid at Giza

3. Question and Answers :-

- i) What has helped us to reconstruct the history of Egypt ?
- ii) How many periods is the history of Ancient Egypt divided ? Name them with their dates.
- iii) Discuss the progress made by the Egyptian in mathematics.
- iv) Write about the amusements of the Egyptian people.
- iv) How did the Egyptian civilization decline ?

4. Solve the following exercises from the text book :-

- i) Exercises A, B and C on page no. 21.