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CLASS : V SOCIAL STUDIES (HISTORY)

TOPIC : THE STONE AGE

Recapitulation : During the Stone Age stone tools were used extensively.

This age has four periods : 1. Palaeolithic or Old Stone Age , 2. Mesolithic or Middle Stone Age , 3. Neolithic or New Stone Age and 4. Chalcolithic or Copper Stone Age.

Palaeolithic Age : Humans led a nomadic life, they were hunter – gatherers. They lived close to rivers for water supply. Took shelter in trees or caves. They used crude stone tools and discovered fire.

Mesolithic Age : They were hunter – gatherers and lived in caves and rock shelters. Bones and horns of animals were also used to make tools. They domesticated dogs , goats , sheep and cattle .

Neolithic Age : They began to use sharp and polished tools. They grew their own crops , invented the wheel and made clay pots . The barter system was used.

Chalcolithic Age : The Age of Metals. They began to use copper. Later they mixed copper with tin and made bronze. They began to write during this Age.

Let's evaluate ourselves :

1. Write the meanings : a. rock shelter b .microliths c. potter's wheel

2. Complete the following

- a. Early humans gathered...
- b. They used stone tools to ...
- c. Microliths are ...
- d. The wheel helped people to ...
- e. The first cereals to be grown were

3. Answer the following :

- a. On what basis do we divide the Stone Age ?
- b. Mention the different periods of the Stone Age.
- c. How did they use fire ?
- d. Write any three features of the Mesolithic Age.
- e. How did agriculture change the lives of the early humans ?
- f. What was the use of the potter's wheel ?
- g. Explain the barter system.
- h. How were copper tools better than the stone tools ?

Also solve Exercise A (page 18) and Exercise B (PAGE 19)