

WELLAND GOULDSMITH SCHOOL

CLASS : V SOCIAL STUDIES (HISTORY)

TOPIC : THE IRON AGE

Recapitulation :

The history of early humans is largely defined by the materials they used. During the Stone Age, stone was widely used to make tools. When people began to use bronze, the period was known as the Bronze Age. The Iron Age followed the Bronze Age.

During this period people began to use iron for making tools and weapons. They also started using iron more than the other available materials.

This age began at different times in different parts of the world. It is said that the earliest use of iron dates back to about 1200 BCE (Before Common Era), which is about 3000 years ago. By about 500 BCE many places in Europe began using iron. The Iron Age began in India around 1000 BCE.

Advantages of iron :

- a. harder than copper and bronze.
- b. iron is easily available which made it cheaper in comparison to copper and bronze.
- c. iron tools could be easily sharpened .
- d. iron can be heated and hammered into shape which also made iron tools stronger than others.

Some features of the Iron Age :

- a. iron tools made farming easier and more productive .
- b. improved farming techniques allowed the farmers to grow more crops .
- c. the surplus food produced allowed people to take up other professions like potters, jewellers , weavers and so on .
- d. people began to trade in goods and food .
- e. iron was used to make weapons.
- f. the use of iron led to the growth of towns and cities which later gave rise to

civilizations .

Let's evaluate ourselves :

Exercises 1 to 4 to be done in the exercise book .

1. Write the timeline given :

500 BCE - 10,000 BCE – 8000 BCE – 4000 BCE – 2000 BCE – 1200 BCE .

2. Write the meanings of the words given below :

a. cast b. tilling c. surplus d. civilization

3. Match the following :

A

1. bracelets

2. bronze

3. early coins

4. swords , daggers

5. ironsmiths , potters

B

weapons

specialized jobs

tin and copper

Europe

iron

4. Complete the following :

a. People continued to use stone and _____ .

b. The rotary quern was one of the most important inventions of the Iron Age. It was used to _____ .

c. Some of the earliest coins were made of _____ .

d. Chariot wheels were fitted with _____ .

5. Solve exercises A and B (page 25) in the text book and exercise C (page 25) in the exercise book .

