

Chapter 3: Chalcolithic Villages in India

EXERCISE [PAGE 27]

Exercise | Q Q.1 (A) (1) | Page 27

Choose the correct alternative and write the complete sentence.

On one of the cemetery H pots, dead humans are seen carried by _____ in their stomach.

1. deer
2. peacock
3. fish
4. bull

SOLUTION

On one of the cemetery H pots, dead humans are seen carried by peacock in their stomach.

Exercise | Q Q.1 (A) (2) | Page 27

Choose the correct alternative and write the complete sentence.

The archaeological evidence shows that Balathal was a centre of mass production of _____

1. stone pots
2. copper pots
3. earthen pots
4. glassware

SOLUTION

The archaeological evidence shows that Balathal was a centre of mass production of earthen pots.

Exercise | Q Q.1 (A) (3) | Page 27

Choose the correct alternative and write the complete sentence.

Permanent villages of farmers were first established in Maharashtra by _____ people.

1. Savalda
2. Malwa
3. Harappa
4. Kayatha

SOLUTION

Permanent villages of farmers were first established in Maharashtra by Malwa people.

Exercise | Q Q.1 (B) | Page 27

Find the incorrect pair from set B write the correct ones.

Set 'A'	Set 'B'
(1) Savalda Culture	Daimabad
(2) Malwa Culture	Navadatoli
(3) Ahar Culture	Sonpur
(4) Jorwe Culture	Inamgaon

SOLUTION

Set 'A'	Set 'B'
(1) Savalda Culture	Balathal

Exercise | Q Q.2 (A) (1) | Page 27

Explain the statements with reasons.

Harappan people had to migrate.

SOLUTION

1. When the Mature (urban) Harappan civilisation collapsed completely, the people of Late Harappan cultures who had settled on the ruins of Mature Harappan cities had to migrate elsewhere.
2. The urban Harappans and the Late Harappans dispersed. Wherever these people reached, new rural cultures came into being.
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Exercise | Q Q.2 (A) (2) | Page 27

Explain the statements with reasons.

People of 'Malwa' culture were the first farmers of Maharashtra.

SOLUTION

1. The people of Malwa culture reached Maharashtra around 1600 B.C.E. Permanent villages of farmers were first established in Maharashtra by the Malwa people.
2. After arriving in Maharashtra, they came into contact with the neolithic people in Karnataka.
3. It resulted in a few changes in the pot making technology of Malwa people as far as shapes of the pots and designs are concerned.
4. Thus, they were considered the first farmers of Maharashtra as they were the first to establish in Maharashtra.

Exercise | Q Q.3 | Page 27

State your opinion.

It seems that the Harappan people had gone as far as Bihar.

SOLUTION

1. Chalcolithic sites have been discovered in Bihar, Bengal, Odisha, and Madhya Pradesh.
2. The excavations at sites like Chirand, Sonpur, etc. yielded earthen pots of black-and-red ware.
3. Shapes of these pots are similar to those of Harappan culture.
4. Thus, it seems that the Harappan people had gone as far as Bihar, and the local cultures were influenced by them.

Exercise | Q Q.4 (1) | Page 27

Write short notes.

Banas Culture

SOLUTION

1. The chalcolithic culture in India generally belongs to, the Post-Harappan period.
2. However, the 'Ahar' or 'Banas' culture in the Mewad region of Rajasthan was contemporary to the Harappan civilisation.
3. Balathal and Gilund are important sites of Ahar culture.
4. It was first discovered at Ahar near Udaipur, so it was named as 'Ahar' culture.
5. Ahar is a tributary of the river Banas, so it is also known as 'Banas culture'.

Exercise | Q Q.4 (2) | Page 27

Write short notes.

Malwa Culture

SOLUTION

1. The name 'Malwa' tells us that this culture originated and spread first in the Malwa region.
2. It flourished in Madhya Pradesh during 1800 B.C.E. - 1200 B.C.E. Navadatoli, situated on the bank of Narmada is an important site of Malwa culture.
3. The people of Malwa culture reached Maharashtra around 1600 B.C.E.
4. Permanent villages of farmers were first established in Maharashtra by the Malwa people. They were the first farmers of Maharashtra.

Exercise | Q Q.4 (3) | Page 27

Write short notes.

Kayatha Culture

SOLUTION

1. Kayatha is a chalcolithic site situated on the banks of the river known as Chhoti Kali Sindh at a distance of 25 km from Ujjain in Madhya Pradesh.
2. Kayatha culture was contemporary to the Harappan civilisation.
3. The Kayatha people followed agriculture and animal husbandry.
4. They mainly used handmade pots and microliths.

Exercise | Q Q.5 | Page 27

Write about the chalcolithic cultures in Gujarat with the help of the given points.

- a. Period
- b. Means of livelihood
- c. Geographical spread
- d. Evidence of cultural contact with other people

SOLUTION

1. **Period:** The chalcolithic settlements in Gujarat coincide with the following phases of the Harappan culture:
 - (1) Early Harappan phase (3950-2600 B.C.E.)
 - (2) Mature (urban) phase (2600- 1900 B.C.E.)
 - (3) Post-Harappan phase (1900-900 B.C.E.)
2. **Means of livelihood:** There are ample sources of semi-precious stones in Gujarat. Making beads of these stones was a big industry during Harappan times. The Neolithic settlements in Gujarat played a major role in procuring these stones. People residing in the neolithic settlements of Gujarat were mainly pastoral, that is people whose primary occupation was animal husbandry. Thus,

making beads, animal husbandry, pottery making were some of the means of livelihood.

3. **Geographical spread:** There are regional variations in the characteristics of the chalcolithic cultures of Gujarat. The chalcolithic pottery of Kutch - Saurashtra and Northern Gujarat is distinct from each other. The chalcolithic villages in Kutch-Saurashtra were abandoned by 1900 B.C.E.
4. **Evidence of cultural contact with other people:** In the post-Harappan period there were two chalcolithic cultures in Gujarat. The culture in south Gujarat was known as 'Prabhas' culture and the one in northeastern Gujarat was known as 'Rangpur' culture. These cultures existed till 1800-1200 B.C.E.