

# History

37.04.2021 Ch 12 Early Civilisations.

## I Questions and Answers:-

Ques 1. What does the word 'civilisation' mean?

Ans 1. The word 'civilisation' comes from the Latin word 'civilis'. It means being 'townsmen' or 'citizens'. Civilisations formed when people began coming together in urban settlements.

Ques 2. Why did many ancient civilisations developed near rivers?

Ans. 2. Many ancient civilisations developed near rivers because -

- Land near the rivers was fertile.
- Crops grew easily as plenty of water was available for irrigation.
- Since no roads existed during the early times, sailing on the river was an important way to carry goods and people from one place to another.

Ques 3. Give any two features of a civilisation.

Ans. 3.1 Development of cities and the growth of trade are important features of

a civilisation. All the ancient civilisations carried out trade with one another. People moved to non-agricultural areas which gradually developed into cities.

2. Another feature of the early civilisation was their religious beliefs. Each civilisation that developed had its own religious practices.

Ques 4 What are our sources of information about the ancient civilisations?

Ans 4. Every civilisation had its own distinct craft production. Their Jewellery, pottery, paintings and other artefacts recovered from the respective areas are our sources of information about the ancient civilisations.

II State whether the following statements are true or false.

a) The Egyptian civilisation was an ancient civilisation - True

b) All the people were engaged in farming activities - False

c) Most ancient civilisations developed near river valleys - True

a) Every civilisation had its own religion. True

### III Fill in the blanks:-

1. The scripts of Mesopotamia and Egypt have been deciphered.
2. Agriculture played an important role in the growth and development of all civilisations.
3. All the ancient civilisations were situated near rivers.
4. The word civilisation comes from the Latin word civilis.

### IV Match the followings :-

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| 1. Indus Valley          | - | Indus River     |
| 2. Mesopotamia           | - | Euphrates River |
| 3. Chinese civilisation  | - | Huang He        |
| 4. Egyptian civilisation | - | Nile River.     |