

CLASS VI

# IN THE EARLIEST CITIES

CHAPTER – 3  
(question-answer)

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## Exercises

1. How do archaeologists know that cloth was used in the Harappa civilization?

**Ans:** Actual pieces of cloth have been found in Mohenjo-Daro, and some copper objects. Spindle whorls have also been discovered, which were used to spin thread. This indicates cloth was used in the Harappa civilization.

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## 2. Match the columns:

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Column I	Column II
1) Copper	a) Gujarat
2) Gold	b) Afghanistan
3) Tin	c) Rajasthan
4) Precious stones	d) Karnataka

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**3. Why were metals, writing, the wheel and the plough important for the Harappa's?**

**Ans:**

Metals – used for making tools, ornaments, vessels, weapons

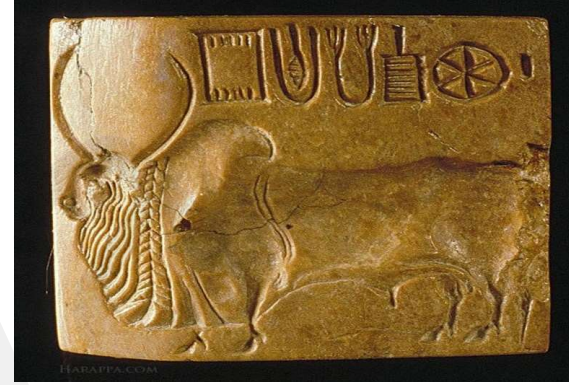
Writing – for communication purposes

Wheel – for pottery and for making carts used for travelling

Plough – used for farming purposes

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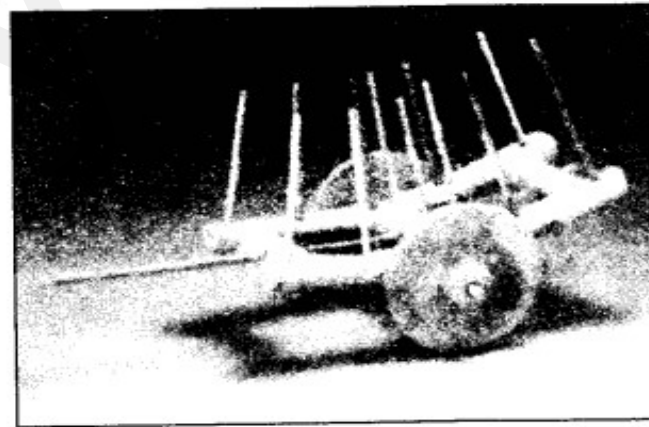
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**4. Make a list of all the terracotta toys shown in the lesson. Which do you think children would have enjoyed playing with the most?**

**Ans:** The terracotta toys shown in the lesson are:

1. Toy Plough
2. Toy Cart
3. Many Terracotta toys in the shape of different animals



Toy Cart

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Children would have preferred toy carts instead of ploughs.



A Toy Plough



Terracotta Toys



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**5. Make a list of what the Harappans ate and put a tick mark against the things you eat today.** [www.evidyarthi.in](http://www.evidyarthi.in)

**Ans:**

1. Peas
2. Barley
3. Rice
4. Wheat
5. Fruits
6. Mustard
7. Linseed
8. Sesame
9. Pulses

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**6. Do you think that the life of farmers and herders who supplied food to the Harappa cities was different from that of the farmers and herders you read about in chapter 3? Give reasons for your answer.**

**Ans:** Some of difference between the lives of farmers and herders who supplied food to the Harappa cities, and those of the previous chapter are:

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- Irrigation – Earlier farmers and herders did not have access to irrigation facilities, unlike their later counterparts.
- Storage – Earlier farmers used clay pots and baskets for storage purpose, whereas later stage farmers had well-built granaries.
- Tools – Earlier farmers did not have wooden tools like ploughs that could be used for tilling the land.