



### **Daily Subjectwise Quiz Day 7 Ancient History II (Online Prelims Test)**

Consider the following statements with respect to Drainage system of Indus Valley Towns

1. The smaller drains ran into larger sewers in the main streets which were covered with bricks or dressed stone blocks.
2. Corbelled-arch drains was used as main drain taking all the waste water out of the town.

Which of the following statement(s) is/are incorrect?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : d

### **Drainage system of Indus Valley Towns**

- Even smaller towns and villages of IVC had impressive drainage systems, this indicates that people had a great civic sense of sanitation and care for health and hygiene.
- Small drains made of burnt bricks were connected with bathing platforms and latrines of private houses joined the medium sized drains in the side streets.
- These drains ran into larger sewers in the main streets which were covered with bricks or dressed stone blocks.
- Corbelled-arch drains have also been found, one of them is almost 6 ft. deep which functioned as main drain taking all the waste water out of the town.
- At regular intervals along the main sewage drains were rectangular sump pits for collecting waste and these were regularly cleaned.

Which of the following materials was most commonly used in the Harappan seals?

- a. Gold
- b. Steatite
- c. Silver
- d. Bronze

Answer : b

### **Harappan Seals**

- The Harappan people used steatite extensively for making beads, seals and several other artifacts.

- Harappan culture may therefore be referred to as “steatite civilization”.
- Steatite is also known as Soapstone, it is a talc-schist, which is a type of metamorphic rock.
- It is very soft and has been a medium for carving.
- More than 2500 seals have been found, these are made of steatite.
- They mostly depict a single animal-unicorn bull, elephant, rhinoceros etc.-but some also depict trees, semi-human and human figurines, in some cases participating in a ceremony.

Consider the following Indus Valley Sites with respect to chronological order of their discovery

1. Harappa
2. Chanhudaro
3. Mohenjodaro
4. Banwali

Which of the following order is correct?

- a. 1, 2, 3, 4
- b. 1, 3, 2, 4
- c. 4, 3, 2, 1
- d. 3, 1, 2, 4

Answer : b

## Indus Valley Sites

- Harappa was discovered in 1826 and first excavated in 1920 and 1921.
- Mohenjo-daro was excavated in 1924-25 and 1925-26.
- Chanhudaro was first excavated in March 1930.
- Banwali was excavated in 1973.

Which of the following is/are correct about Indus Valley Civilization Sites?

1. Chanhudaro was an important centre of craft activity and hosted a bead factory.
2. Lothal was famous for its dockyard which lies on the eastern edge of the site.
3. The city of Dholavira had a unique water harvesting and management system.

Select the correct answer using codes below

- a. 1 & 3 only
- b. 1, & 2 only
- c. 2 & 3 only
- d. All of the above

Answer : d

## Indus Valley Civilization Sites

- **Chanhudaro** was an important centre of a craft activity, some of the houses yielded raw material such as carnelian, agate, amethyst, and crystal as well as finished and unfinished beads and drills.
- More striking was the discovery of a bead factory, with lots of finished and unfinished beads, mostly made of steatite.
- **Lothal** is located between the Sabarmati river and its tributary, the Bhogava , in Saurashtra in Gujarat.
- The most distinctive feature of Lothal is the dockyard, which lies on the eastern edge of the site.

- **Dholavira** is located on Kadir island in the Rann of Kutch in Gujarat, The city had an impressive and unique water harvesting and management system.
- It can be noted that this area receives less than 160 cm of rain every year and is very prone to droughts.

Consider the following statements with respect to the later phase of the Indus valley Burial Practices

1. A dog buried with human oval pit burials was discovered in Ropar, separate burial pits for dogs were discovered in Kashmir.
2. The placing of the body in a foetal position is the hallmark of the later phase of IVC.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : c

### **Indus valley Burial Practices**

- A dog buried with human oval pit burials was discovered in Ropar, Punjab.
- In Kashmir's Burzahom site, separate burial pits for dogs were discovered.

