

6th C

History

Lesson-1

BOOK WORK

A. Fill in the blanks:-

1. **History** is the period for which written records are available.
2. **Pre-history** relates to that period when humans had not developed the art of writing.
3. **Carbon-14** is a method to find out the age of dead organisms.
4. The study of old inscriptions is known as **epigraphy**.
5. The **Vedas** are the oldest recorded texts of the Aryans.

B. Match the following:-

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| 1. edicts | e. public commands issued by the kings |
| 2. parchment | d. skin of a sheep or goat used for writing in the past |
| 3. migration | b. movement of people from one place to another |
| 4. arable | a. suitable land for growing crops |
| 5. ancestors | c. people from whom we have descended |

C. Write (T) for true and (F) for false:-

1. Kalidasa wrote Harshcharita. (False)
2. Manuscripts are written by hand. (True)
3. Qutb Minar is a famous Mughal monument in Delhi. (False)
4. Arthashastra was written by Banbhhatta. (False)
5. Numismatics is the study of physical evolution of human beings. (False)

F. Answer the following questions:-

Q1. Give two reasons why we need to study history.

Ans. i. It helps us understand how our time is different from or similar to other periods.

ii. History education teaches us life skills.

Q2. Give two examples to show how inscriptions have helped in reconstruction of history.

Ans. i. They mention the places where the events took place and sometimes discuss their causes and effects.

ii. Statements about events are made in future tense, although they were recorded much after the happening of the events.

Q3. How do coins help us in learning about a civilisation?

Ans. Coins have the names and images of rulers stamped upon them and also give information such as the date of accession and death of the rulers.

Q4. Who built the Sanchi Stupa? What information can be derived from this monument?

Ans. Emperor Ashoka built the Sanchi Stupa. This Stupa tells stories from the life of the Buddha.

Q5. Who built the Great Wall of China? Why was it built?

Ans. The Great Wall of China was built by Shi Huang Ti to keep out the Tartars.

Q6. Give two reasons why geography is important for the study of history?

Ans. To understand the geography of past times and how geography has played important roles in the evolution of people, their ideas, places and environments.

Q7. Explain how the age of living things is determined with the help of Carbon-14 dating.

Ans. All living beings take in some radioactive carbon from the atmosphere during their lives. When they die, this element in their bodies begins to decay. Carbon-14 still remaining in human and animal bones, archaeologists can calculate their age.

Q8. How many years have gone by since 185 BCE?

Ans. $2020 \text{ CE} + 185 \text{ BCE} = 2205 \text{ years}$.

Q9. In which century does 2004 fall?

Ans. In 21st century. (Because 1st century has started from the birth of Christ)

Q10. Name the two famous epics of India.

Ans. i. The Ramayana ii. The Mahabharata.

G. Photo study questions:-

1. Emperor Ashoka

2. Prakrit inscription

3. The inscriptions assert Ashoka's Buddhism and support his desire to spread the dharma throughout his kingdom.