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Ch-6 The Beginnings of Indian Civilizations

Part A – Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs)

1. The earliest cities in the Indian subcontinent were discovered in the valley of which river?
a) Ganga b) Narmada c) Indus d) Godavari
2. The Indus Valley Civilization is also known as the:
a) Vedic Civilization b) Harappan Civilization c) Mauryan Civilization d) Gupta Civilization
3. The Great Bath was found at:
a) Harappa b) Lothal c) Mohenjo-Daro d) Kalibangan
4. The Harappans used which material for making tools?
a) Iron b) Bronze c) Silver d) Steel

Part B – Assertion & Reason Questions

1. Assertion (A): Harappan cities were well planned.
Reason (R): They had straight roads and proper drainage systems.
2. Assertion (A): Harappan people did not know about metal tools.
Reason (R): They only used stone and wood.
3. Assertion (A): Lothal was an important port city.
Reason (R): It had a dockyard where ships may have come for trade.

Part C – Case-Based Questions

Case: Archaeologists have found remains of houses, drains, and streets at Harappa and Mohenjo-Daro. The houses were made of baked bricks, and many had bathrooms and wells. Streets were straight and cut each other at right angles.

Questions:

1. What do these findings tell us about the Harappans?

2. Why is the use of baked bricks important?
3. What does the drainage system show?
4. How were the streets of Harappan cities different from villages?

Part D – Source-Based Questions

Read this passage and answer the questions:

“The Harappans also made seals out of stone. Usually, these had pictures of animals like the unicorn, bull, or elephant. Seals may have been used by traders to stamp their goods.”

Questions:

1. What were Harappan seals made of?
2. What was carved on the seals?
3. What were seals used for?

Part E – Picture-Based Questions



1. Identify the structure shown in the picture.
2. What was the possible use of this structure?
3. What do you observe about its construction?
4. What does it tell us about Harappan life?

Part-F Answer the following:

1. If you could visit any Harappan site today, which one would you choose and why?
2. What lessons can we learn from the Harappan Civilization for modern life?