

Solution 1:

Narmada Valley	Hunting and gathering
Magadha	The first big kingdom
Garo Hills	Early agriculture
Indus and its tributaries	The first cities
Ganga valley	Cities about 2500 years ago

Solution: 2

One major difference between manuscripts and inscriptions is as follows:

Manuscripts: They are handwritten records of the past that were usually written on palm leaves or barks of trees.

Inscriptions: These are writings engraved on hard surfaces like stone or metal.

Solution 3

Rasheed's question was how could anyone know what had happened so many years ago. There are various ways by which people can know about the past.

One can know about the past in the following different ways:

By studying manuscripts and inscriptions.

By studying the various remains of the past such as bones, tools, weapons, coins, etc., to understand the life of people in the past.

By trying to read and understand the books written in the past.

Solution 4

A list of all objects that archaeologists may find is as follows:

Remains of buildings

Paintings

Sculpture

Tools

Weapons

Pots

Pans

Ornaments

Bones of animals

Coins

The objects that could be made up of stones are:

Remains of buildings

Sculpture

Tools

Weapons

Ornaments

Solution 5

Ordinary men and women did not generally keep records of what they did as they lead a very simple lifestyle and did not consider it of such importance that it had to be recorded. Moreover, they did not know how to read and write. Only the kings used to maintain records of their victories, people and reign. Such records were maintained by hiring specialised scribes who recorded all important events by writing them down. Kings also employed highly skilled craftsmen who maintained records by inscribing them on stones. Such costly efforts could not be afforded by ordinary people.

Solution 6

Lives of kings would have been different from those of farmers in the following ways:

- (i) Kings were the head and had absolute power over all his subjects. Farmers, on the other hand, led an ordinary life without having any of such powers.
- (ii) Kings lived in palaces while the farmers lived in huts.
- (iii) Kings fought battles to protect his kingdom and people from enemies whereas the farmers produced foods for their kings and other people of the kingdom.

Solution 7

Answer: The various crafts that dominate the present life are listed here:



These craftspersons are both men and women.

Solution 8

Answers:

Before paper was discovered scholars wrote on:

1. dried leaves,
2. on the bark of birch trees and
3. sometimes on copper (or metal) plates and stones.

We would like to read Vedas, Ramayana, Mahabharata and Panchtantra.