

UNIT : 1 ANCIENT EXCAVATION

CLASS : V

SUBJECT : SOCIAL SCIENCE

I. Choose the correct answer.

1. _____ study the history of humans and places through excavation.
a) **Archaeologists** b) Scientists c) Excavationist
2. Small pyramids were made for the _____ in Egypt.
a) Prince b) King c) **Queen**
3. Indus civilisation is also called as _____ Civilisation.
a) Egypt b) **Harappan** c) American
4. Adichanallur is in _____.
a) **Thoothukudi** b) Chennai c) Pondicherry
5. Keezhadi revealed the _____ era.
a) Modern b) **Sangam** c) Middle age

II. Match the following.

1. Pyramids - Egypt
2. Baked bricks - Indus civilisation
3. Pottery - Adichanallur
4. Sewage Canal - Ceramic tools
5. Arikamedu - Roman lamp

III. True or False.

1. During excavations many artefacts were found. **TRUE**
2. Indus Civilisation is located in Harappa. **FALSE**
3. Adichanallur is an archaeological site in Coimbatore district of Tamil Nadu. **FALSE**
4. Keezhadi excavation revealed that it was not a developed city. **TRUE**
5. Roman lamps, glass, stone beads, gems etc. were found in Arikamedu. **TRUE**

IV. Answer the following.

1. What is excavation?

Excavation is a controlled exploration of what lies under the surface of earth.

2. Who is an archaeologist?

They study the history of humans and places through excavation and analyse the artefacts.

3. Write a short note on pyramids.

When the Pyramids were excavated it was found that the small pyramids were made for the Queens.

They found huge tombs with super structures which were built for the burial of the royal family. Skeletons found in the pyramid gave information about the average height and age of the people.

4. What are the artefacts that were found in Adichanallur?

Among the artefacts unearthed were Urns, pottery of various kinds (Red Ware, Black Ware), iron implements, daggers, swords, spears and arrows, some stone beads and a few gold ornaments. Bronze objects representing domestic animals and wild animals like tiger, antelope and elephant have been unearthed.

5. Where is Keezhadi located?

Keezhadi village is at Thiruppuvanam taluk.

V. Answer the following in detail.

1. Describe the Indus Civilisation.

Indus Civilisation :

- ❖ Indus Civilisation is also called **Harappan Civilisation**. This was the first site to be excavated in the early 20th century. Baked bricks were found underground.
- ❖ The city had a well-planned, proper sanitation systems, proper well and a way to direct waste water to closed drains.
- ❖ There were advanced granaries, Great bath and protective walls. It was found that the city and its civilisation were very advanced for their time.

2. Give a detailed study of Keezhadi.

Keezhadi – Sivagangai District

- ❖ The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) excavated an ancient town dating to Sangam Age in Keezhadi village at Thiruppuvanam taluk. Excavations have produced evidence for brick buildings, and well laid – out drainage system.
- ❖ Tamil – Brahmi inscription on pottery, beads of glass, carnelian and quartz, pearl, gold ornaments and iron objects, shell bangles, ivory dice have been unearthed.
- ❖ The Roman artefacts found at the site add to the evidence of ancient Indo - Roman trade relations.

3. Write about Arikamedu in detail.

- ❖ **Arikamedu** is an archaeological site situated near Pondicherry. The excavation revealed that it was a costal village that traded with Rome.
- ❖ An archaeologist found **Roman lamps, glass, stone beads, gems, cutlery and crockery, wine containers** etc. He noted that, for the local fishermen of the village, the antiques were new.