

## UNIT: 4 - ANCIENT CITIES OF TAMILAGAM

CLASS : VI

SUBJECT : SOCIAL ( HISTORY)

### I. Choose the correct answer

1. Which of the following region has a city more than 6500 years old?  
a. Iraq                      **b. Indus Valley**                      c. Tamilagam                      d. Thondaimandalam
2. Which one of the following is a Tamil city?  
a. Iraq                      b. Harappa                      c. Mohenjo-Daro                      **d. Kancheepuram**
3. Which city is not related to the Bay of Bengal?  
a. Poompuhar                      b. Thondi                      c. Korkai                      **d. Kancheepuram**
4. Water management system of Tamils are known from  
a. Kallanai                      b. Tanks in Kancheepuram  
c. Prakirama Pandyan Tank                      d. River Cauvery  
a. is correct                      b. is correct                      c. is correct                      **d. a and b are correct**
5. Which is not the oldest city among the following ones?  
a. Madurai                      b. Kancheepuram                      c. Poompuhar                      **d. Chennai**
6. Which city is related to Keezhadi excavation?  
**a. Madurai**                      b. Kancheepuram                      c. Poompuhar                      d. Harappa

### II. Tick the appropriate answer. Match the Statement with the Reason

1. Statement: Goods were imported and exported from the city Poompuhar.  
Reason: Bay of Bengal was suitable for trading with neighbouring countries.  
a. Statement is correct, but reason is wrong.  
**b. Statement and its reason are correct.**  
c. Statement is wrong, but reason is correct.  
d. Both are wrong.
2. a. Thirunavukkarasar said "kalviyil karaiillatha". This statement refers to the city Kancheepuram.  
b. Hieun Tsang said, "Kancheepuram is one among the seven-sacred places of India".  
c. Kalidasa said, "Kancheepuram is the best city among the cities"  
a. only a is correct      b. only b is correct      c. only c is correct      **d. All are correct**
3. Find out the correct statement  
a. Naalangadi - Night shop  
b. Allangdi - Day-time shop  
c. Ancient Roman coin factory was found at Poompuhar.  
**d. Pearls were exported from Uvari near Korkai.**
4. Find out the wrong statement.

- a. Megasthenes has mentioned Madurai in his account.
- b. Hien Tsang came to the Tamil city of Kancheepuram.
- c. Kovalan and Kannagi lived in Kancheepuram.**
- d. Iraq is mentioned in *Pattinapalai*.

5. Find out the correct pair

- a. Koodal Nagar – Poompuhar
- b. Thoonga Nagaram - Harappa
- c. City of Education – Madurai
- d. City of Temples -Kancheepuram**

6. Find out the wrong pair

- a. Vadamalai – Gold
- b. Western Ghats - Sandal
- c. Southern Sea – Pearls
- d. Eastern Sea - Ahil**

### III. Fill in the blanks

1. Kanchi Kailasanathar temple was built by **Pallava king raja simtia**.
2. **Kanchi** is known as the city of temples.
3. Masathuvan means **A big trader**.

### IV. State True or False

1. Cultural relationship with the outside world developed in Poompuhar because of its trade relationship with it. **True**
2. Women also purchased from Allangadi of Madurai without fear. **True**
3. Many rock cut temples were made during the Pallava period. **True**
4. Bodhi Dharmar belonged to Kancheepuram. **True**

### V. Answer in one word

1. What do you know about the term 'export'?

Exports are goods and services produced in one country and purchased by the citizens of another country.

2. Mention the epic and the sangam poem you read in this lesson.

Epic: Silappathikaram and Manimegalai

Sangam literature: Pattinappaalai

3. Which is the oldest city in Thondai Nadu?

Kanchi is the oldest city in Thondai Nadu.

4. Point out any one difference between a village and a city.

The population of a city will be higher than that of a village.

## 5. Which civilisation is associated with the city Lothal?

The Indus Valley Civilisation is associated with the city Lothal.

## 6. Name the oldest civilization of the world

Mesopotamian civilization

## VI. Answer the following

### 1. Write a brief note on ancient cities of India.

- ❖ Harappa and Mohenjodaro were prominent cities of ancient India.
- ❖ They developed along the banks of the river Indus.
- ❖ They were the symbol of urban civilization.
- ❖ They had a very good town planning, well-constructed house, well-maintained drainage system.
- ❖ They had very good civic sense.
- ❖ They developed pottery, ornaments as well as a script which is yet to be deciphered.

### 2. Mention the ancient cities of Tamil Nadu.

- i. Poompuhar
- ii. Madurai
- iii. Kanchi
- iv. Korkai
- v. Vanchi
- vi. Thondi
- vii. Uraiyur
- viii. Musiri
- ix. Karavur
- x. Kaayal
- xi. Mamallapuram
- xii. Thanjavur
- xiii. Thagadoor

### 3. Discuss the sources available to know about Tamil cities.

- ❖ Tamil literature, accounts of foreign travellers and archaeological finds provide the information about the ancient towns of Tamizhagam.
- ❖ Sangam Tamil Literature Pattinappaalai and Tamil epics Silappathikaram and Manimegalai have references about Poompuhar.
- ❖ Madurai is proudly associated with three Sangams.
- ❖ The fame of Madurai can be attested from the accounts of the Greek historian Megasthenes.
- ❖ Chanakya mentions about Madurai in his famous work Arthashastra.
- ❖ The Chinese Traveller Hieun Tsang writes about the greatness of Kanchi.

- ❖ Poet Kalidasa refers to Kanchi as the best of the towns..

#### 4. Write about the kings who ruled Madurai.

- ❖ The Pandyas, Cholas and Kalabras ruled Madurai.
- ❖ During the medieval times later Cholas and later Pandyas ruled Madurai.
- ❖ Then the Nayaks ruled Madurai.

#### 5. Mention the other names of Madurai.

- ❖ Sangam Valartha Nagaram
- ❖ Thoonga Nagaram (the city that never sleeps).
- ❖ Koodal nagar are the other names of Madurai

#### 6. What is the difference between Naalangadi and Allangadi.

- ❖ Naalangadi is the day market.
- ❖ Allangadi is the evening market.

#### 7. Name the scholars who were born at Kancheepuram.

- ❖ Scholars like Dharmabalar, Jothibalar, Sumathi and Bodhi Dharmar were bom in Kanchi.

#### 8. Which is known as city of lakes? Why?

- ❖ There are hundreds of lakes in and around the city of Kanchi. So Kanchi is known as the city of lakes.

### VII. HOTS

#### 1. Write a short note on Iraq.

- ❖ Iraq has a narrow section of coast line on the northern Persian Gulf.
- ❖ There are several suggestions for the origin of the name Iraq.
- ❖ One dates back to the Sumerian city of Uruk.
- ❖ Another suggestion is that Iraq comes from the Aramaic language meaning the land along the banks of rivers.

#### 2. Write a paragraph about the city Poompuhar with special reference to trade.

- ❖ Poompuhar was a port.
- ❖ Big traders and sea traders had settled down there.
- ❖ Numerous merchants from foreign countries such as Greece and Rome landed at Poompuhar.
- ❖ Brisk sea – borne trade took place in Puhar .
- ❖ Foreign traders stayed on indefinitely at Puhar.
- ❖ There are evidences of foreign settlements in the town.

#### 3. Write about the accounts given by scholars about Kanchi.

The Chinese traveller Hieun Tsang visited Kanchi Kadigai to pursue his further studies.

- ❖ He remarked that Kanchi can be counted as one among the seven sacred places like Budh Gaya and Sanchi.
- ❖ Poet Kalidasa says, “Kanch is the best of the towns
- ❖ Tamil poet saint Thirunavukarasar praises Kanchi as “Kalviyl Karaillatha Kanchi

#### 4. City of temples. Give short notes.

- ❖ Kanchi is also known as the Temple city.
- ❖ The famous Kailasanathar temple is at Kanchi.
- ❖ There are a large number of cave temples in Kanchi. So Kanchi is known as the Temple city.

#### 5. Kancheepuram was famous for education. Prove this statement.

- ❖ Kanchi was an educational centre.
- ❖ A place of learning is called school.
- ❖ Several schools were established in great numbers further first time in Kancheepuram.
- ❖ Jains studied in Jainapalli and Buddhists studied in Viharas.
- ❖ The greatness of Kanchi as an educational centre can be understood from the fact that the Chinese traveller Hieun Tsang visited Kanchi ‘Kadigai’ to pursue his further studies.

#### IX. Answer Grid

Poompuhar was located on which river bank? <b>Ans:</b> <input type="text" value="Cauvery"/>	Name the ancient city which had Tamil Sangam. <b>Ans:</b> <input type="text" value="Madhurai"/>	Name a Sangam literary work. <b>Ans:</b> <input type="text" value="Tholkappiyam"/>
Which Greek historian gave accounts about the Pandya kingdom? <b>Ans:</b> <input type="text" value="Megasthanise"/>	To which Tamil kingdom did the southern districts of Tamil Nadu belong to during the Sangam Age? <b>Ans:</b> <input type="text" value="Pandya nadu"/>	Name the Chinese traveller who stayed and studied in Nalanda University. <b>Ans:</b> <input type="text" value="Hieumtsano"/>
Thirunavukarasar mentioned Kanchi as _____ <b>Ans:</b> <input type="text" value="Kalvil kayaillatha kanchi"/>	What is the name of evening market during the Sangam Age? <b>Ans:</b> <input type="text" value="Allangadi"/>	Name the temple built by Pallava king Rajasimha at Kanchi. <b>Ans:</b> <input type="text" value="Kailasanathar temple"/>
Which district is known as the district of lakes? <b>Ans:</b> <input type="text" value="Kancheepuram"/>	What is trade? <b>Ans:</b> <input type="text" value="The action of buying and selling goods and services"/>	Name a port located on the shore of Bay of Bengal. <b>Ans:</b> <input type="text" value="Chennai"/>