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**Assignment, Class VI**  
**Subject Social Science**  
**Ch 4 –In the Earliest Cities (History)**

**1 Write about Harappan seals.**

**A:** Harappan seals had pictures of animals that related to a wet and marshy environment. Rhinoceroses, Elephants, and Tigers were placed in the midst of marshy plants.

**2: When was cotton cultivated at Mehrgarh?**

**A:** Cotton was probably grown at Mehrgarh about 7000 years ago. Mehrgarh was also the first site in India where agricultural activities took place.

**2. Which was the first earliest city to be excavated in the Indian subcontinent?**

**A:** Harappa

**4: What type of houses were found in the earlier cities?:**

**A.** In Harappan city, which is the first urban site in India, houses were either one or two storeys high, with rooms built around a courtyard.

**5: Write down the names of the main earliest cities?**

**A.** The names are: Mohenjodaro, Harappa, Kalibangan, Rakhi Garhi, Chahundaro, Dholavira, , Lothal ..

**6: What was the use of the Great Bath? What materials were used in the great bath?**

**A.** Important people (priests, rulers) took ritual baths in this tank. The tank was lined with kiln burnt bricks, plaster of gypsum and bitumen was used to make the tank water resistant.

**7: What led to the decline of the Harappan civilisation?**

**A.** The historians are uncertain regarding the causes for the decline of the Harappan civilisation.

(a). The decline in the quality of buildings and town planning indicates as if the rulers were losing control which forced the people to move to newer settlements.

(b). The rivers changed their course, which led to either heavy floods or drought like situations.

(c). Ecological changes led to the decline of land and agriculture. With time, the requirement for fuel increased, which led to excessive deforestation.

(d). Moreover, grazing by large herds of animals destroyed the green cover. All this must have enforced them to evacuate the area.

**8: What were the main features of the cities built during the Harappa Civilisation?**

**A.** Harappan cities were divided into two or more parts.

The western part was higher and was also called the citadel.

The eastern part or the lower town was made up of baked bricks.

These bricks were laid in interlocking pattern that made the wall strong

Most of the houses were either one or two stories high. They were built around a courtyard

**9: What was special about the roads in the Indus Valley Civilization?**

**A.** The roads were wide and cut each other at right angles. Houses were built on both sides and covered with drains along the streets.

**10: Describe about the Great Bath.**

**A.** The Great Bath is a tank excavated in Mohenjodaro. It has steps leading from two sides. The bath was lined with bricks and coated with bitumen to make it water proof.