



CLASS NOTES-ANSWERS

Let's recall.

1. Complete the sentences

(a) Hunter-gatherers chose to live in caves and rock shelters because they provided them protection from the rain, heat and wind.

(b) Grasslands developed around 12,000 years ago.

2. Why do people who grow crops have to stay in the same place for a long time?

Answer: When people grow crops they have to have to stay in the same place for a long time to take care of the plants by watering, weeding, driving away animals and birds and finally storing the grains after harvesting.

3. Why do archaeologists think that many people who lived in Mehrgarh were hunters to start with and that herding became more important later?

Answer: Archaeologists found the bones of many wild animals such as deer and pig at the earlier levels. This was used as evidence that many people who lived in Mehrgarh were hunters to start with. But later on, herding became important for them as bones of sheep and goats were found at the later levels.



Let's discuss

4. Why did the hunter-gatherers travel from place to place? In what ways are these similar to/different from the reasons for which we travel today?

Answer: Hunter-gatherers travelled from place to place due to the following reasons:

- If they stayed at one place for a long time, they would have eaten up all the plant and animal resources available at that place.
- As animals move from place to place in search of food, hunters also moved to chase them for hunting.
- Plants and trees bear fruit in different seasons. So, when the season changed, food gatherers had to move to another place to gather different fruits.
- They also had to travel in search of water as mostly the lakes and rivers were seasonal.

Today, we do not travel in search of food and water but we have to travel to become capable of earning over our necessities. We travel

- a) to our schools
- b) to our work places
- c) to trade
- d) for business purpose
- e) We also travel to amuse and entertain ourselves.

5. List three ways in which hunter-gatherers used fire (see page 15).

Would you use fire for any of these purposes today?



Answer: The three ways in which hunter-gatherers used fire were:

- To cook food.
- To scare away wild animals.
- To warm themselves up during winters.

Today, we use fire for cooking food and keeping ourselves warm during winters.

6. List 3 ways in which the lives of farmers and herders would have been different from that of hunter-gatherers.

Answer: Lives of farmers and herders would have been different from that of hunter-gatherers in the following three ways:

- Farmers and herders would stay in one place whereas hunter-gatherers would have to move from place to place in search of their food.
- Farmers and herders would stay in huts and thatched houses whereas hunter-gatherers would stay in caves.
- Farmers and herders used crops and domesticated animals like sheep, goat as their sources of food whereas hunters depended on wild animals for their food.