

Class 6th

History ch-8

Que 1) Fill in the blanks:

1)_____ was a word used for large landowners in Tamil

B)The grambhojaka often got his land cultivated by the_____

3)Ploughmen were known as_____ in Tamil

4)Most grihapatis were _____ landowners

Solution:

(a) Vellalar

(b) Slaves and workers.

(c) Uzhavar

(d) Smaller

Que2) Describe the functions of the gramabhojka. Why do you think he was powerful?

Solution: Gramabhojka was the village headman, and at times happened to be the largest landowner too. He was a powerful person of the village who collected taxes from the villagers in the name of the king, functioned as a judge and enforced the law of the king in the village.

Que3) List the crafts persons who would have been present in both villages and cities.

Solution: Craftsmen such as blacksmith, weavers, carpenters and potters were present in both villages and cities. They played a crucial role in providing goods and services that ensured the smooth functioning of any settlement.

Que.4) Choose the correct answer:

(a) Ring wells were used for:

Ans- drainage

(b) Punch marked coins were made of:

Ans- Silver

(c) Mathura was important:

Ans- Religious centre

(d) Shrenis were associations of:

Ans- Craftspersons

Que5) Which of the iron tools shown on page 79 (of the NCERT textbook) would have been important for agriculture? What would the other tools have been used for?

Solution: The sickle would have been used for agriculture, axe would have been important for chopping trees and to gather firewood and tongs would have been used by a blacksmith for making tools from hot iron.

Que6)Compare the drainage system in your locality with that of the cities mentioned in the lesson. What similarities and differences do you notice?

Solution: In ancient times – mud bricks, ceramic and thatch were used to make them. The drawback was that the materials were not durable and would fall down with constant use. Today's modern drainage systems are made of durable materials like concrete and metal. However, just like in the past, drainage is made by many rings which are stacked one over another. The rings are also made into a tube-like structure.