

Std -6

S.st(HISTORY)

Lesson-1

Answer these questions:

Q1. Define the term history.

Ans. History may be defined as a systematic study of past events on the basis of available materials ,remains and records.

Q2. What is chronology?

Ans. The historians arrange past events in the order in which they happened.This order is called chronology.

The events that happened earlier come first.

Q3. Define the term archaeology.

Ans. The study of material remains of past human existence is called archaeology.A person involved in archeology is called an ARCHAEOLOGIST.

Q4. Mention three types of information that coins provide.

Ans. Coins provide us some informations as-

- A). The Ruler who issued them.
- B). The period of his reign.
- C). Social and economic condition of his time.
- D) Trade relations with other lands.

Q5. What is manuscript? Mention two materials on which manuscripts were written in ancient India.

Ans. Manuscripts were handwritten documents or literary source material.

Manuscripts were written on materials such as bhojpatra and palm leaves.

Q6. What are artefacts?Of what importance are artefacts in the understanding of man's past?

Ans. Articles such as tools, weapons,pottery, sculptures,toys,coins and jewellery,made and used in the earlier period are called artefacts.

By studying the remains of artefacts historians can tell us about the skills man had mastered and about his lifestyle in that era.

Q7. What kind of information can a historian get from a study of inscriptions?

Ans. Inscriptions provide a lot of information, like names of kings, dates of important events, extents of kingdoms and information about the languages in use and the literary skills of the time.

Q8. Explain what you understand by B.C. and A.D., and give an example to show how we calculate the number of years between a date in B.C. & A.D.

Ans. B.C. is an abbreviation of Before Christ. It is written after the year for example 250 B.C.

A.D. is an abbreviation of Anno Domini, which means, in the year of our lord. It is written before the year for example A.D. 1950.

The dates for B.C. go backward. To calculate the number of years between the date in B.C. and one in A.D., the two should be added together. For example 250 B.C. to A.D. 150 means period of four hundred years.

Do yourself:-

Q1. What are the two main types of source material available to a historian?

Q2. What do you know about Saptasindhu?

Q3. Write the difference between prehistory and history.

Q4. What are the difference between secular and religious literary source materials.

Q5. What type of information do we get from monuments.

Q6. . Answer in one word:

A). Who were the first to use the name India?

B). Traveller's accounts are which type of source materials?

C). A person who studies the material remains of man's past is called?

D). Write the name of two places of ancient India that were famous for education.

E) When did the ancient period end in India?

F). Name a river that has now dried up but was known to ancient Indians.