

QUICK DRILL · CBSE CLASS 12

Bricks, Beads and Bones – The Harappan Civilisation

History · Chapter 1 · 15 MCQs · 20 minutes · PYQ-tagged with time budgets

DATE	TOTAL MARKS	DURATION	MARKING	TARGET
_____	15	20 min	+1 / 0	≥ 12/15

OBJECTIVES

Reinforce the four core topics of Bricks, Beads and Bones – The Harappan Civilisation via 15 PYQ-derived MCQs. Identify weak sub-topics via concept-node IDs (see answer key). Build per-question time budget habit.

INSTRUCTIONS

Attempt all 15. Time budget shown per Q (use it as pacing guide). Mark answers (A/B/C/D) in the margin. Answer key + explanations on the last page. **Don't peek – score yourself honestly.**

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Q 1-15 · 20 MIN

Q1. The Mature Harappan period is dated to approximately:

- (A) 3300-2600 BCE (B) 2600-1900 BCE
(C) 1900-1300 BCE (D) 1500-1000 BCE

PYQ 2018 · Delhi · 1m · 25s

Q2. Harappa was first excavated in:

- (A) 1857 (B) 1921
(C) 1947 (D) 1922

PYQ 2019 · All India · 1m · 25s

Q3. Mohenjodaro was excavated by:

- (A) John Marshall (B) R.D. Banerji
(C) Cunningham (D) Mortimer Wheeler

PYQ 2022 · Delhi · 1m · 25s

Q4. The Great Bath was located in the:

- (A) Lower town of Mohenjodaro (B) Citadel of Mohenjodaro
(C) Citadel of Harappa (D) Lothal dockyard

PYQ 2020 · Delhi · 1m · 25s

Q5. Standard Harappan brick ratio (thickness:width:length):

- (A) 1:2:3 (B) 1:2:4
(C) 1:3:5 (D) 2:3:4

PYQ 2018 · Outside Delhi · 1m · 25s

Q6. Which Harappan site is associated with a dockyard?

- (A) Mohenjodaro (B) Harappa
(C) Lothal (D) Kalibangan

PYQ 2019 · Delhi · 1m · 25s

Q7. In Sumerian texts, the Harappan civilisation was referred to as:

- (A) Magan (B) Dilmun
(C) Meluhha (D) Akkad

PYQ 2022 · All India · 1m · 25s

Q8. The Harappan script has been:

- (A) Fully deciphered (B) Partially deciphered
(C) Not yet deciphered (D) Lost

PYQ 2018 · All India · 1m · 20s

Q9. The Aryan invasion theory of Harappan decline is now:

- (A) Universally accepted (B) Strongly supported
(C) Largely rejected (D) Recently confirmed

PYQ 2023 · Delhi · 1m · 25s

- Q10.** World's earliest cultivation of cotton is attributed to:
(A) Egypt **(B)** Mesopotamia
(C) Harappan civilisation **(D)** China
 PYQ 2020 · All India · 1m · 25s
- Q11.** The Harappan script was likely written:
(A) Left-to-right **(B)** Right-to-left
(C) Top-to-bottom **(D)** Both directions
 PYQ 2022 · Outside Delhi · 1m · 30s
- Q12.** Which Harappan site is largest by area according to recent excavations?
(A) Mohenjodaro **(B)** Harappa
(C) Rakhigarhi **(D)** Dholavira
 PYQ 2023 · All India · 1m · 30s
- Q13.** Standardised weights in Harappan civilisation followed a:
(A) Decimal system **(B)** Binary system
(C) Vigesimal system **(D)** No system
 PYQ 2019 · Outside Delhi · 1m · 30s
- Q14.** The 'Pashupati seal' from Mohenjodaro is sometimes interpreted as showing:
(A) A king **(B)** A proto-Shiva figure
(C) A foreign trader **(D)** A priest
 PYQ 2018 · Delhi · 1m · 30s
- Q15.** Most likely cause of Harappan decline (current scholarly view):
(A) Aryan invasion **(B)** Sudden volcanic eruption
(C) Multi-causal — drying rivers + climate + deurbanisation **(D)** Disease pandemic
 PYQ 2024 · Delhi · 1m · 35s

ANSWER KEY & EXPLANATIONS

Q 1-15 · MARK YOUR SCORE

- Q1. Answer: B**
 Mature urban phase.
- Q2. Answer: B**
 Daya Ram Sahni, 1921.
- Q3. Answer: B**
 Banerji, 1922.
- Q4. Answer: B**
 Citadel = raised section.
- Q5. Answer: B**
 1:2:4 ratio.
- Q6. Answer: C**
 Lothal (Gujarat).
- Q7. Answer: C**
 Meluhha = Harappa.
- Q8. Answer: C**
 Undeciphered to date.
- Q9. Answer: C**
 No genetic or archaeological evidence; rejected.
- Q10. Answer: C**
 Cotton first cultivated by Harappans.
- Q11. Answer: B**
 Right-to-left (signs crowded on right side of seals).
- Q12. Answer: C**
 Rakhigarhi (Haryana) is now believed to be the largest.
- Q13. Answer: B**
 Binary: 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, ...
- Q14. Answer: B**
 Yogic posture + animals around — proto-Shiva (debated).

Q15. Answer: C

Multi-causal, gradual.