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EVOLUTION OF HUMANS AND SOCIETY - PREHISTORIC PERIOD

I. CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER.

ι.	is gene	erally close to hum	ians.		
	a) Gorilla	b) Chimpanzee	c) Orangutan	d) Great Apes	Ans: b)
2.	domestication.			ng of agriculture an	
	a) Palaeolithic	b) Mesolithic	c) Neolithic	d) Megalithic	Ans: c)
3.	Direct ancestor of a) Homo habilis	f modern man was b) Homo erectus		d) Neanderthal man	Ans: c)
ı.	refers t	to the area coveri	na Eavot, Israel-	Palestine and Iraq.	
		b) Fertile Crescent			Ans: b)
5.	Sir Robert Bruce tools at Pallavara	m near Chennai.		first discovered the .	
	a) Stone age	b) Palaeolithic	c) Mesolithic	d) Neolithic	Ans: b)
5.	(ii) The pre-histor (iii) The pre-histor	ric societies are treatric period is called an	l language, made b ted as literate.	peautiful paintings and art	refacts. Ans: b)
7.	(ii) Evidence of N(iii) The cultural p		ınd at Payyampalli d the Neolithic is ca		ps is called
	a) (i) is correct c) (i) and (iv) are c	orrect	b) (i) and (ii) are d) (ii) and (iii) are		Ans: a)
3.	* *	Irrigation manageme R is incorrect	ent developed durir b) A and R are co	nearby rivers and tanks. ng Mesolithic period. rrect and R explains A rrect but R doesn't explai	n A
					Ans: d)

ADDITIONAL

	9.	We live in the ag	e of ted	chnology.				
	10.	a) Bio	b) Research	c) Scientific	d) Information	Ans: d)		
25		Prehistoric people were the pioneers of knowledge.						
		a) World	b) Scientific	c) Creative	d) Medical	Ans: c)		
	11.	The Earth was fo	The Earth was formed approximately billion years ago.					
5		a) 6.01	b) 5.50	c) 4.54	d) 10.01	Ans: c)		
	12.	Palaeontology is	the study of					
	•	a) Coins	b) Fossils	c) Inscriptions	d) Handwriting	Ans: b)		
	13 .	is con	sidered the Father	r of History.				
		a) Aristotle	b) Herodotus	c) Ptolemy	d) Alexander	Ans: b)		
	14.	The Capitoline M present.	luseum in	is perhaps t	he oldest surviving m	useum a		
		a) Greece	b) America	c) England	d) Italy	Ans: d)		
	15.	Modern humans	called Homo sapie	ns first appeared	l in			
		a) Africa	b) Europe	c) India	d) China	Ans: a)		
	16 .	The u	sed by the Lower I	Palaeolithic peop	le are known as Acheu	ılian.		
		a) Swords	b) Knives	c) Hammers	d) Hand axes	Ans: d)		
	17.		chisel with a sharp		known as			
		a) Burin	b) Flake	•	d) Acheulian	Ans: a)		
	18.		l is known as the .					
		a) Neolithic	b) Middle Stone	c) Old Stone	d) Chalcolithic	Ans: b)		
	19.				tools atin (
		a) Adayar	b) Pallavaram	c) Santhome	d) Egmore	Ans: b)		
	20.	are th	e tools used for so					
		a) Scrapers	b) Knives	c) Plates	d) Hand axes	Ans: a)		
	21.		s in the shape of a					
		a) Triangle	b) Square	c) Crescent	d) Diamond	Ans: c)		
	22.	The cultural period that succeeded the Neolithic is called the						
		a) Iron Age	b) Bronze Age	c) Neolithic Age	d) Chalcolithic Age	Ans: a)		
	23.	Reason (R) :		w techniques in gr	Stone Age. inding and polishing the trect but R doesn't explai			
		c) A is correct but	R is incorrect	d) A and R both a	are incorrect	Ans: a)		

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24.	Reason (R) :	The cultural period to The people of Neolith rect and R explains A R is incorrect	hic perio b) A and	d used iron tech	n <mark>ology.</mark> ut R doesn't expl	_
25.	Assertion (A) :	Cattle lifting and expa Palaeolithic Age.	ansion of	territories starte	ed taking place in	the
		: People of Palaeolith rect and R explains A R is incorrect	b) A and		ut R doesn't expl	ain A Ans: d)
II.	FILL IN THE BLAN	IKS.				
1.	Hand axes and clea	overs are the importar	nt tool ty	pes of the	culture.	
					Ans: Lower F	Palaeolithic
2.	The methods and Technology.	techniques involved	in the	production of s	tone tools are o	called
3.	is known Neolithic.	as the Middle Ston	e Age, a	as it is placed b	Ans: Mesolit	
Al	DDITIONAL					
4.	The beginning of hi	istory writing can be t	traced to	the ancient	Ans: Greeks	;
5.	Charles Darwin pub	olished the book	in :	1871.	Ans: The Des	cent of Man
6.	Ashmolean Museun	n at Univers	ity is the	oldest university	y museum in the	world.
					Ans: Oxford	
7.	The Is ge	enetically the closer to	o human	s.	Ans: Chimpa	anzee
8.	period do	oes not have evidence	e of writi	ng.	Ans: Prehist	oric
9.	Microliths are stone	e artefacts of	. size.		Ans: Small	
10.	The red sand dunes	s are called			Ans: Teris	
11.	`Lith' means				Ans: Stone	
12.	Images on stone ar	nd bone called	statu	es were produce	d in Europe and A	Asia.
					Ans: Venus	
13.	The hand axe asser	mblages found at Pall	avaram	are considered th	ne Tool	Industry.
					Ans: Madras	Stone

14. Sir Robert Bruce Foote discovered the first Palaeolithic tools in India at

15. Payyampalli, an Archaeological site is a village in district of Tamil Nadu.

Ans: Vellore

Ans: Pallavaram, Chennai

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History • Unit 1

1 6.	The River is one of the major cradles of human ancestors in the world.				
•	Ans: Kosasthalaiya	ar			
17.	The Lower Palaeolithic tools are found in the and Dharmapuri districts in Tamilr	adu.			
	Ans: North Arcot				
18.	The process by which the pottery was polished with pebbles is known as				
	Ans: Burnishing				
19.	is an important evidence found in the archaeological sites. Ans: Pottery				
III.	FIND OUT THE CORRECT STATEMENT.				
) _{1.}	a) The concept 'survival of the fittest' contributed to the scientific understanding of hu				
	origins.	(T)			
	b) The book 'On the Origin of Species' was published by Herbert Spencer.	(F)			
	c) Darwin's theory of biological evolution connects with the process of natural selection.	(T)			
	d) Geology is the study of lithic technology.	(F)			
	Ans: (a) and (c) are the correct statement	ents.			
2.	a) Among the great Apes Orang-utan is genetically the closes to humans.	(F)			
	b) The ancestors to humans were called Hominins and their origins	(T)			
	have been traced to Africa.	(T)			
	c) Flake is a small chip that has flaking on both sides.	(F)			
	d) Acheulian is the main block of stone from which small chips are flaked by using a hammer stone.	(F)			
	Ans: (b) is the correct stater				
AI	DDITIONAL				
3.	a) The history of humans is closely related to the history of the Earth.	(T)			
	b) BCE means Before Common Era.	(T)			
	c) Iron Age is the period when Iron was smelted to produce implements.	(T)			
	d) The book 'The Descent of Man' was published by C.J. Thomsen.	(F)			
	Ans: a), (b) and (c) are the correct statem	ents			
4.	a) Neolithic Age is called the 'New Age'.	(T)			
	b) Red sand dunes are called Quartz.	(F)			
	c) During Ice Age, many parts of the world remained covered by ice sheets and snow.	(T)			
	d) Images on stone and bone are called Teris.	(F)			
	Ans: (a) and (c) are the correct stateme	nts			
5.	a) The Palaeolithic people hunted wild animals and gathered available fruits, roots, nuts	and			
	leaves.	(T)			
	b) They have the knowledge of iron and pottery making.	(F)			

- c) The people belonging to this period used basalt rocks for manufacturing artefacts.
- d) Palaeolithic tools are discovered at Pallavaram near Chennai.

Ans: (a), (c) and (d) are the correct statements

IV. MATCH THE FOLLOWING.

- 1. Palaeo anthropology
- 2. Hand axe tools
- 3. Images on stone and bones
- 4. Red sand dunes
- 5. Stone artefacts of small size
- a) Teris
- b) Venus
- c) Acheulian
- d) Microliths
- e) The study of the human ancestors.

Ans: 1-e 2-c 3-b 4-a 5-d

ADDITIONAL

- 6. Oldest museum
- 7. The Descent of Man
- 8. Australopithecines
- 9. Homo sapiens
- 10. Lemuria

- a) Modern human
- b) Southern part of Kanniyakumari
- c) Mesopotamia
- d) Charles Darwin
- e) Africa

Ans: 6-c 7-d 8-e 9-a 10-d

- 11. Homo Sapiens
- 12. Herbert Spencer
- 13. The History
- 14. Menhirs
- 15. Lunates

- a) Herodotus
- b) Tools
- c) Wise man
- d) Burials
- e) Biological Evolution

Ans: 11-c 12-e 13-a 14-d 15-b

V. ANSWER THE FOLLOWING BRIEFLY.

- 1. Discuss how the age of speculation made humans become conscious and Knowledgeable.
 - The Age of Speculation made humans become conscious and knowledgeable.
 - During that period, people became curious and began to think and ask questions about nature, organisms and the world around them.
 - They also developed their own understanding about various natural forces.
- 2. Write a note on the impact of pastoralism on the prehistoric people in TamilNadu.
 - The people in the Iron Age practiced agriculture, domesticated cattle and sheep.
 - Irrigation management developed in this period.
 - People settled on the river banks and cultivated millets and rice.



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(T)

(T)

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- B. List out the features of Megalithic Burial types.
 - The people of Iron Age created burials with large stones for the dead people.
 - Within these burials, the skeletons or a few bones of the dead were placed along with grave goods.
 - The Megalithic burials are classified as dolmens, cists, menhirs, rock cut caves, urn burials and sarcophagus.
 - The burial types of kodakkal (umbrella stone), Toppikkal (hat stone) and Paththikal (hood stone) are found in Kerala.
- 4. Examine the tool making technical skills of lower Palaeolithic people.
 - The lower Palaeolithic people were hunters and food gatherers.
 - They were intelligent enough to select naturally available stone block or pebbles to make their tools.
 - They made various tools such as hand axes and cleavers to meet their subsistence needs.
 - The tools have physical symmetry and convey the humans' cognitive (perception) skill.

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- 5. Define: Archaeology and Palaeoanthropology.
 - **Archaeology** is the study of human past through the analysis and interpretation of material remains.
 - **Palaeoanthrpology** is the study of the human ancestors and their evolution by the study of the fossil remains.
- 6. Define: Natural selection and Survival of the fittest.
 - Natural selection is the processes by which organisms are adapted to their environment would survive and produce more offspring.
 - **Survival of the fittest means** "survival of the form that will leave the most copies of itself in successive generations".
- 7. Write about the Three Ages.

The Three Age System are: i) Stone Age ii) Bronze Age and iii) Iron Age

- Stone Age The period when stone was mainly used for making implements.
- Bronze Age The period when bronze metallurgy developed
- Iron Age The period when iron was smelted to produce implements.
- 8. Write a note on Great Rift Valley.
 - The Great Rift Valley is a valley like formation that runs for about 6,400 km from the Northern part of Syria to Central Mozambique in East Africa.
 - Many prehistoric sites are found in the Great Rift Valley region.
 - This geographical feature is visible even from the space.



Write about Acheulian and Bifaces.

Acheulian: They were first hand axes recognized at a place called St. Acheul in France

Hence, they are called Acheulian tools.

Bifaces They are the tools that have flaking on both sides (bi = two and face = side).

10. Write about the social life of the Upper Palaeolithic culture.

The humans of the time took cooked food and wore clothes.

- Horns and ivory were used for making tools and art works.
- Bone needles, fishhooks, harpoons and spears were also employed creatively.
- The dead were placed in the burials with folded hands placed over their chest.

11. People of Mesolithic period widely employed Microlithic technology. Justify.

- Mesolithic people mainly used microlithic (small stone) tools for hunting.
- They made tiny artefacts that were less than 5 cm in size.
- They produced points, scrapers and arrow heads.
- They also used geometric tools such as lunates, triangles and trapezes.

12. Write about the condition of Tamil Nadu during Iron Age.

- Iron Age preceded the Sangam Age in Tamil Nadu.
- During this period, many parts of Tamil Nadu were occupied by people.
- The people of this age had knowledge of metallurgy and pottery making.
- They used iron and bronze objects and gold ornaments.
- They also used shell ornaments and beads made of carnelian and guartz.

VI. ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS GIVEN UNDER EACH CAPTION

Hominid and Hominins: 1.

a) Who are Hominids?

All the species of the modern and extinct great apes.

b) Who was the earliest human ancestor to make tools in Africa? Homo habilies.

c) How are the modern humans known?

Homo sapiens.

d) Name any one species of this tribe.

Homo erectus or Neanderthalensis or Homo habilies.

2. Earliest Lithic Assemblages of Human ancestors:

a) Where are Acheulian tools have been found in Karnataka and in Madhya Pradesh?

Isampur, Karnataka and Bhimbetka in Madhya Pradesh.

b) What is Burin?

Burn is a stone-made chisel with a sharp cutting edge.

c) What are Biface tools?

The tools that have flaking on both sides are known as Biface tools.

d) Name a few stone tools used by the human ancestors. Hand axes, hammer stones, sharp edged flakes and scrapers.

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3. Middle Palaeolithic Culture:

a) Name the species that existed in this period.

Homo erectus.

b) Name the tool that was made much attractive.

Hand axe.

c) How were the people of Middle Palaeolithic period called?

Neanderthals.

- d) Write a note on their burial method.
 - They were the first human ancestors to mourn death properly.
 - They buried the dead people systematically.

4. Neolithic culture in Tamil Nadu:

a) Which period is known as Neolithic period?

The period in which domestication of animals and cultivation of crops developed.

b) What is the other name of Neolithic period?

New Stone Age.

c) What are called Celts?

The polished stone axes used by the people are called Celts.

d) Where do we find the evidence of Neolithic culture in Tamil Nadu.

We find the evidences at Payyampalli in Vellore district and a few sites in Dharmapurai region.

VII. ANSWER THE FOLLOWING IN DETAIL:

- 1. The developments in the fields of agriculture, pottery and metal tools are considered a landmark in the life of Megalithic period Substantiate.
 - The people in the Megalithic Age practiced agriculture and domesticated cattle and sheep.
 - From the stage of food gatherers, they became as food producers. They cultivated millets and rice were cultivated.
 - Potteries were used for cooking, storage and dining purpose.
 - The people used the black and red colours to make black ware and red ware pottery.
 - When the people stored food grains in pots and vessels, they started to think further inventions in their free time.
 - The Megalithic people were experts in iron technology.
 - They made iron tools and used for agriculture, hunting, gathering and in battles.
 - Bronze bowls, vessels, bronze mirrors and bells were also used by the people.
 - These developments changed the life style of the people.

2. The history of humans is closely related to the history of the Earth. Elucidate.

- The Earth contains geological, archaeological and biological records of historical times in its upper layers.
- They are all important for the reconstructing the history of the Earth and various living organisms including humans.
- Archaeologists excavate the soil and rock layers on the Earth and extract evidences about human ancestors.
- Through the evidences, the Historians attempt to understand the evolution of human history and developments in chronological order.
- After the formation of Earth, the plants and animals came into being and thereby foundation was lad for the evolution of humans.
- Humans are the only species on Earth concerned with understand as well as explaining the world and the universe.
- Thus, the history of humans is closely related to the history of the Earth.

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3. Write a paragraph on the burial methods followed in Tamil Nadu during Iron Age.

The Iron Age people created burials with large stones for the dead people. Within these burials, the skeletons or a few bones of the dead persons were placed along with grave goods. A few burials methods are-

• The Megalithic burials are classified as dolmens, cists, menhirs, rock cut caves, urn burials and sarcophagus.



- The burial types of Koddkkal (umbrella stone), Toppikkal (hat stone) and Paththikal (hood stone) are found in Kerala.
- Dolmens, table-like stone structures were erected as funerary monuments.
- Cists are stone enclosures buried under the earth. They were created by placing four stone slabs on the sides one on top of each other.
- Urns are big pottery jars and were used to bury the dead.
- Sarcophagi are burial receptacles made terracotta. They sometimes had multiple legs.
- Menhirs are pillar like stones erected as part of the burials or memorials.

Why was the rise of scientific enquire into the origin of humans possible?

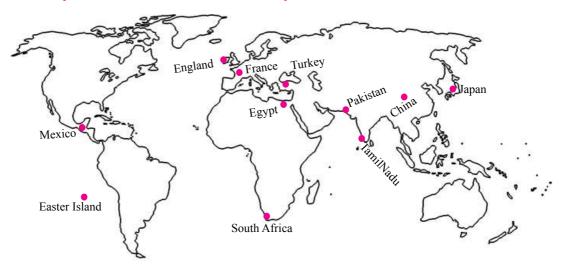
The rise of scientific enquire into the origin of humans was possible because of –

- The interest in collection of archaeological remains and the opening of museums after the Renaissance movement
- The Renaissance movement in Europe played an influential role in rational thinking.
- Scientific enquiry was undertaken and scientific foundations were laid.
- The development of ideas of stratigraphy and geology.
- Darwin's theory of biological evolution
- The discovery of human and animal fossils, stone tools and artefacts of early civilizations and
- The ability to decipher early scripts.



STUDENTS ACTIVITIES

Mark the prehistoric sites on the world map.



2. Organize an exhibition on the Pre-Historic sites of Tamil Nadu.

















