



1. Match the columns:

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Chariots
'Yajna'
'Dasa'
Megalith

Stone-boulder
Sacrifice
Well-said
Used in battles
Slave

Ans.

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Chariots	—	Used in battles
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'Dasa'	—	Slave
Megalith	—	Stone-boulder

2. Megalith Complete the sentences:

- (a) Slaves were used for.....
- (b) Megaliths are found in.....
- (c) Stone circles or boulders on the surface were used to.....
- (d) Port-holes were used for.....
- (e) People at Inamgaon ate.....

Ans:

- (a) Work
- (b) South India, north-east and Kashmir
- (c) indicate the exact place of burial
- (d) burying the other member of the same family at the same place
- (e) wheat, barley, rice, pulses, millets, peas, sesame, etc.

3. In what ways are the books we read today different from the Rigveda ?

Ans: The most important points of difference between the Rigveda and the modern books is that today books are written and read. The Vedas, instead, were memorised by students, and later passed on to the later generations by speaking, listening and then memorising.

4. What kind of evidence from burials do archaeologists use to find out whether there were social differences amongst those who were buried?

Ans: The objects found in graves are usually different. Some skeletons were buried with a great number of pots, while some with just a few of them. Archaeologists have thus concluded that people were buried with objects depending upon their status.

5. In what ways do you think that the life of a 'raja' was different from that of a 'dasa' or 'dasi'?

Ans: In the society, 'raja' was one of the highest civil positions. 'Rajas' were the kings of the community, whereas the 'dasas'/'dasis' were the lowest position in society. The 'dasas'/'dasis' were slaves who were used for work. They were treated as the property of their owners. They were captured in war.

6. Find out whether your school library has a collection of books on religion, and list the names of five books from this collection.

Ans: Do yourself with the help of your subject-teacher and school librarian. A sample set of five such books:

- (a) The Mahabharata
- (b) The Ramayana
- (c) The Bible
- (d) The Bhagwad Gita
- (e) The Quran

7. Write down a short poem or song that you have memorised. Did you hear or read the poem or song ? How did you learn it by heart?

Ans: Do yourself.

8. In the Rigveda, people were described in terms of the work they did and the languages they spoke. In the table below, JiR in the names of six people you know, choosing three men and three women. For each of them, mention the work they do and the language they speak. Would you like to add anything else to the description?

<i>Name</i>	<i>Work</i>	<i>Language</i>	<i>Anything Else</i>

Ans. Do yourself.

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