



Class: VI

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L2: From Hunting Gathering to Growing Food

1) Complete the sentences:

(a) Hunter-gatherers chose to live in caves and rock shelters because **they wanted to protect themselves from wild animals and bad weather.**

(b) Grasslands developed around **12000** years ago.

2) Why do people who grow crops have to stay in the same place for a long time?

Ans. People who grow crops have to stay in the same place for a long time because they have to look after the plants, water them, weed the fields, drive away animals and birds and use and store the grains carefully.

3) Why do archaeologists think that many people who lived in Mehrgarh were hunters to start with and that herding became more important later?

Ans. Archaeologists think that many people who lived in Mehrgarh were hunters to start with and that herding became important later because at the earlier levels of the excavation sites, bones of wild animals such as deer and pig were found while at the later levels more bones of sheep, goats and cattle were found.

4) Why did the hunter-gatherers travel from place-to-place? In what are these similar to/ different from the reasons for which we travel today?

Ans. Hunter-gatherers travelled from place to place due to the following reasons:

1. They would have eaten up all the plant and animal resources.
2. Animals move from place to place, hence they had to follow their movements
3. Plants and trees bear fruits in different seasons. So people may have moved from season to season, in search of different kinds of plants.
4. They need water to survive and many rivers and lakes were seasonal. So, they had to go in search of water during dry seasons.

Today, we do not travel in search of food and water but we have to travel to become capable of earning over our necessities. We travel for:

- We travel to schools.
- We travel to work place.
- People travel from place to place for business purposes.

- We travel from one place to another to amuse and entertain ourselves, like going to a circus, a zoo or sightseeing.

5) List three ways in which hunter-gatherers used fire (See page 14). Would you use fire for any of these purposes today?

Ans. The three ways in which hunter-gatherers used fire were:

- To cook food.
- To scare away wild animals.
- To warm themselves up during winter.

Yes, fire is used as a source to cook food including meat. We also use it to keep us warm. Some people use it for religious purposes and burn their dead bodies.

6) List three ways in which the lives of farmers and herders would have been different from that of hunter-gatherers?

Ans. Three points of difference between the lives of farmers and herders from hunter-gatherers:

(i) Hunter-gatherers kept travelling from place to place whereas farmers had to live at same place for longer periods of time to take care of their crops.

(ii) Hunter-gatherers depended on meat of wild animals whereas farmers and herders used plants, crops and cattle.

(iii) Hunter-gatherers did not have any settled life whereas farmers and herders gradually settled in huts, pit-houses, etc.