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#### LESSON-9 EARLY MAN AND HIS LIFE

### **Solutions**

#### Exercises:

#### Q. 1. Answer each question in a word or a sentence.

### a) Why did the Old Stone Age people eat raw food?

Ans: The Old Stone Age people ate raw food because they did not know how to cook food.

### b) What finding at Machi confirms the existence of Stone Age man in Manipur?

Ans: The finding of pebble chopper at Machi confirms the existence of Stone Age man in Manipur.

### c) Why didn't the New Stone Age man move from place to place?

Ans: The New Stone Age man didn't move from place to place because they started cultivation

and led a settled life.

### Q. 2. Answer the question in about 30 words.

### a) Why did the Old Stone Age people move from place to place?

Ans: The Old Stone Age people did not know how to grow crops. They also did not know how to store their food. They gathered fruits, roots and honey for their food. They also hunted animals. Therefore, they use to move from one place to another in search of food.

- b) What differences do you find regarding the clothes of the people of the Old Stone Age and that of the modern man?
- Ans: The people of the Old Stone Age did not even know how to make handloom clothes. They covered themselves with the hides of animals and leaves and bark of tree whereas the modern man can make different types of clothes and covered themselves with the clothes.

#### c) How did the New Stone Age man become agriculturist?

- Ans: The people of the New Stone Age began to observe how plants emerged from the place where the seeds were dropped by them. They then began to know the life cycle of grains, vegetables and other types of plants. They began to throw seeds of plants and fruits they are at some places. Thus the Stone Age people learnt how to grow crops and ultimately became an agriculturist.
- d) Write the lifestyle of the Old Stone Age people regards to their tools, painting and clothing.
- Ans: **Tools**: The Stone Age people used tools and weapons made of stone to chop fruits and roots, cut meat and bones and crap bark from trees and hides of animals. They attached stone to handles of bone or wood to make arrows or spears. They used them to hunt their prey.

**Painting:** The Stone Age people drew on the wall of caves showing the life of the people during their times.

**Clothing:** The people of the Old Stone Age covered themselves with the hides of animals and leaves and barks of trees.

### e) Explain the life of the people which lived in 10,000 BC to 8000 BC.

Ans: The period of 10,000 BC to 8,000 BC belonged to the Middle Stone Age. The people of this period began to herd and rear animals. They domesticated dog, goat and sheep. They used small stone tools known as microliths in which spear heads and arrowheads could be made from. They began to know about several grains like rice, wheat and barley and it helped them to harvest the food grains.

## **Q. 3.** Choose the odd one out.

i) The Old Stone Age people

- a) used stone to cut meat and bones
- b) lived on river banks
- c) knew the life cycle of plants
- d) covered themselves with hides of animals.
- Ans: c) knew the life cycle of plants

#### ii) Which of the following is incorrect about the people of the Old Stone Age?

- a) Discovered ire making
- b) Discovered wheel
- c) Move from place to place
- d) Painted on caves

Ans: b) Discovered wheel.

#### Q. 4. Fill up the Blank column by using appropriate terms.

Common Term	Scientific Term	Time Period
Old Stone Age	Palaeolithic Period	25,00,000 BC- 10,000 BC
Middle Stone Age	Mesolithic Period	<u>10,000 BC- 3,000 BC</u>
New Stone Age	Neolithic Period	3,000 BC – 1,800 BC
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# EXTRA QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

- Q. 1. Name the important stage which quickened the evolution of man.
- Ans: The important stage which quickened the evolution of man was the Stone Age.
- Q. 2. How many Stone Age can be divided?
- Ans: The Stone Age can be divided into three, they are
  - 1) The Old Stone Age
  - 2) The Middle Stone Age
  - 3) The New Stone Age.
- Q. 3. How did the Old Stone Age men discover fire?
- Ans: One day, when they rubbed two stones very hard to make stone tools they saw a fire sparking out of them. Thus, by accident, the people of the Old Stone Age discovered fire,
- Q. 4. Where are Kangkhui Caves?
- Ans: Kangkhui Caves are located near Kangkhui, a Tangkhul Village of Ukhrul District of Manipur.
- Q. 5. Where are Tharon Caves located? When did it was first explored?
- Ans: Tharon Caves are located at a Liangmei Village in Tamenglong District of Manipur. It was first explored by the State Archaeology Department of Manipur in 1979.
- Q. 6. Name the most valuable finds of Machi?
- Ans: The most valuable finds of Machi is the pebble chopper (tool) found on a hill top.
- Q. 7. Name one important tool of the Neolithic people.
- Ans: One important tool of the Neolithic people was the celt, a polished axe.
- Q. 8. Name the remarkable invention of the New Stone Age.
- Ans: One remarkable invention of the New Stone Age was the invention of wheel.
- Q. 9. Name the Scientific Term of the Old Stone Age, the Middle Stone Age and the New Stone Age.
- Ans: The Scientific Term of the Old Stone Age is Palaeolithic Period, the Middle Stone Age is Mesolithic Period and the New Stone Age is Neolithic Period.
- Q.10. What brought a change in the clothing of the New Stone Age?
- Ans: The invention of the Wheel brought a change in the clothing of the New Stone Age.