

CHAPTER - 3

FROM GATHERING TO GROWING FOOD

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Q. 1 You are in charge of a small plot of land and have to decide what food crops to grow. What are the plants you would choose? Where would you get the seeds from? How would you plant them? How would you look after your plants? And when would they be ready for harvesting?

Answer:

I would prefer planting rice crops.

Seeds of crops are available at local seed distribution shops.

Before planting I will plough the soil to soften it then I will put the seeds.

Rice needs a lot of water; hence I will irrigate them regularly.

Rice crops are ready for harvesting after approximately 160 days.

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Q. 1 Why do people who grow crops have to stay in the same place for a long time?

Answer:

2. Crops need protection from animals.

3. Watering the plants is very important otherwise crops would die. People who grow crops have to stay in the same place for a long time

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Q. 2 Look at the table on page 25. If Neinuo wanted to eat rice, which are the places she should have visited?

Answer:

Neinuo should have visited the following places to eat rice:

- 1. Koldihwa (Located in present day Uttar Pradesh)
- 2. Mahagara (Located in present day Uttar Pradesh)

NOTE: Remains of rice grains were found at the above mentioned places by archaeologists.

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

Answer:

Archaeologists think that people who lived in Mehrgarh were hunters initially but became herders later because during excavation bones of wild deer and pigs were found which suggest that they were hunters. Further excavation led to discovery of skeletons of domestic animals like Goats and Sheep which suggests that started herding animals.

Million Stars Practice NOTE: Mehrgarh is located in present day Pakistan, it was one of the most important routes to Iran.

- **Q. 4** State whether true or false:
- (a) Millets have been found at Hallur.
- (b) People in Burzahom lived in rectangular houses.

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Answer:

a) Millets have been found at Hallur: True

Millets were found at Hallur which is located in present day Andhra Pradesh.

b) People in Burzahom lived in rectangular houses: False

People in Burzahom lived in pit-houses. Burzahom is located in present day Kashmir. Rectangular houses were found in Mehrgarh.

c) Chirand is a site in Kashmir: False

Chirand is located in present day Bihar, not in Kashmir.

d) Jadeite, found in Doajali Hading, may have been brought from China: True

Jadeite a stone may have been brought from China.

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Q. 4 List three ways in which the lives of farmers and herders would have been different from that of hunter-gatherers.

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		wild animals and plants for their
		food.
	3. They domesticated animals like	3. They didn't domesticated
	sheep and goat for rearing.	animals.
	4. They lived in permanent	4. They lived in temporary
	settlements.	settlements.

Q. 5 List three ways in which hunter-gatherers used fire (see page 16). Would you use fire for any of these purposes today?

Answer:

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The earlier hunter-gatherers used fire:

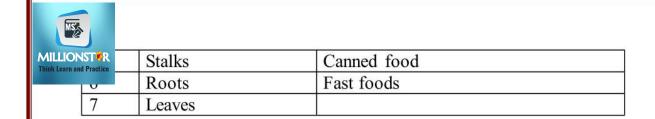
- 1. For keeping away animals.
- 2. For cooking food.
- 3. As a source of light.

We, today use fire primarily for cooking purpose. In rural areas where there is no electricity, fire is the primary source of light. Fire is also used for keeping ourselves warm.

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Q. 7 List the cereals that you eat.

Answer:

List of cereals that we eat:

- Wheat
- 2. Maize
- 3. Rye
- 4. Millets
- 5. Rice

NOTE: Cereals refer to the grains of grass that are edible, for example wheat and rice.

Q. 8 Do you grow the cereals you have listed in answer no. 7? If yes, draw a chart to show the stages in growing them. If not, draw a chart to show how these cereals reach you from the farmers who grow them.

Answer:

I) If yes.

Preparation of fields: Before planting rice we need to prepare the fields by ploughing. It softens the soil enabling it to absorb and retain water.



MILLIONST es in the growth of rice:

- a) Sowing: sowing refers to the planting of seeds in the fields.
- b) Germination: After sowing, the sapling comes out of seeds, this process is called

germination. It is the beginning of life of rice crop.

- c) Ripening: After few months, the rice crop starts to ripen. Now they are ready to be cut.
- d) Harvesting: It refers to the cutting and packaging of the rice crops after they ripe.
- II) If no,

No, my family doesn't grow cereals. The cereals reach our home from farms in following steps.

Farmers \rightarrow Middle man \rightarrow Whole seller \rightarrow Retailer \rightarrow Customers

Farmers: The people who grow crops.

Middle man: The person who helps farmers to sell crops.

Whole seller: The person who buys huge quantity of crops.

Retailer: The local shop keepers in your locality are called retailers.

Customers: The people like us who consume food. We buy cereals from retailer.

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