

Subject- S.S.T

Class-6

Topic- The Stone Age and Earliest Societies

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Long Answer Questions

1. How did early humans make use of stones during the prehistoric period?
2. How did changes in the environment influence the development of the early human?
3. Why was the discovery of fire considered an important achievement?
4. Why did the early humans lead a nomadic life? *because!*

C. 1. Humans defended themselves against all types of wild animals

using stones by attaching them to handles of bones or wood and by making weapons in the form of spears or arrows. They hunted animals with stones. Stones were used to remove the skin of animals, cut meat and bones. Stones were also used to cut trees and clear forests. They depended on stones for their survival.

2. The climate of the world changed around 12,000 years ago. It became warm from cold. Due to warmth, grasslands developed and so the number of animals that survived on grass, also increased. Hunters of these animals followed them. They learnt about their breeding season and food habits. Slowly, humans started thinking about animal rearing. Grain-bearing grasses started growing naturally in some parts. Humans learnt to collect and use them as food. They learnt to grow plants and to settle down in one place.
3. The discovery of fire proved an important achievement because man could now keep himself warm in the cold. He used fire to scare away wild animals. He discovered that raw flesh tasted better and grew softer when heated on fire and learnt cooking.
4. Early humans were foodgatherers and hunters. So, they led a nomadic life. They travelled from one place to another in search of food and shelter. They hunted animals and gathered fruits, roots, seeds and nuts. They moved whenever there was a shortage of animals or plants in one area.