

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

Answer: People growing crops have to stay in the same place for a long time since the crops require maintenance, like constant watering and care for proper growth.

2. Look at the table on page 25 of the textbook/ If Neinuo wanted to eat rice, which are the places she would have visited?

Answer: Neinuo would have visited these places if she wanted to eat rice:

- (i) Koldihwa in present-day Uttar Pradesh, and
- (ii) Mahagara in present-day Uttar Pradesh.

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: On excavation, archaeologists have found bones of wild animals in the lowermost levels. On upper levels, they found cattle bones. This means that hunting wild animals was important much before herding was.

4. State whether true or false?

(a) Millets have been found at Hallur.

(b) People in Burzahom lived in rectangular houses.

(c) Chirand is a site in Kashmir.

(d) Jadeite, found in Daojali Hading, may have been brought from China

Answer: (a) True, (b) False, (c) False, (d) True.

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

Answer: Three points of difference between the lives of farmers/herders from hunter-gatherers :

(a) 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.

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

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

6. Make a list of all the animals mentioned in the table on page 25 of the textbook. For each one, describe what they may have been used for.

Answer: Animals mentioned in the table are:

(a) Sheep (b) Goat

(c) Cattle (d) Dog

(e) Ox, Buffalo (f)

Animals were possibly used as a source of milk and meat.

7. List the cereals that you eat.

Answer: Some cereals eaten by us are listed below :

(a) Wheat (b) Rice (c) Maize (d) Millets (e)

Barley (f) Lentils (g) Grains.