

Class VI

History

Worksheet 1/1

What Books and Burials Tell Us

Q1. Fill in the blanks.

- I. The Rigveda has been written in -----.
- II. ----- is situated on the river Ghod.
- III. The Rigveda was composed about----- years ago.
- IV. ----- is part of a family of languages known as Indo-European.
- V. The major gods praised in the hymns of the Rigveda were -----, -----, and -----.
- VI. The dead were buried with distinctive pots, which are called -----and ----- Ware.

Q2. Say whether the following statements are true or false.

- I. The river Ghod is a tributary of the Bhima.
- II. The oldest Veda is the Samaveda.
- III. Slaves were women and men who were often captured in war.
- IV. Hymns were composed by sages (rishis).
- V. In a hymn in the Rigveda, Vishvamitra used the word 'sisters' for the two rivers Beas and Sutlej.
- VI. *Roma* is a plant from which a special drink was prepared.

Q3. Which is the oldest among the four Vedas?

Q4. Name the four Vedas.

Q5. In which language was the *Rigveda* written?

Q6. From our reading of the events mentioned in the Rigveda, why were battles fought?

Q7. What are Megaliths?

Q8. Why were *yajnas* or sacrifices performed?

Q9. Name a language belonging to the Dravidian family.

Q10. Name a language belonging to the Tibeto-Burman family.

Q11. What is the *Sukta*?

Q12. What did people at Inamgaon eat?

Q13. How were *yajnas* performed?

- Q14. How were the slaves treated?
- Q15. Which language belongs to the Austro-Asiatic family?
- Q16. Where was the practice of erecting megaliths prevalent?
- Q17. Which two words were used to describe the people or the community as a whole?
- Q18. Name the two groups described in terms of their work.
- Q19. Were some burial spots meant for certain families? Answer with an explanation.
- Q20. What do circles of stone boulders or a single large stone standing on the ground indicate?
- Q21. In what ways are the books we read today different from the Rigveda?
- Q22. Differentiate between 'Aryas' and 'Dasas'.
- Q23. What kind of evidence from burials do archaeologists use to find out whether there were social differences among those who were buried?
- Q24. In what ways do you think that the life of a *raja* was different from that of a *dasa* or *dasī*?
- Q25. How are horses, cattle, chariots and battles depicted in Rigveda?
- Q26. Write a note on Rigveda.
- Q27. Write a short note on the wars fought in the Rigvedic period.
