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Answers Key:

Assertion and reason

1. A and R both are incorrect

5 Marks

2. **AGRICULTURE:**
   1. The people in megalithic practiced agriculture, domesticated cattle and sheep.
   2. Megalithic sites are found nearby rivers and tanks. In the deltaic regions.
   3. Irrigation as a technology had developed.
   4. Irrigation management developed in this period.
   5. Millets and rice were cultivated.

   POTTERY:
   1. Pottery was made with hand or wheels.
   2. people used the black and red colour to make black ware and red ware pottery.
   3. The black and red ware pottery has a black inside and a red outside, with lustrous surfaces.
   4. Potteries were used for cooking, storage and dining purposes.

   METAL TOOLS:
   1. The Megalithic burials have abundant iron objects placed in the burials as grave goods.
   2. Weapons such as swords and daggers, axes, chisels, lamps and tripod stands are also found.
   3. The Iron tools were used for agriculture, hunting, gathering and in battles.
   4. Bronze bowls, bronze mirrors and bell have been found.
3. (i) The history of humans is closely related to the history of the earth.
   (ii) The earth contains geological, archaeological and biological records of historical times in its upper layers.
   (iii) They are important for reconstructing the history of the earth and various living organisms.
   (iv) The fossil bones of the human ancestors are embedded in the earth's layers.
   (v) Palaeoanthropologists and archaeologists excavate the soil and rock layers on the earth and extract evidence about human ancestors.
   (vi) These layers and the fossils are scientifically dated to study the various stages in human evolution and prehistory.
   (vii) Through the gathered evidence they attempt to understand the evolution of human history and developments in a chronological order.
   (viii) The earth was formed approximately 4.54 billion years ago.
   (ix) Gradually conditions emerged for the growth of organisms. Then plants and animals came into being and thereby foundation was laid for the evolution of humans. The long span of time in earth's history is divided into eras, periods and epochs by the Geologists. Thus the history of humans is closely related to the history of the earth.

2 Marks

4. 1. In the course of evolution, humans became conscious and knowledgeable.
   2. They turned curious and began to think and ask questions.
   3. At first, they considered nature as God.
   4. They worshipped sun, moon and various natural forces about which they developed their own understanding.
5. 1. In Megalithic period people buried the dead bodies with grave goods in the cists.
   2. Urns or pottery jars were used for burning the dead and also they used sarcophagi made of terracotta.
   3. Dolmens, table like stone structures were erected as funerary monuments. Menhirs pillar are like stones erected as part of the burials or memorials.
   4. Port holes are holes found in the cists and dolmens on one side.

Fill in the blanks

6. (⊠) lithic

Multiple Choice Question

7. (b) Chimpanzee
8. (c) Homo sapiens
9. (b) Palaeolithic