

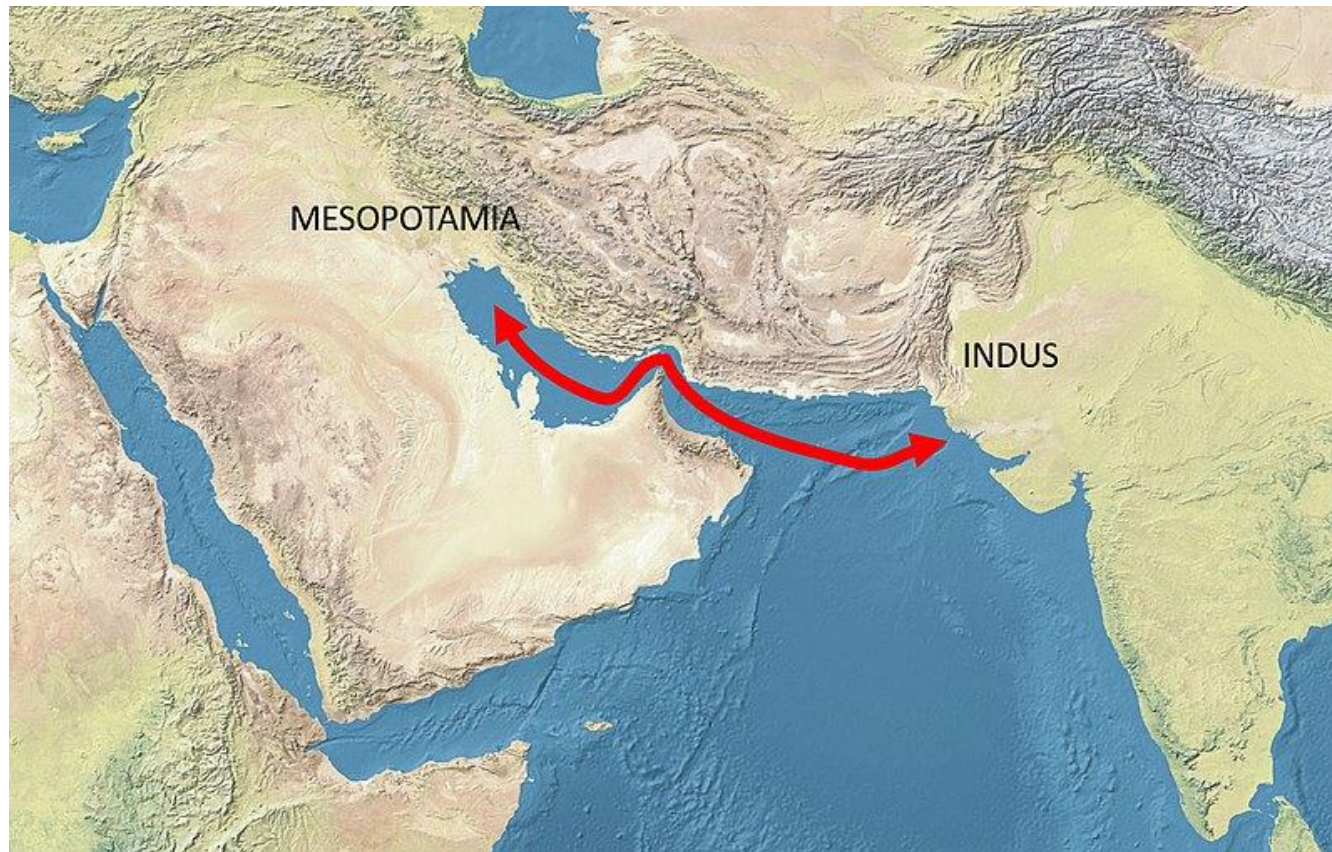
INDUS VALLEY CIVILIZATION (PART-2) B.A.HISTORY(HONS) PAPER-1

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URBAN CIVILISATION

- ▶ Indus Valley Civilization is the first urbanization in Indian Peninsula. It was not rural but urban civilization. All the necessary features of urban life were present.
- ▶ Town planning and housing
- ▶ Urban way of life
- ▶ A part of population engaged in non- food producing Activities(administrative,religious, trade and manufacturing activities)
- ▶ High level of artistic ability
- ▶ Well developed script
- ▶ Intense trade activities
- ▶ Cities built according to grid pattern

TRADE ROUTES



URBAN WAY OF LIFE

- ▶ Efficient drainage system
- ▶ Public bath and granaries
- ▶ Building techniques
- ▶ Mercantile class
- ▶ Social stratification
- ▶ Evidence of different class of craftsmen(bead maker, seal maker, metal workers, weavers, potters etc.)

IMPORTANT SITES

- ▶ Mohenjodaro
- ▶ Harappa
- ▶ Chanhudaro
- ▶ Dholavira
- ▶ Lothal
- ▶ Kalibangan
- ▶ Rakhigarhi

TOWN PLANNING

- ▶ Citadel built on a high podium of mud brick for members of the ruling class
- ▶ □Below the Citadel in each city lay a lower town containing brick houses, inhabited by common people
- ▶ □Grid system of houses arrangement. Roads cut across one another almost at right angle, and the city was divided into so many blocks
- ▶ Large scale use of burnt bricks in all types of construction activity

TOWN PLANNING

- ▶ Absence of stone building
- ▶ Efficient underground drainage system connecting all
- ▶ houses to the street drains which were covered by stone slabor bricks
- ▶ Elaborate, systematic and scientific drainage system with facility for regular cleaning of drains
- ▶ Presence of Public buildings like granaries

Presence of Public bath

- ▶ Facilities of street lighting as indicated by discovery of Lamp posts (To be Continued)