

## The Neolithic Revolution

**D. Short - Answer questions:**

1. Why was the discovery of agriculture important?
2. What do you understand by the term Neolithic Revolution?
3. Why did humans start settling near rivers and lakes?
4. What were the advantages of animal domestication?
5. How were goods transported before the invention of wheel?
6. How did the invention of wheel help early humans?

## Solutions

### D. Short-answers questions:

1. The discovery of agriculture was important because about 10,000 years ago, the climate became warmer. Warmer weather made life easier and populations began to grow. People could not find enough food by hunting and gathering. They needed a new way to survive. Thus they started farming.
2. The period during which man turned from hunting and food gathering to agriculture is so important that it is known as the Neolithic Revolution. It was a gradual process which took place over many centuries.
3. Humans started settling near rivers and lakes because rivers provided them with water for farming and also fish for eating.
4. There were many advantages of animal domestication. Man first began to tame dogs. The dogs helped them to find and kill wild animals. Dogs also guarded their shelters and protected them from wild animals. Humans also gave food to the gentle animals that came near the shelters. They began to tame lots of different animals and eventually they started keeping herds of sheep, goats and cattle. They used camels and donkeys for riding and for carrying heavy things.
5. Before the invention of the wheel logs of wood were used to roll heavy objects. This method permitted them to move heavy objects more quickly and competently and for longer distances.
6. The wheel was used in carts for transportation and for the potter's wheel to make better pottery. Later, the spinning wheel also came into use.