

## The Lives of the Hunter-Gatherers

**G. Give reasons for the following:**

- 1.** The hunter-gatherers led a nomadic life.
- 2.** Early humans made cave paintings.
- 3.** Palaeolithic humans had a short life.

## Solutions

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1. The hunter-gatherers were nomads moving from one place to another due to the following reasons:
  - Their movement depended on the availability of water in the rivers. When the seasonal rivers dried up, they moved to places where lakes or perennial rivers existed.
  - If they did not move, the plants and animal resources would finish off in that place. Thus, they had to move to other places in search of food.
  - They moved according to the seasonal availability of plants bearing fruits.
  - Animals moved in search of prey so humans had to follow them to hunt them for food.
2. Some historians are of the opinion that early man may have had certain religious beliefs which they thought would help them in their quest for food. These paintings may have been part of a secret ritual to make the hunt more successful. Another belief is that the paintings were a means of communication with each other.
3. Palaeolithic humans had a short life because most perished before thirty-five years of age. The probable causes could be cold climatic conditions or diseases.