

# The Vedic Civilization

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## EXERCISE [PAGE 19]

### Exercise | Q 1.1 | Page 19

Name the following with reference to the lesson.

Women scholars in Vedic literature \_\_\_\_\_

**Solution:** Women scholars in Vedic literature - **Lopamudra, Gargi, Maitreyi.**

### Exercise | Q 1.2 | Page 19

Name the following with reference to the lesson.

Means of entertainment in the Vedic period  
\_\_\_\_\_.

**Solution:** Means of entertainment in the Vedic period - **Singing, playing musical instruments, dance, board games, chariot race, and hunting.**

### Exercise | Q 1.3 | Page 19

Name the following with reference to the lesson.

The four ashramas \_\_\_\_\_

**Solution:** The four ashramas - **Brahmacharyashrama, Grihasthashrama, Vanaprasthashrama, Sanyasashrama.**

### Exercise | Q 2.1 | Page 19

Right or wrong?

Rigveda - Mantras uttered during yajna.

1. Right
2. Wrong

**Solution:** Rigveda - Mantras uttered during yajna.

**The above statement is wrong.**

### Exercise | Q 2.2 | Page 19

Right or wrong?

Samaveda - Guidance on singing a mantra during yajna rites.

1. Right
2. Wrong

**Solution:** Samaveda - Guidance on singing a mantra during yajna rites.

**The above statement is right.**

**Exercise | Q 2.3 | Page 19**

**Right or wrong?**

Atharvaveda - The Veda derived its name from Atharva rishi.

1. Right
2. Wrong

**Solution:** Atharvaveda - The Veda derived its name from Atharva rishi.

**The above statement is right.**

**Exercise | Q 3.1 | Page 19**

**Answer in one word.**

The language of Vedic literature \_\_\_\_\_

**Solution:** The language of Vedic literature - **Sanskrit.**

**Exercise | Q 3.2 | Page 19**

**Answer in one word.**

The meaning of vid \_\_\_\_\_.

**Solution:** The meaning of vid - **To know.**

**Exercise | Q 3.3 | Page 19**

**Answer in one word.**

The head of a family \_\_\_\_\_

**Solution:** The head of a family - **Grihapati.**

**Exercise | Q 3.4 | Page 19**

**Answer in one word.**

The head of shrenis \_\_\_\_\_.

**Solution:** The head of shrenis - **Shreshthi.**

**Exercise | Q 4.1 | Page 19**

**Name the following:**

The musical instruments you know \_\_\_\_\_

**Solution:** The musical instruments you know - **Guitar, drums, piano (Keyboard).**

**Exercise | Q 4.2 | Page 19**

**Name the following:**

Two modern ornaments of women \_\_\_\_\_.

**Solution:** Two modern ornaments of women - **Earing, necklace.**

**Exercise | Q 4.3 | Page 19**

**Name the following:**

Today's means of entertainment \_\_\_\_\_.

**Solution:** Today's means of entertainment - **Movies, computer games, T.V.**

**Exercise | Q 5.1 | Page 19**

What foods were included in the diet of the Vedic people?

**Solution:**

1. The diet of the people mainly consisted of cereals like wheat, barley, and rice. From this, they made different preparations like *java*, *godhoom*, *vihi*, etc.
2. They also relished milk, yoghurt, ghee, butter, honey, black gram, lentil, sesame, and meat.

**Exercise | Q 5.2 | Page 19**

Why were cows priced highly?

**Solution:**

1. Cows were used as means of exchange. They were highly-priced.
2. For the same reason, people took great care that their cows should not be stolen.

**Exercise | Q 5.3 | Page 19**

What was a man expected to do in *sanyasashrama*?

**Solution:** The fourth stage was the *SanyaSharma*. At this stage, a man was expected to renounce. all relations, lead a life in order to 'understand the meaning of human life and not stay in one place.

**Exercise | Q 6.1 | Page 19**

**Write a note on:**

The religious ideas during the Vedic period.

**Solution:**

1. In the religious ideas of the Vedic period, forces of nature such as the sun, wind, rain, lightning, storms, and rivers were given the form of deities.

2. Yajna is the act of offering ha vi into the fire. The Vedic people put offering (havi) into the yajna fire to please the deities.

### Exercise | Q 6.2 | Page 19

**Write a note on:**

Houses in the Vedic period.

**Solution:** The houses during the Vedic period were earthen or wattle and daub constituents. Wattle means woven lattice of wooden strips which is daubed with clay mixed with cow dung. A house was called griha or shala.

### Exercise | Q 6.3 | Page 19

**Write a note on:**

Political system in the Vedic period.

**Solution:**

1. The main duties of a king were to protect the people, collect taxes, and run the administration efficiently.
2. In order to run the administration smoothly, the king appointed various officers like the purohit (priest), the Senapati, and bhagdugh.
3. There were four institutions that guided the king - sabha, samiti, vidath, and Jana.